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**Toronto**

## Contact Information

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  [www.ocadu.ca/student-services/financial-aid](http://www.ocadu.ca/student-services/financial-aid)

## University Information

### Student Population

* Approximately 5,000 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students.

### New Programs

* Bachelor of Fine Arts in Integrated Media: Life Studies (launched in 2024)

### Program Changes

* Flow: Curricular Transformation is an initiative to renew our curriculum. It has created a more open, inclusive, interdisciplinary and learner-directed educational experience for our students. All undergraduate programs have been renewed.

### Campus Tours and Events

* There are several ways to connect with us virtually through online events, virtual tours and one-on-one appointments. <https://admissions.ocadu.ca/get-help> <https://admissions.ocadu.ca/visit/meet-us> <https://admissions.ocadu.ca/visit/explore-campus>

## Admission and Transition Information

### Fall Offer of Admission

* We make the majority of offers of admission by the beginning of April based on the portfolio submission (for studio-based programs) or writing assignments (for the Bachelor of Arts program).
* All offers of admission are conditional upon meeting minimum academic entrance requirements.
* The deadline to respond to offers of admission is June 2, 2025.

### Alternative Offers of Admission

* In general, we do not make alternative offers of admission.

### Accessibility Services

* New students should contact Student Accessibility Services to book an intake appointment prior to the start of classes at   
  416-977-6000, ext. 339, or [sas@ocadu.ca](mailto:sas@ocadu.ca).

### Grade 11 Grades

* In general, we do not consider Grade 11 grades in admission decisions.

### Supplemental Application

* A writing sample based on an assigned topic and statement of intent are required for admission consideration for our Visual and Critical Studies program.
* A writing portfolio is required for admission consideration for our Creative Writing program.
* All other programs require a portfolio submission for admission consideration. Portfolio requirements may vary by program.

### Ranking on OUAC Application

* We consider all applicants and applications equally, regardless of the ordered choice on the OUAC application.

### Tuition Deposit

* A non-refundable admission confirmation deposit is required by June 9, 2025. Deposit amounts may vary.

### First-year Course Selection Process

* We will email registration information to applicants who accept their offer of admission and pay the admission confirmation deposit by the deadlines indicated in their offer of admission. Course selection and registration for all students begin in July each year.

### Support for Transition to University

* Our Student Success programs offer a variety of interactive sessions to introduce tools and resources available at our university. These programs include:
  + student mentors,
  + writing workshops and
  + several student interest groups.  
    [www.ocadu.ca/students](http://www.ocadu.ca/students)

### Dual Credits/SHSM Programs

* We do not give special consideration to applicants with dual credits, or in SHSM programs, when we make admission decisions. We offer programming for SHSM students on our campus. Email [portfolioclinics@ocadu.ca](mailto:portfolioclinics@ocadu.ca) for details.

### English Proficiency Requirements

* In general, applicants with a first language other than English are required to submit English-language proficiency test results in addition to satisfying minimum academic entrance requirements.
* We accept results from the following tests:
* CAEL
* Duolingo
* IELTS
  + PTE
  + TOEFL
* We encourage applicants to complete English-language proficiency tests by March 4, 2025 (past).
* Applicants who attended a high school where English is the primary language of instruction for 4 consecutive years of   
  full-time studies immediately prior to their attendance at OCAD U may be eligible for an exemption from the English-language test, requirement at the discretion of the admissions office.
* Details about our English-language proficiency requirements, acceptable tests, minimum score requirements, acceptable pathway programs and test exemptions are available on our website:  
  <https://admissions.ocadu.ca/apply/english-language-proficiency>.

## Admission Policies

### Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB)

* Applicants who have completed AP credits with a final score of 4 or higher may be eligible for transfer credit if applicable to program requirements. Official score reports and transfer credit request forms are required. Applicants must also meet minimum academic entrance requirements, based on high school transcripts.
* We will consider applicants who have successfully completed the IB diploma with at least 6 subjects, including IB English and 3 courses at the Higher Level, with a minimum final grade total of 24, for admission.
* We may consider individual IB Higher Level courses with a grade of 5 or better for transfer credit if applicable to program requirements. Official results from IB and transfer credit request forms are required.
* <https://admissions.ocadu.ca/apply/academic-requirements>

### Deferral

* We generally grant deferrals only in cases of extenuating circumstances.
* Email [admissions@ocadu.ca](mailto:admissions@ocadu.ca) for more details.

### Repeated Courses

* We will use the highest grade to calculate the final entrance average.

### Special Consideration

* We make every effort to help facilitate the application process for applicants who require special consideration or assistance.
* Email [admissions@ocadu.ca](mailto:admissions@ocadu.ca) for further details.

### Summer/Night School, Virtual/e-Learning, Private School and Correspondence Courses

* Provided that the course is completed at a Ministry‑inspected and   
  -approved institution, we will accept Grade 12 U/M courses regardless of how or where students take them. Final official documents are due in July or August each year.

### Transfer Credit

* Details on our transfer pathways, transfer credit policies,   
  upper-year entry consideration, articulation agreements and other requirements are available at:  
  <https://admissions.ocadu.ca/apply/transfer-options>.

## Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

### Bursaries

* Bursaries are available based on financial need once a student is enrolled at the University.  
  <https://admissions.ocadu.ca/afford/funding-options>

### Automatic Entrance Scholarships

* We do not offer guaranteed entrance scholarships.

### Additional Scholarships

* We offer a limited number of entrance scholarships and awards and will consider all applicants based on portfolio or supplemental materials and academic merit.  
  <https://admissions.ocadu.ca/afford/funding-options>

### Scholarship Deadline

* N/A

## Residence Information

### Deposit Fee

* N/A

### Guaranteed Residence

* N/A

### Residence Options

* We do not have student housing or residence facilities but do provide resources, including links to new partners and independent residences around Toronto.

<https://admissions.ocadu.ca/afford/housing-info>

### Online Application

* N/A

### Application Deadline

* N/A

## Notes

# Quick Compare Tool

[www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/guidance](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/guidance)

The OUAC Editor will input your changes into the tool.

## Admission Information

### Are Grade 11 marks considered in the admission process?

☐ Yes

☐ On a case-by-case basis

x No

### Are admission deferrals granted?

☐ Yes

x On a case-by-case basis

☐ No

### Are dual credits/SHSM considered in the admission process?

☐ Yes

x No

### Is OUAC ranking considered?

☐ Yes

x No

### Do you offer campus visit subsidies?

☐ Yes

x No

### How much is the tuition deposit?

$500 to $2,000

## Residence

### How much is the deposit for residence?

N/A

### Is residence guaranteed?

☐ Yes

☐ Yes, with conditions

x No

### What is the 2025 residence application deadline?

N/A

### Residence options:

N/A

### Where can students apply for residence?

N/A

## Scholarships and Entrance Awards

### What is the automatic entrance scholarship admission average?

Not guaranteed

### Are entrance scholarships renewable?

☐ Yes

☐ No

x See details

### What is the entrance scholarship value range?

$500-$5,000

### Are prerequisites considered in determining scholarship amounts?

N/A

### Is an application required?

☐ Yes

x No

☐ Some scholarships