

Applying Out of Province



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Welcome and Agenda

OUAC Reciprocal Agreements

“The Big 3”

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The Common App

OUAC Reciprocal Agreements

OUAC has agreements with the following Canadian schools:

- Acadia University
- Bishop's University
- The University of British Columbia
- Concordia University
- Dalhousie University
- McGill University
- Saint Mary's University
- Simon Fraser University
- The University of Victoria

OUAC Reciprocal Agreements

- If you apply to any school listed on the previous slide, you can authorize that school to request your academic information from OUAC
- There will be space on each school's application for you to enter your OUAC Reference Number
- Your Reference Number will be 2025-XXXXXX and it is generated AFTER you submit your OUAC application
- Some schools ask for your Reference Number in the format above. Other schools want it in the format 2025XXXXXX0 (no dash and an 11th number which is ALWAYS zero)
- For this reason, we always recommend completing the OUAC application first

"The Big Three"

UBC

McGill

Dalhousie



McGill



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The University of British Columbia – Important Dates

- www.ubc.ca
- Dec 1 – deadline to apply for consideration in the first round of offers and consideration for major scholarships
- Jan 15 – final application deadline
- Jan 31 – deadline to submit OUAC Reference Number
- Feb 15 – deadline to submit proof of English Language Proficiency (if required)
- April 30 – admission and awards decisions
- May 1 – deadline to submit housing application for first year guarantee
- June 30 – deadline to complete courses for UBC requirements

The University of British Columbia – General Info

- Must meet general admission requirements & degree-specific requirements
 - **Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission**
- You may apply to a **maximum of 2 choices (total; not per campus)**
- **The number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available seats**
- www.you.ubc.ca for everything you need to know
- You apply to a degree, not a specific program
- You will have to submit a personal profile
- Application fee is \$74.25 (domestic students) or \$170 for International Students who require a study permit

The University of British Columbia – Application Evaluation

- **Academic Profile**
 - Evaluate ALL grade 11 and 12 courses
 - Particular attention paid to prerequisite courses
- **Personal Profile**
 - Highlight things about yourself outside of grades
 - Subjective element of the application process
 - Can find questions ahead of time to practice
 - Read questions closely and pay attention to the prompt
- **Highly recommend students join a virtual admissions workshop**
 - Weekly All About UBC sessions
 - Weekly application workshop sessions
 - Discover UBC Okanagan session

The University of British Columbia – 2024 Admission Snapshot

NO PREDETERMINED CUTOFF AVERAGE FOR ANY ADMISSION CYCLE

Program	Minimum Average	Mean Average	IB Points
Engineering (V)	91%	94%	27-34
Engineering (O)	75%	90%	24-31
Commerce (V)	80%	94%	27-34
Commerce (O)	70%	85%	24-27
Science (V)	91%	95%	27-34
Science (O)	70%	87%	24-27
Kinesiology	86%	92%	27-31
Fine Arts	70%	91%	24-31

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The University of British Columbia – Application Tips

- Start early and take your time
- Let the application guide you
- Share your full academic history
- Be accurate
- Use an email address you check frequently – NOT YOUR HWDSB EMAIL
- Note your UBC student number

The University of British Columbia – Application

- Apply through an external website called EducationPlannerBC
- [Apply – EducationPlannerBC](#)
- You first need to create an account
- **IB students completing the full diploma should select this as the highest completed grade at school**
- This site is similar to OUAC for Ontario students – there are many schools that use this online application
- Census information is requested but not mandatory; does not negatively impact application in any way

McGill University – Quebec Government Announcement

- Announced last fall – Quebec government intended to double tuition for students who reside in Canada but outside of Quebec
- End result was approximately a 33% increase over Quebec rates
- \$3000 Canada Award to offset tuition increases in certain programs (Engineering excluded)
- Award guaranteed for up to 4 years
- [Important updates for Fall 2025 applicants | Undergraduate Admissions - McGill University](#)

McGill University – Dates and Fees

- www.mcgill.ca
- Feb 1 – deadline to submit an application for September 2025
- Feb 7 – major entrance scholarship application deadline
- You may apply to a maximum of two programs
- There are two rounds of admission decisions occurring between mid-February and mid-May
- Fee is \$133.41

McGill University – General Information

- Residence guaranteed for first year
- Admissions is a combination of educational background and program choice
- Admissions DOES NOT consider any of the following: citizenship, legacy status, extracurriculars, essays, interviews
- Proof of English Language Proficiency results must be sent to McGill electronically from testing organization
- Major Entrance Scholarships based on a calculation of ALL 3U/3M/4U/4M courses; need a minimum of 97%

McGill University – "Top 6" Calculation

- [Requirements for Ontario applicants | Undergraduate Admissions - McGill University](#)
- For students completing the IB Diploma, you are admitted based on your 'Top 6' average and your IB results are used for advanced standing
 - For many programs, IB Diploma graduates will start in second year
- Ontario Admissions
 - Minimum of 4 x 4U courses, remaining 2 can be 4U or 4M courses
 - Prerequisites are included in the Top 6
 - ENG4U is included in the Top 6

