

Admission

General Information

When planning their secondary school programs, students should note that a number of courses taken in the first university year have secondary school prerequisites. Generally, students continuing university work in subjects available in secondary school are advised to have senior year secondary school standing in those subjects.

Only academic (university preparatory) high school courses are acceptable for admission. The University reserves the right to exclude inappropriate courses from among those presented.

All programs require senior high school completion for admission, although exceptions may be made for very capable students to enter following their penultimate high school year (except from Quebec). All programs require four years of study except the Certificate in Applied Science (2) and the Bachelor of Applied Science (3). The Certificate program in the School of Engineering is prerequisite to the Bachelor of Engineering program at Dalhousie University or University of New Brunswick.

The two-year program of study for the Bachelor of Education degree requires an appropriate undergraduate degree for admission. The requirements for admission to graduate programs are given in the companion Graduate Studies Calendar and those for the Acadia Divinity College in its calendar.

Since English is the language of instruction at Acadia University, candidates must be able to communicate competently in English both orally and in writing, and may be required to present the result of the Test of English as a Foreign Language. The minimum acceptable score is 550 (computer-based score of 213, internet-based score of 80). Preference will be given to candidates with a score of 580 or higher (CBT 237, IBT 93). Students not having sufficient communication skills in the English language may be required to enroll in remedial programs (e.g. English as a Second Language course, tutorials) at their own expense. Acadia University offers an English for Academic Purposes (EAP) second language program for students who may be academically admissible but who do not meet the minimum English language proficiency requirement.

Enrolment in some programs is limited by Senate regulation. Consequently admission is competitive and possession of the minimum requirements does not ensure that admission will be granted.

Application procedures

Applications for admission to Acadia University must be made on the prescribed application form and must be supported by official copies of all high school and other records of academic work. These documents must be submitted to the Admissions Office together with the appropriate application processing fee. Applicants who are attending, or who have attended, other post secondary institutions must have their official transcripts sent direct for evaluation or provided in an envelope sealed by the institution. Further evidence may be required of an applicant's suitability for certain programs of study such as education and music.

In all cases, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all documents related to or requested in support of an application are submitted, including final marks needed to confirm a previous offer of conditional admission.

If an offer of admission is made by the University to the applicant, an acceptance deposit must be sent. This deposit is, in all instances, not refundable. It is applied in full to university fees at the time of registration. Details of the amount of the deposit are stated in the letters of admission.

Documents submitted in support of an application for admission are retained by the university and are not returned to the applicant.

Information and documents received for persons who do not register by their expected date are retained for one year beyond the expected date of registration and then destroyed.

Application procedures for university accommodation

The application for residence is available from the Residence Life website. This application must be submitted to the Residence Life Office if you wish residence accommodation on campus. For further information contact residencelife@acadiau.ca

Application for entrance scholarships

All entering students who wish to be considered for an entrance scholarship must have completed all admission procedures no later than the March 1st preceding entrance to the university.

Financial Assistance: See Financial Assistance information in Campus Resources section.

Admission from high school

Applications for 2010-2011 will be screened at a minimum 70% average for all programs. All students must present a penultimate (NS grade 11 or equivalent) high school year course in mathematics.

From Nova Scotia Grade 12

1. English 12
2. Four additional Grade 12 Academic or Advanced courses

Only academic, university preparatory courses at the senior (NS Grade 12 or equivalent) high school level will be used to determine admissibility.

Additional Grade 12 courses necessary for specific programs

Applied science:	Precalculus 12. Chemistry 12 is required for the Certificate program. Physics 12 recommended.
Biology:	Academic or Advanced Math 12 and Chemistry 12
Business administration:	Academic or Advanced Math 12
Chemistry:	Precalculus 12 and Chemistry 12
Computer science:	Precalculus 12
Economics:	Academic or Advanced Math 12
Environmental science:	Academic or Advanced Math 12 and Chemistry 12
Geology:	Academic or Advanced Math 12 and Chemistry 12
Geoscience:	Academic or Advanced Math 12 and Chemistry 12
Kinesiology:	Academic or Advanced Math 12
Mathematics:	Precalculus 12 with a minimum 70%
Music:	Grade VIII Applied (Bachelor of Music); Grade VI Applied (BA in Music, B. Music Education, Bachelor of Music Therapy)
Nutrition:	Academic or Advanced Math 12 and Chemistry 12
Physics:	Precalculus 12. Physics 12 recommended
Psychology:	Academic or Advanced Math 12

Specific Admission guidelines can be found online at www.acadiau.ca/admissions

Equivalent certificates from other provinces

The senior high school university preparatory program in all provinces except Quebec is considered equivalent to Nova Scotia Grade 12 for admission purposes. Exceptions may be made for very capable Quebec Secondary V applicants. Normally, one year of CEGEP study is considered equivalent to Nova Scotia Grade 12. Students who complete the two-year CEGEP program with a 70% average and receive the DEC will be admitted to the second year of a four-year program. A list of specific guidelines by province is available on our website.

