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An Overview of the Process and Timelines for Applying to Ontario's Universities

Step 1: Research Your University Options

- Visit OUI (www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca) to see what each university has to offer.
- Read the **101 Instruction Booklet** and the 101 Addenda (available at www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101/) to get the most up-to-date program information.
- Review websites and tours. Info sent to GAPPS email.
- Talk to counsellors, family, teachers and friends.
- Write down your program choices and codes, and keep them handy.
- Visit university Open Houses

Step 2: Mark Your Calendar

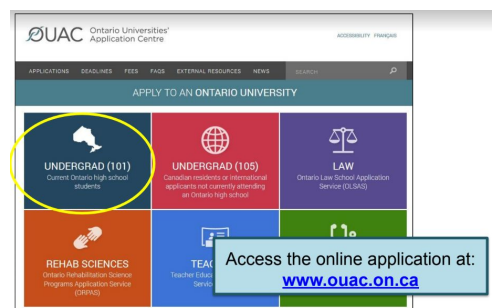
- January 15, 2021:** Latest date to submit completed online applications to the OUAC.
- February 4, 2021:** Recommended last date to make changes to your application.
- May 27, 2021:** Date by which the universities must respond to your application for admission.
- June 1, 2021:** Earliest date by which the universities may require a response to offers of admission and a financial commitment.

Get Your OUAC Access Codes

Guidance will email to your GAPPS a confidential letter containing your access codes including:

- **Temporary PIN, School Number and Student Number**

These numbers allow you to access your 101 Application. **Your PIN is confidential!** Don't share it with anyone else.
Apply: Undergrad (101)



Let's Get Started!

- Access the online application directly at: www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101
- “Help” links are located on most of the application screens or on the fields themselves.

Your OUAC Account: Create Your Username and Password

- Create a username that is easy for you to remember. You will use it to apply to all OUAC applications from now on.
- Review the helpful tips on the “**Welcome Page**” and enter your access codes provided by your guidance counsellor to start your online application.
- Add Personal and Contact Info

Select Your Programs

- Use program category search options, or
- Enter an OUAC program code to use the Fast Track option
- Once you've selected a program, complete the program details for each program selected
- View the Admission Requirements for the program

Order Your Choices

- The choice order does not affect scholarship or admission consideration **unless** a university's literature specifically states that it does.

Fees

- The cost is \$150 for the first 3 university/program choices and \$50 for each additional choice.

Additional Details

- You must complete the Additional University Details and questions in the “Other Academic Information” section.
- Please monitor and report errors of current high school information and grades to your guidance counsellor.
- Reviewing and submitting an application requires you click the “I Verify and Agree” Button before proceeding to the payment screen.

Paying for Your Application

You can pay by the following methods:

1. VISA/MasterCard/American Express:

You will need the card number, expiry date and CVV/CVC/CID number.

2. Online Banking:

You will receive a bill payment account number from the OUAC when you submit your application Paying for Your Application.

- Once you choose your method of payment and click “Continue”, you will receive your OUAC Reference Number.
- The OUAC cannot process your application without the application fee.

When Finishing

- On the “Complete” page, print the screen displaying your OUAC Reference Number (2020-XXXXXX) and further instructions. You will also receive an email.
- Store your OUAC Reference Number, as you will need to include this number when communicating with the OUAC and the universities.

Need Assistance?

Read the "FAQ" section and the 101 Application Guide on the website at:

www.ouac.on.ca/faq-application/101/.

Contact OUAC

Address: 170 Research Lane Guelph ON N1G 5E2

Telephone: 519-823-1063

Fax: 519-823-5232

Email: 101sup@ouac.on.ca

Website: www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101

After Submitting Your Application

The OUAC manages the application and acceptance process. **It does not:**

- Inform students of Non-Academic Criteria, such as extra-curricular profiles, online interviews, portfolios or auditions
- Inform students of English Proficiency requirements
- Process these programs or admission requirements. It is up to students to ensure that they meet these requirements, if they apply.
- Universities inform students if they **MUST** meet these requirements, but it is up to applicants to check their applicant status on each university’s portal.

Non-Academic Criteria

Universities may collect non-academic criteria in several ways:

- An online form, detailing your extra-curricular accomplishments
- An online interview, with written and video components
- A portfolio interview or audition

Note: It is **YOUR** responsibility to be aware of the non-academic criteria, and complete them by the required date.

English Proficiency Requirements

- Applicants who have not been in a Canadian school system for the last four years and completed some of the last four years of school in a country where English is NOT the primary language spoken may be asked to provide proof of English proficiency.
- Universities have the right to request proof of English proficiency for any student whose first language is not English.
- It is **YOUR** responsibility to ensure you meet the English proficiency requirements for each university. The required score on these tests vary from one university to another.

Offers of Admission

- Offers of Admission will come through the OUAC and from universities via their portals. Offers must be accepted through the OUAC before June 1, 2021.
- When you accept an offer, you will receive a **Confirmation Number**. If you don't, you have not successfully submitted your acceptance.
- If you accept another offer, the last offer that you accept will be the valid one. Other offers you previously accepted will be cancelled. You cannot go back.
- It is better to hold onto all offers until you have made firm decisions about them.

Conditional Offers

- When you receive an offer, you must **carefully review the conditions** that may come with the offer and be confident that you will meet those conditions by the end of June.
- Bear in mind that all Offers of Admission expire on **June 1, 2021**, but you will not know your final Semester 2 marks until the **END** of June.
- If your conditions are dependent on Semester 2 courses, you **MUST** be certain that you will meet those conditions.

AP Transfer Credits

- Students must review the policies of each university and program. Policies will vary!
- One way to look up the info is visit **OUI**. There is **NO** preference between IB or AP. Both are considered for *Transfer Credits*.
- A maximum of three *Transfer Credits* **may** be granted in *HL* courses with a final score of 5 or greater.