McGill University – Application Tips

- Complete application on a computer, NOT a phone
- Keep track of your Login ID and PIN
- Use both program choices
- Use an email address you check regularly – NOT YOUR HWDSB EMAIL
- Select a person(s) who can inquire on your behalf
- Review your application before submitting

McGill University – Application

- [Step-by-step guide | Undergraduate Admissions - McGill University](#)
- Ready to apply? Use this link: [Application Management \(mcgill.ca\)](#)
- You must first create a Login ID and PIN

Dalhousie University – Dates and Fees

- www.dal.ca
- Feb 15 – application deadline for Health Sciences, Science (Medical Sciences), Social Work AND entrance scholarship consideration
- March 1 – application deadline for Environmental Design Studies (Architecture)
- March 15 – application deadline for Nursing
- May 1 – guaranteed residence application deadline
- May 15 – deadline to accept offer of admission and scholarship offer; also deadline to provide proof of English Language Proficiency
- You may apply for up to 3 programs. **You will only be assessed for your second and third choice if you are not admitted to your first choice**
- Fee is \$70

Dalhousie University – Admission Requirements

- Admission to many programs are competitive; meeting the minimum average does not guarantee admission
 - Graduate, meet the minimum average required for your program, complete program prerequisites
- Requirements by program
 - [Canadian high school applicants | Dalhousie University](#)
 - [General admission requirements | Dalhousie University](#)

Dalhousie University – Application Tips

- Use all three program choices
- Use an email address you check regularly – NOT YOUR HWDSB EMAIL
- Review your application before submitting
- Programs with Supplemental requirements:
 - [Supplemental information | Dalhousie University](#)

Dalhousie University – Application

- [Application Portal \(dal.ca\)](http://dal.ca)
- Scroll to the bottom
- Click First Time User Account Creation
- Keep track of your Login and Pin

Schools Not Using OUAC

- There are TONS!
- You may have to mail a transcript or upload a transcript
- **If you have to mail a transcript**
 - request an OFFICIAL transcript from Mrs. Harvey
 - this can take 24 hours to process
 - she will give you a transcript in a sealed envelope, signed over the seal
 - you address the envelope to your school and mail it
- **If you have to upload a transcript**
 - contact your Guidance Counsellor and request a PDF of your transcript
 - upload this document according to the directions from the institution

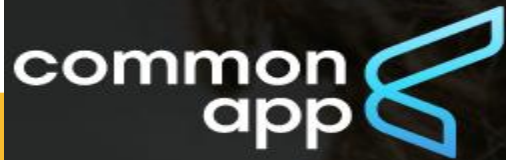
Common App



- www.commonap.org
- Used for applications to schools in the United States
- Significantly more work than the OUAC application
- Require teacher recommendation letters, counsellor recommendation letter, essay, etc.
- November 1 - Early Action/Early Decision application deadline
- January 1 - Regular Decision application deadline
- Important to note that individual schools can have various deadlines
- Some schools will require SAT or ACT scores
- Common App platform is free to use but each school charges their own application processing fee; fee waiver may be available upon request

Early Decision vs Early Action

Early Decision	Early Action
Binding Agreement. Students who apply to college are committing to attending the college if accepted	Non-binding Agreement. Students who apply can back out if they want to
You may apply to only one school for Early Decision	You may apply to as many schools as you would like for Early Action
You will be unable to compare financial aid with other colleges. The college may not inform you what financial aid may be available	You can compare financial aid with other colleges



Next Steps

- Do your research
- Know the deadlines for applications
- Understand the specific requirements for each school
- Keep track of your Login ID, Pins, Passwords, etc
- **Check your email regularly**
- **Your job isn't finished with the application. Know the deadlines for housing, scholarships, various deposits, course selections, etc**
- Reach out to your Guidance Counsellor for support

Who is my Counsellor?

Counselor	Alpha by Last Name	Email
Mrs. Quaglia	A – B, X – Z	cquaglia@hwdsb.on.ca
Mrs. Parkes-Hallmark	C - G + IB students	kiparkes@hwdsb.on.ca
Mr. Meyer	H – N	dmeyer@hwdsb.on.ca
Mrs. O'Leary	O – W	coleary@hwdsb.on.ca
Ms. Kuder	ESL/ELL/Visa Students	tkuder@hwdsb.on.ca



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A photograph of a road at sunset. In the foreground, a yellow diamond-shaped sign with the word "END" in black letters is mounted on a post. Below it is a red diamond-shaped sign. The road is paved and leads towards a horizon where the sun is setting, creating a warm glow. The sky is a gradient of blue and orange.

Thank you for your attention

Any Questions ?

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