

Succeed at university and beyond

OXFORD **AQA**
INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS



Going to university *in Canada*

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Choosing a university course is a very important decision.

You will need to think about:

- The type of university you are most interested in
- The location
- The cost
- The courses offered
- The choice of activities on offer

What you need to know about studying in Canada

Canada is an increasingly popular - and welcoming - destination for international students, having built a reputation for providing high-quality, post-secondary education.

Most universities in Canada consider a student's application holistically. Canadian students are expected to have achieved a high school diploma.

The curriculum varies by province, typically including English or French, mathematics, science, history/geography/social science, arts and a foreign language. Academic record is evaluated as an admissions average, often called a Top 5 Average.



Canada's U15 Group

The U15 Group of Canada's research-intensive universities set highly competitive admissions requirements.

They look for an exceptional academic background, particularly a proven ability in science and mathematics for many courses.

Some may take into account involvement in extracurricular activities. The wider group of Universities Canada (UCanada) also look at work and voluntary experience.

Visit u15.ca or www.univcan.ca to find out more

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Canada's U15 universities are home to world-class researchers using state-of-the-art research infrastructure to make ground-breaking discoveries.

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University admissions

How the process works

Each Canadian province oversees higher education institutes in their own province and admissions teams are familiar with GCSEs and A-levels.

Some provinces operate central application systems where students can apply to more than one university using the same online form.

These are:

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Ontario

Applicants also submit a personal statement and provide personal reference letters from their school. Quebec has its own specific requirements.

Many universities will use A-level and GCSE grades in their evaluation of international students and publish minimum requirements for students following a British curriculum education.

The requirements vary from university to university. For example:

- Some universities require a minimum of five International GCSEs and 2 A-levels/4 AS levels
- Others require three A-levels

In addition, some will require a student to seek a credential evaluation* which may convert grades to points to determine an equivalent admissions average.

*You can find out more about this evaluation on the Government of Canada's website.

For specific details you should consult your chosen institution's website.

Course credit

It is usual to offer course credit where a student is considered to have followed demanding course studies.

A-levels are often considered in this category and can attract course credit, sometimes called advanced standing or transfer credit, or exemptions from certain modules of the university course.



Get the results *you deserve*



OxfordAQA qualifications are benchmarked to UK standards and our exams give every student the best possible chance to show what they can do and get the results they deserve.

They are valued by universities around the world as academically rigorous qualifications that equip students with

the skills they need to succeed, both at university and beyond.

Students with OxfordAQA qualifications have successfully progressed to some of the best universities all over the world, including the U15 Group, Oxford University, Ivy League universities, the Group of Eight in Australia, and the UK Russell Group.



Did you know?

100yrs

We achieve *Fair Assessment* by drawing on the expertise that AQA has developed over 100 years.



The Oxford Test of English

The Oxford Test of English (OTE) is an affordable, personalized test that fits you.

100% online, it's flexible, fast and available at approved test centres worldwide. Plus, it's the only proficiency test certified by the University of Oxford.

For details of institutions in Canada that accept the OTE as proof of English proficiency, please visit our website.

oxfordtestofenglish.com





English or French *proficiency*

**Most universities outside
of Quebec require
English proficiency.**



Students whose first language is not English can demonstrate English proficiency in several ways:

- Through GCSE or A-level English (for example, Toronto University requires a minimum grade 6 in International GCSE English Language or ESL or a minimum grade C at AS/A-level English Language)
- Through TOEFL or IELTS
- By taking an English proficiency test, such as the Oxford Test of English

It is also possible at some universities, including British Columbia, to be exempt from tests where a student's secondary school taught through the English medium. Some universities, for example Carleton, allow students to begin their degree whilst completing an English as a second language requirement on campus.

For details of universities which have confirmed that OxfordAQA qualifications will attract course credit and/or meet English proficiency requirements please see *our website*.



Did you know?

Canada is a bilingual country and some universities, particularly in the French-speaking province of Quebec, require proficiency in French as this is the language of tuition.



Prepare for success *at university and beyond*

As competition for top university places increases globally, the need for students to stand out from the crowd is greater than ever.

While you are considering which educational institution you would like to attend, you can rest assured that OxfordAQA qualifications are recognised by leading universities worldwide. We work closely with Ministries of Education to ensure that equivalence to local qualifications is validated, OxfordAQA qualifications are comparable to those taken in the UK, and our International GCSEs, A-levels and project-based qualifications have been independently evaluated.

Most importantly, our *Fairness First* approach to exams means that you will get the results you deserve!

Find out more

oxfordaqa.com/recognition

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we put fairness first