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## University Information

### Student Population

* 42,000+ students attending annually.
* New Programs:
* Black Studies Diploma
* Fundamentals of Anti-Racist Communication Diploma
* Health Humanities Diploma
* Indigenous Entrepreneurship Diploma

### Program Changes

* Math/Chartered Professional Accountancy now offers a Data Analytics specialization.
* Creative and Professional Writing major (Honours Arts and Honours Arts and Business programs).
* Recreation and Leisure Studies majors have changed to: Recreation, Leadership, and Health; Sport and Recreation Management; and Therapeutic Recreation.

### Campus Tours and Events

* Visit [www.uwaterloo.ca/future/tours-events](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/tours-events) for current information on campus tours, information sessions and webinars, or call   
  519-888-4567, ext. 43614
* Viewbook requests:   
  [www.uwaterloo.ca/future-students/request-viewbook](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/request-viewbook).

## Admission and Transition Information

### Fall Offer of Admission

* We make admission decisions between January and May once we receive updated grades from schools. We include required courses when we calculate a student’s admission average.
* All offers of admission are conditional upon completing the Ontario Secondary School Diploma and maintaining the grades indicated in a student’s offer of admission.

### Alternative Offers of Admission

* We may consider students for an alternative program during the final round of decisions in May.

### Accessibility Services

* We encourage admitted students with disabilities to contact an AccessAbility Services advisor to learn about the support and accommodations we can provide. | [access@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:access@uwaterloo.ca)

519-888-4567, ext. 35082 | TTY: 519-888-4040

### Grade 11 Grades

* We may consider 3U/M grades for early offers to some programs.
* Architecture: In early March, we review both 3U/M and 4U/M grades for select students for the Architecture interview process. If we do not have a required course when making decisions, we will use the Grade 11 grade.   
  [www.uwaterloo.ca/architecture/future-undergraduate-students](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/architecture/future-undergraduate-students)
* Accounting and Financial Management and Sustainability and Financial Management: We review 3U/M grades, in combination with 4U/M grades and the School of Accounting and Finance Admission Assessment, for early offers to the program.

### Supplemental Application

* We require an Admission Information Form (AIF) for Computing and Financial Management, all Engineering programs (excluding Architecture) and all Mathematics programs, and for conditional admission to Pharmacy (CAP), Optometry, Pharmacy, Bachelor of Social Work.
* Students **must** save and submit all pages of the AIF to be considered for these programs. | [www.uwaterloo.ca/future/aif](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/aif)
* You do not need to submit an AIF for any other programs.
* Some programs require additional supplemental applications.

[www.uwaterloo.ca/future/admissions/admission-requirements](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/admissions/admission-requirements)

### Ranking on OUAC Application

* We do not review application ranking when making admission decisions. Students will receive an admission decision for every Waterloo program they apply to.

### Tuition Deposit

* Tuition deposit not required. However, students requiring an attestation letter may need to pay a $2,500 deposit.  
  [www.uwaterloo.ca/future/international-students/visas](https://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/international-students/visas)
* **New** - Indigenous Tuition Waiver: [www.uwaterloo.ca/indigenous/student-resources/](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/indigenous/student-resources/tuition-waiver-eligible-indigenous-students)  
  tuition-waiver-eligible-indigenous-students

### First-year Course Selection Process

* Students will receive instructions in June for selecting their fall courses.

### Support for Transition to University

* Transition program from June to September:  
  [www.uwaterloo.ca/welcome-warriors/waterloo-ready](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/welcome-warriors/waterloo-ready)
* Bridge to Academic Success in English:

[www.uwaterloo.ca/bridge-to-academic-success-in-english](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/bridge-to-academic-success-in-english/)

* College pathway and transfer students: [www.uwaterloo.ca/future/transfer-students](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/transfer-students)
* MTHEL 99: First-year Mathematics Readiness course for students entering the Faculty of Mathematics.   
  [www.uwaterloo.ca/new-math-students/mthel99](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/new-math-students/mthel99)
* Orientation:   
  [www.uwaterloo.ca/welcome-warriors/waterloo-orientation](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/welcome-warriors/waterloo-orientation)
* Student Success Office: [www.uwaterloo.ca/student-success](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/student-success)
* Tips and advice from current Waterloo students:   
  [www.uwaterloo.ca/future/missing-manual](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/missing-manual)
* Waterloo Indigenous Student Centre: [www.uwaterloo.ca/  
  united-college/waterloo-indigenous-student-centre-shatitsirotha](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/united-college/waterloo-indigenous-student-centre-shatitsirotha)
* International Experience Centre:   
  [www.uwaterloo.ca/international-experience](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/international-experience)
* Future Ready Summer Experience Program:   
  [www.uwaterloo.ca/  
  renison-pre-university-pathway-programs/future-ready](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/renison-pre-university-pathway-programs/future-ready)

### Dual credits/SHSM programs

* We do not recognize dual credits or SHSM programs, except for agreements with the Waterloo Region District School Board and the Waterloo Catholic District School Board for SES4U.
* For some Waterloo programs, students who complete SES4U with a mark of 75% through a Waterloo Region District School Board or Waterloo Catholic District School Board high school will be eligible to receive Earth Sciences 121 as a transfer credit upon our receipt of their completion certificate.
* Students who have completed SHSM and are entering the Faculty of Science are eligible for the Science SHSM Entrance Award.

