# Undergraduate – University of Waterloo

## About

### Who We Are

You are getting ready to embark on your biggest adventure yet. And you are looking for the right place to make it happen. A place where your curiosity meets world-class professors. Where learning takes place through classes and labs, clubs and teams, and co-op work terms. And where a community supports your limitless potential.

Our unmatched entrepreneurial culture, intense focus on research and broad range of programs make us one of the country’s top-ranked universities. Find out more about our [**undergraduate programs**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/?utm_source=mur-einfo&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=mur-ouac). We hope you will join us.

### Why Waterloo?

* Join a community that celebrates diversity, passion and purpose – and that is consistently ranked among Canada’s best and most innovative universities.
* More than [**100 programs to choose from**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/programs?utm_source=mur-einfo&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=mur-ouac) – many that are unique to Waterloo and are ranked among the top in the world.
* Most of our programs are offered through both the co-op and regular system of study.
* Explore careers and earn money through [**North America’s largest network of co-op employers**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/co-op?utm_source=mur-einfo&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=mur-ouac). With 4 to 6 co-op terms, you will graduate with up to 2 years of valuable work experience and be ready to launch your career.
* Waterloo’s students are successful; they have some of the highest graduation and degree completion rates in Ontario.
* With more than 1,000 start-up companies, we are a leader in helping student entrepreneurs turn their creative ideas into businesses.
* Located 110 km west of Toronto in a clean, safe, mid-sized city that is home to 2 universities and a college.

### Campus Life

* On-campus [**residence**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/residence) is guaranteed for first-year and transfer students. More than just a place to live, our residences provide connections that can last a lifetime while you live in the heart of our campus.
* Stay active through one of the country’s largest [**campus recreation programs**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/student-life/clubs). Choose from dozens of intramural sports and clubs, including soccer, basketball, kickboxing and yoga.
* More than 250 student clubs, including Canada’s oldest university [**2SLGBTQ+ organization**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/missing-manual/student-life/waterloos-resources-2slgbtq-community).
* Enjoy a new athletics field house for year-round intramural and varsity sports and an expanded student life centre.
* From athletics and recreation to arts and culture, life on campus invigorates mind, body and spirit. Explore [**campus life**](https://uwaterloo.ca/students/campus-life) and learn how you can join in the fun and find a community that shapes your UWaterloo experience.

## Programs

[Browse Programs](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/programs)

### Co‑op and Regular Systems of Study

At Waterloo, we offer programs through the [**co‑op system of study**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/co-op?utm_source=mur-101-105guides&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=mur-ouac), which alternates 4‑month school terms with 4-month paid work terms, and the [**regular system of study**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/regular-system-study?utm_source=mur-101-105guides&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=mur-ouac), which follows the traditional September to April school year.

We offer most programs through both systems of study. Both the co‑op and regular systems of study are available to all students, regardless of citizenship.

To apply to a co-op program, you must check the co-op box on your application.

## Key Dates

* The application deadline for the fall term (September to December 2025) is **January 31, 2025**.
* Supporting documents, such as transcripts, are due **February 14, 2025**.
* Exception:
  + The Engineering (excluding Architecture) application deadline is **January 15, 2025**.
  + The [**Engineering documents**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/application-deadlines#documents) deadline is **January 31, 2025**.

## Admission Requirements

### Group A Admission Requirements

If you are a [**Group A applicant,**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-guide/#groups) your school will automatically send your grades to us.

[Admission for Group A Applicants](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/admission-requirements)

### Group B Admission Requirements

#### Canadian High School Students From Outside of Ontario

Once you have applied, you will need to arrange for your transcripts to be sent to us.

[Admission for Canadian High School  
Students From Outside of Ontario](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/admission-requirements)

#### Home-schooled Applicants

You will use the Undergraduate application for full-time studies and will need to arrange for your transcripts to be sent to us.

[Admission for Home-schooled Applicants](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/home-schooled-students)

#### International Applicants

You will use the Undergraduate application for full-time studies and will need to arrange for your transcripts to be sent to us.

[Admission for International Applicants](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/admission-requirements)

[International Student Info](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/international-students/visas)

#### Transfer Students

If you are transferring from a college or another university, you may be eligible for advanced standing or credit for previously completed courses. Each program has different criteria for granting transfer credits.

[How to Apply as a Transfer Student](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/transfer-students/how-apply)

Depending on the number of credits you receive, we may classify you as a first-year or upper-year student. If you receive 4 academic course units (equivalent to 80% of a first-year course load) or more in transfer credits, you are not normally eligible for co-op programs.

#### Mature and Other Students

For admission purposes, our definition of a mature student varies by faculty. All faculties require that you present a minimum number of specific Ontario 4U/M courses (or equivalents) in addition to meeting their definition of a mature student.

