



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

Guide for IB applicants



Admission requirements

Diploma holders

By presenting your full IB diploma with at least three higher-level courses and all grades above 3, you'll be considered for admission based on your overall diploma score; you must present all 5 faculty-specific required courses.

If you're currently completing the IB diploma, the initial evaluation of your application will be based on your predicted IB grades. If you've completed the IB diploma, you'll be evaluated on your final IB results.

The extended essay, theory of knowledge, and creativity, action and service (CAS) components are included as part of the total IB score calculation.

Certificate holders or Partial IB

By presenting your IB Certificate, you'll be considered for admission based on five faculty-specific courses. Individual IB courses are converted into a percentage score (see chart) and combined with equivalent high school courses from other curriculums to calculate the admission average.

Career-Related Programme

Students who complete the IB Career-Related Programme are considered for admission based on five faculty-specific courses. Individual IB accepted courses are converted into a percentage score and combined with equivalent high school courses from other curriculum to calculate the admission average (see Certificate Holder requirements).

IB COURSE CONVERSION

IB course score	Conversion to a percentage score
7	100%
6	91%
5	83%
4	75%
3	68%
1, 2, or N	fail/not complete

Submitting transcripts

If you're currently completing the IB program, you'll need to submit your predicted results by uploading them directly to your myUCalgary Student Centre (my.ucalgary.ca). Official final IB transcripts are required to finalize your offer of admission and receive advanced credit. You must request your transcript be released to UCalgary through the IB Organization.

UCalgary IB Institution code: 000088

Advanced Credit toward your degree

Earn up to a full year of first-year credit (30 units) for completing your IB diploma.

Specific advanced credit may be granted for higher level courses with grades above 5. Diploma holders will receive additional first-year option credit to bring the total credit to 30 units.

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Program	Estimated competitive IB score	Required IB courses ¹	Notes
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE	30-33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ One of: Physics, Chemistry, Biology Two approved courses 	
FACULTY OF ARTS Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Studies	24-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Four approved courses A maximum of two approved Fine Arts courses 	Dance, Music, and Visual studies have additional supplemental requirements.
FACULTY OF ARTS Economics, Geography (BA, BSc), Psychology (BA)	Economics: 24-25 Geography: 24-25 Psychology: 33-34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Three approved courses 	
FACULTY OF ARTS Psychology (BSc)	33-34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry Biology An approved course 	
FACULTY OF ARTS All other programs	24-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Four approved courses 	
CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Community Rehabilitation	25-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Biology Three approved courses 	
CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Health Sciences	33-34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry Biology An approved course 	The Cumming School of Medicine Health Sciences program requires applicants to present a minimum grade four in Mathematics. ³ Online supplementary application required.
HASKAYNE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	27-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Two approved courses (excluding courses equivalent to physical education, fine arts and non-calculus mathematics.) An approved course 	
FACULTY OF KINESIOLOGY	30-33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry Biology An approved course 	For Biomechanics: applicants who present Mathematical Studies (SL) need to meet a higher admission average. Estimated competitive average for those who present Mathematical Studies (SL) is 33-35. Physics is recommended.
FACULTY OF NURSING	35-36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry Biology An approved course 	
FACULTY OF SCIENCE Biochemistry; Biological Sciences; Cellular, Molecular and Microbial Biology; Plant Biology; Zoology	33-34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Biology Chemistry An approved course 	
FACULTY OF SCIENCE Chemistry	27-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry One of: Biology, Calculus, Physics, Computer Science An approved course 	
FACULTY OF SCIENCE All other programs	Computer Science: 33-34 Neuroscience: 38-42 All other programs: 27-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Two of: Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science An approved course 	Students are encouraged to take high school courses related to their intended major.
SCHULICH SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	30-33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry Physics or Biology 	Applicants who present Mathematical Studies (SL) need to meet a higher admission average. Estimated competitive average for those who present Mathematical Studies (SL) is 33-35. Applicants admitted with Biology will have their offer finalized after passing the Bioengineering Summer Institute offered in August, prior to the start of the Engineering program.
WERKLUND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION	27-34 depending on program and teachable subject area	Please view our admissions requirements page: ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/requirements	

FOOTNOTES

¹ Applicants may present an official final AP or SAT subject test as a substitute for any mandatory course.

² English: we accept either English A Literature (HL or SL), English A Language and Literature (HL or SL), English Literature and Performance (SL), or English B (HL).

³ Mathematics: we accept either Mathematics (HL or SL), Further Mathematics (HL), Analysis and Approaches (HL or SL), Applications and Interpretations (HL or SL), or Mathematical Studies (SL).

IB APPROVED COURSES

- All Higher Level (HL) courses
- The following Standard Level (SL) courses: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Systems and Society, History, Language other than English, Physics, Mathematics ³.
- Fine Arts courses; **One of:** Dance, Music, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts