# APPLYING TO POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

INFORMATION MEETING FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

2017-2018



#### Agenda

- Welcome & First Steps
- Credit Counselling Summary Overview
- Post-Secondary Eligibility/Requirements
- How do my marks get to the College and Universities?
- Where to find information on Post-Secondary Programs
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# First Step....

#### Be informed...

- Join the UHS Grad email to receive important up-to-date information about graduating and post-secondary planning through the grad email.
  - Please email: <u>uhsgrads@gmail.com</u> with your name and state 'I want to join the mailing list'.
- Check the Guidance Moodle check often for updates and new information
- Research University and College programs you are interested in/arrange for campus visits

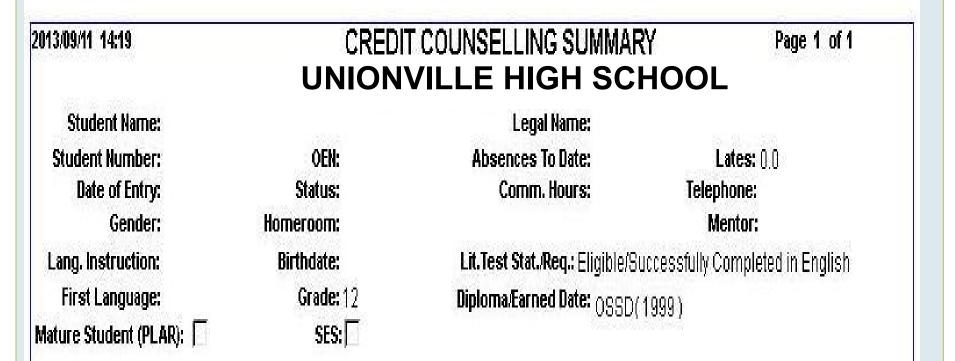
#### Review your Credit Counselling Summary

- Your Credit Counselling Summary (CCS) has been distributed
- Examine yours to make sure you will have all graduation requirements

#### **OSSD Requirements:**

- 30 credits
  - includes 18 compulsory credits & 12 elective credits
- Literacy Test or Literacy Course
- 40 Community Involvement Hours
  - Hours must be completed by January.

### **Credit Counselling Summary**



# Credit Counselling Summary -cont'd

#### **CURRENT YEAR COURSES AND ACHIEVEMENT**

Course/Section	Date	Abs.	Lates	Att.	Earn	SHSM
MHF4U1-05	2013/09/03	0.0	Ü	1.00	0.00	
SCH3U1-01	2013/09/03	0.0	0	1.00	0.00	
TDJ4M1-01	2013/09/03	0.0	0	1,00	0,00	П
TEJ4M1-01	2013/09/03	0.0	0	1.00	0.00	
ENG4U1-06	2014/02/04	0.0	0	1.00	0.00	
ICS4U1-01	2014/02/04	0.0	0	1,00	0.00	
MCV4U1-05	2014/02/04	0.0	0	1.00	0.00	
SCH4U1-04	2014/02/04	0.0	0	1.00	0.00	

<sup>°</sup> indicates a dropped course.

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	English	French	Math	Science	Geog.	History	Arts	Phys. Ed.	Civios	Career St.	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Comp.	Elective
Reg	4.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	18.00	12.00
Earn	3.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	17.00	9.00

### Keep in mind....

• If you are new to UHS, please note that your CCS may not be up-to-date as the Guidance office has requested your OSR from your previous school and once received, will require some time to input your transcript information.

• Students that are new and from out-of-country will have to meet with their alpha counsellor to review Equivalent credits earned.

# Are you eligible for College/University admission?

It is **YOUR** responsibility to ensure that:

- 1. You have requirements to graduate
- 2. You have the pre-requisites for the programs you are applying for

#### **Common Requirements**

# For Degree Programs at Ontario Colleges and Ontario Universities

- •ENG4U
- •5 other grade 12U or 12M courses
- •Most colleges/universities include pre-requisites courses in the admission average
- •Some programs have a minimum average or minimum % for certain courses

# For Diploma Programs at Ontario Colleges

- ENG4C or ENG4U
- Some programs require pre-requisite courses
- Some programs have a minimum average or minimum % for certain courses

#### Acronyms to Memorize

# OCAS

(Ontario College Application Service)

• The go-to information hub for college applicants and responsible for **processing applications** for admission to Ontario colleges.