[Admission for Mature Students](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/mature-students)

If you previously attended university or college, we will not consider you a mature student for admission purposes. We will consider you a [**transfer student**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-waterloo/#transfer) and you will need to meet the regular admission requirements.

### Other Admission Requirements

#### Special Consideration

We offer support if you require an accommodation for completing our application process (e.g., supplementary assessments, such as interviews or entrance assessments).

If you experienced significant circumstances that affected your grades and were not accommodated through your school or relevant services, you can request special consideration for admission.

[Special Consideration](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/applicants/special-consideration)

#### Additional Application Materials and Next Steps

We require an [**Admission Information Form (AIF)**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/admission-information-form) if you are applying to our Engineering and Mathematics programs. We will send information about how to complete the AIF once you have applied.

Some programs have additional supplementary requirements, such as an interview or portfolio. Review our [**admission requirements**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/admission-requirements?utm_source=mur-101-105guides&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=mur-ouac) to ensure you know what is required for the program(s) you are applying to.

After you apply, we will email you about the next steps in the application process.

## Supporting Documents

### Transcripts

After you apply, we will email you about the next steps in the admission process, including submitting any documents we require, such as transcripts and English-language test scores.

To help speed up the review process, you can upload your documents to our online student system.

[How to Submit Documents](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/sending-your-grades)

Translated and notarized documents must be sent directly to Waterloo from a notary public in a signed/sealed envelope in order to be considered official.

We also strongly suggest that you find out from your local Canadian Embassy or High Commission how to apply for a study permit and how long the process will take.

[Government of Canada Immigration Details](https://www.cic.gc.ca/)

### Language Requirements

If your first language is not English and your 4 most recent years of full‑time education prior to the start of your studies at Waterloo were not in an English-language school system, you must provide English-language test scores and meet our [**English-language requirements**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/english-language-requirements?utm_source=mur-101-105guides&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=mur-ouac).

If you meet our academic requirements, but do not have the required English-language test score, you may be eligible for the [**Bridge to Academic Success in English**](https://uwaterloo.ca/bridge-to-academic-success-in-english?utm_source=mur-101-105guides&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=mur-ouac) program. This program allows you to earn credit toward your Waterloo degree while strengthening your English skills.

### Supplemental Documents

[Required Documents and How to Send Them](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/sending-your-grades)

## Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Aid

We provide thousands of scholarships to new students, including guaranteed scholarships for students with averages over 85%.

[More About Scholarships](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/financing)

## Offers of Admission

We will start making offers of admission in December and will make all offers of admission for fall 2025 by mid-May, once we receive updated grades from schools.

We include required courses when calculating your admission average.

All offers of admission are conditional upon completing your secondary school diploma and maintaining the grades indicated in your offer of admission.

If you are an international student and you receive an offer of admission from the University of Waterloo, you will need a [**provincial attestation letter**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/international-students/visas) before you can apply for your study permit.

### Alternative Offers of Admission

If you are not eligible for the program you applied to, we may automatically consider you for admission to related programs during our final review period in May.

## Accessibility Services

We are here to help! Whether you have a known or unknown disability, condition or illness, or if you are experiencing impacts from trauma, we can help you develop your individualized academic accommodation plan for all components of your academic studies.

[More About Accessibility Services](https://uwaterloo.ca/accessability-services/)

## Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

The Office of Equity, Diversity Inclusion and Anti-racism (EDI-R) has a mission to build, incubate and enhance EDI-R competency and capacity across campus to identify and interrupt institutional barriers and embed equity within policies, processes, environments and experiences at the University of Waterloo.

[EDI-R Information](https://uwaterloo.ca/equity-diversity-inclusion-anti-racism/about-us)

### Indigenous Student Admission

We are committed to equity in the application process and to increasing access for Indigenous students. We will waive tuition for incoming and current Waterloo students who are members of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation or Six Nations of the Grand River.

Indigenous students who are members of these bands (on whose traditional territory the University of Waterloo is situated) and who are pursuing studies in an undergraduate or graduate program at Waterloo are eligible for this waiver. This is part of our active work toward reconciliation and is a response to the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

We encourage you to self-identify to support the application review process and to complete the [**AIF**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/admission-information-form) to share additional information and personal experiences.

If you have questions about the process or would like support with your application, [**email Alex DeGagne**](mailto:ajdegagn@uwaterloo.ca), Indigenous Recruitment and Partnership Specialist.

## Residence

We guarantee residence for all first-year and transfer students who meet the requirements outlined on our [**Future Students Residence web page**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/residence).

## Campus Tours and Events

We offer [**tours and special events**](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/tours-events?utm_source=mur-101-105guides&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=mur-ouac) throughout the year. We highly recommend campus tours and our Fall Open House, as they show what it is like to be a Waterloo student and highlight key campus locations and services.

[More About Campus Tours and Events](https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/tours-events)

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