[https://uwaterloo.ca/undergraduate-entrance-awards/  
awards/science-shsm-entrance-award](https://uwaterloo.ca/undergraduate-entrance-awards/awards/science-shsm-entrance-award)

### English proficiency requirements

* Accepted tests and required scores: [www.uwaterloo.ca/future/elr](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/elr).

## Admission Policies

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

* AP: We will consider granting transfer credit for courses with a minimum final grade of 4. The number of credits varies depending on the program.
* IB: We will consider granting transfer credit for individual certificate or diploma Higher Level courses with a minimum final grade of 5.
* The number of credits varies depending on the program.

[www.uwaterloo.ca/future/transfer-credits](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/transfer-credits)

### Deferral

* Students may request a deferral of their admission for up to 1 full year. | [www.uwaterloo.ca/future/defer](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/defer)

### Repeated Courses

* We will consider each case individually.   
  [www.uwaterloo.ca/future/repeated-courses](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/repeated-courses)

### Special Consideration

* Students with significant circumstances that affected their marks and who were not accommodated through their school or relevant services can request special consideration for admission.   
  [www.uwaterloo.ca/future/applicants/special-consideration](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/applicants/special-consideration)

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

* We accept all approved courses through schools accredited by the Ministry of Education.
* Once students have applied, we may ask them to identify courses they took or are taking outside of regular day school and to explain why. Taking required courses in summer school could negatively affect a student’s application to some programs.

[www.uwaterloo.ca/future/admissions/repeated-courses](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/admissions/repeated-courses)

### Transfer Credit

* [www.uwaterloo.ca/future/transfer-credits](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/transfer-credits)

## Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

### Bursaries

* Each year we award Waterloo Entrance Bursaries, valued from $1,000 to $5,000, to Ontario students with demonstrated financial need who are entering their first year of postsecondary studies.
* April 15, 2025, is the application deadline.   
  [www.uwaterloo.ca/future/financing/bursaries](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/financing/bursaries)

### Automatic Entrance Scholarships

* Students with an admission average of 85% or higher are eligible for scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $2,000. We calculate this average using the top six 4U/M or equivalent courses, including each of the required courses for the program(s) of admission.   
  [www.uwaterloo.ca/future/financing/scholarships](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/financing/scholarships)
* If a student’s final grades are higher than their mid-May grades, we will upgrade their scholarship(s). We do not downgrade or cancel entrance scholarship offers based on final grades, provided the student fulfills all conditions on their offer of admission.

### Additional Scholarships

* We also offer program-specific entrance scholarships ranging from $500 to $80,000. Most of our scholarships do not require an application, but a small number of scholarships do require an application for consideration with varying deadlines. This includes specific awards for Black students and Indigenous students.

### Scholarship Deadline

* N/A

## Residence Information

### Deposit Fee

* $500

### Guaranteed Residence

* Guaranteed to all incoming first-year and transfer students who meet the conditions outlined at: [www.uwaterloo.ca/future/residence](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/future/residence).

### Residence Options

* We have 10 traditional- and suite-style first-year residences made up of single, double, and interconnecting rooms.
* Students can submit accessibility support requests through Accessible Housing | <https://uwaterloo.ca/accessible-housing>

### Online Application

* Students must submit a First Year Guaranteed Residence Application. | [www.uwaterloo.ca/housing/incoming-first-years](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/housing/incoming-first-years)
* An application and separate process are required for Conrad Grebel University College, another on-campus residence.

### Application Deadline

* June 10, 2025, for a guaranteed spot.

## Notes

# Quick Compare Tool

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

The OUAC Editor will input your changes into the tool.

## Admission Information

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

☐ Yes

x On a case-by-case basis

☐ 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?

$2,500 (international)

## Residence

### How much is the deposit for residence?

$500

### Is residence guaranteed?

☐ Yes

x Yes, with conditions

☐ No

### What is the 2025 residence application deadline?

June 10, 2025

### Residence options:

x Dorm

x Apartment/Suite

x Townhouse

### Where can students apply for residence?

## [uwaterloo.ca/housing/incoming-first-years](https://www.uwaterloo.ca/housing/incoming-first-years)Scholarships and Entrance Awards

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

85%+

### Are entrance scholarships renewable?

☐ Yes

☐ No

x See details

### What is the entrance scholarship value range?

$500 to $80,000

### Are prerequisites considered in determining scholarship amounts?

x Yes

☐ No

### Is an application required?

☐ Yes

☐ No

x Some scholarships