From the American system of education

Applicants who have completed a United States high school university preparatory program with an average mark equivalent to the college recommending mark in 16 academic subjects, including four courses in English and three in mathematics, will be considered for admission to a four-year degree program. Applicants must also submit a letter of recommendation by the school principal or guidance officer.

From the British system of education

Normally two General Certificate of Education "A" level examinations, or equivalent, at the grade "C" level or above are required for admission to any program. However, an applicant who has completed one year of study beyond GCE "O" level will be considered on an individual basis. Credit for appropriate 'A' level courses may be given if completed with grades of A, B, or C.

Admission from the International Baccalaureate Program

Students will be considered for admission using the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma with a minimum score of 24. Students admitted to Acadia University with a score of 30 or higher on the IB Diploma will receive 30 hours of university credit.

Students who have completed IB courses but do not possess the diploma will be considered based on their coursework. Acadia gives individual credit for IB courses completed at the higher level with grades of 5, 6, or 7.

IB final and predicted results may be used to consider applicants for both early fall and regular admission, as well as entrance scholarship.

Admission with Advanced Placement (AP) Tests

All AP students will receive advanced credit in approved courses as indicated below. An official AP transcript is required as part of the evaluation process. A maximum of 30 credit hours will be transferred.

AP Course	AP Grade	Acadia Equiv.	Credit
Art	3,4,5	Art 1113, 1123	6h
Biology	3,4,5	Biol 1113, 1123	6h
Chemistry	3,4,5	Chem 1013, 1023	6h
Computer Science A	3,4,5	Comp 1113	3h
Computer Science A/B	3,4,5	Comp 1113, 1123	6h
Economics/Micro	3,4,5	Econ 1013	3h
Economics/Macro	3,4,5	Econ 1023	3h
English Language/Composition	3,4,5	Engl 1213, 1223	6h
English Literature/Composition	3,4,5	Engl 1413/1423	6h
Environmental Science	3,4,5	Envs 1013, 1023	6h
French/Language	3,4,5	Fran 1213, 1223	6h
French/Literature	3,4,5	Fran 2113, 2123	6h
German Language	4,5	Germ 1013	3h
Government & Politics/ American or Comparative	3,4,5	Pols 1006	6h
History/European	4,5	Hist 1103/1113	6h
History/US	4,5	Hist 9106	6h
Human Geography	3,4,5	Soci 1113/1023	6h
Mathematics/Calculus A/B	3,4,5	Math 1013	3h
Mathematics/Calculus B/C	4,5	Math 1013, 1023	6h
Mathematics/Calculus B/C	3	Math 1013	3h
Music	3,4,5	Musi 9106	6h
Physics B	3,4,5	Phys 1053, 1063	6h
Physics C	3,4,5	Phys 1013, 1023	6h
Psychology	3,4,5	Psyc 1013, 1023	6h
Spanish Language	3,4,5	Span 1013, 1023	6h
Statistics	4,5	Math 1213	3h

Admission other than from high school

Admission by transfer from another university Applicants for admission from another university must have an official transcript sent direct or provided to you in an envelope sealed by the institution for evaluation. Transfer credit normally will be given for individual courses which are applicable to the intended undergraduate degree program of study.

Admission by letter of permission Students now attending another university and who wish to take a course or courses at Acadia University for transfer credit to their home institution must apply on the regular Acadia Application for Admission form and have the Registrar of their university forward a letter of permission and an official transcript to the Admissions Office at Acadia University.

Admission of Mature Students Persons who wish to study on a full-time basis, who have been out of high school for a minimum of four years, and who do not meet the published academic admission requirements may be considered for admission on a mature student basis. The mature applicant is required to submit transcripts of all academic work completed, two letters of reference from employers, an outline of future plans, and to be present for interviews if required. The mature applicant may be encouraged to take up to 18h specified courses as an independent part-time student. If grades of C- or better are obtained in each and a minimum CGPA achieved of 2.00 or better, admission will be granted to a degree program and credit for these courses will be allowed towards it.

Re-admission of former students All students who have been absent from the university for one academic year or longer, or who have graduated from the program of studies to which they were admitted, or who were subject to academic dismissal, and who wish to return for further studies, must apply for re-admission and complete the required application form.

Admission to the Bachelor of Education Program Applicants should apply online or request an application package from the Admissions Office. Further information regarding admission and teacher licensing policy may be found under the calendar section 'School of Education'.

Admission to graduate programs Applicants should consult the Graduate Studies Calendar. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted to the office of Research and Graduate Studies.

Admission to Acadia Divinity College All inquiries about programs offered should be directed to the college from whom a calendar is available. Applications for admission are to be submitted to the Acadia Divinity College.