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#### **OUAC**

(Ontario University Application Centre)

 located in Guelph, Ontario; is a central bureau whose key function is the **processing of applications** for admission to the province's universities

#### Release of Information

"There will be a one-time release of grades and other identifying information for all students in Grade 12 in the month of October to the Ontario College Application Service, and to the Ontario University Application Centre, using secure transmission technology.

This will activate all of your future applications for this year. If you would like more information about this, please contact your alpha Guidance counsellor."

#### **Data Transmissions**

We will send your information and marks electronically to OCAS by the dates specified below:

• Early October 2017: (student info, demographics, mark history)

November 20<sup>th</sup> (midterm marks)

February 9<sup>th</sup> (sem. 1 final marks)

• April 23<sup>rd</sup> (sem. 2 midterms)

July 6<sup>th</sup> (sem. 2 final marks)

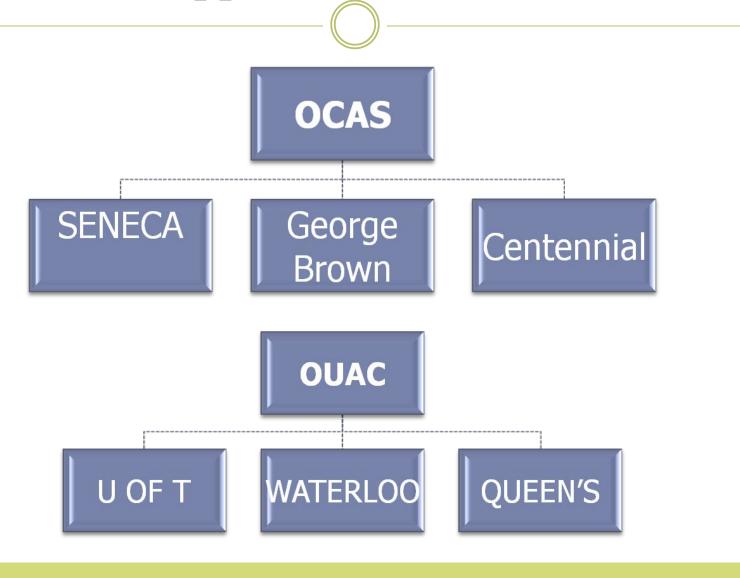
• August 17<sup>th</sup> (summer final marks)

#### **Data Transmissions**

We will send your marks electronically to OUAC by the dates specified below:

- October 2017: (student profile, demographics, mark history final Gr. 11 & 12 marks; scheduled Gr. 11 & 12 Courses/<u>no midterm marks</u>)
- February 15<sup>th</sup> (sem. 1 final marks)
- April 26<sup>th</sup> (sem. 2 midterms)
- July 5<sup>th</sup> (sem. 2 final marks)
- August 1-31<sup>st</sup> (summer final marks)
- \*\*If you do NOT want your marks sent to OUAC, you must notify us in writing by October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017\*\*

#### **Application Process**



# Speaking of Marks...

- It is your responsibility as a student to research the minimum mark and prerequisite requirements for each program you apply for.
- It is your responsibility as a student to be in regular consultation with your teachers during formative assessments to find out what you have to do to attain the required averages for your summative assessments.

#### Full Disclosure

- All grade 11 & 12 courses you attempt will appear on your transcript whether or not you pass them.
- The full disclosure date for Semester 1 is Nov. 27, 2017 and for Semester 2 is May 7, 2018. Please note that OCAS and OUAC transmission dates are prior to both full disclosure dates. More information will follow in November and in April regarding course drop procedures to meet full disclosure deadlines.
- Be sure to ask about the full disclosure date at Night School,
   Night School e-learning, or Day School e-learning, if you plan to drop a course and avoid full disclosure

### Where to find information about programs?

ontariocollages.ca is the go-to site to learn about College programs

ontariocolleges.ca Apply Today. Change Tomorrow.

• E-info (<u>www.electronicinfo.ca</u>) and University websites will have most up-to-date info





#### Additional requirements

- Does your program require: supplemental forms, auditions, portfolios, interviews?
  - Know whether you are responsible for booking a time for these
- Make note of the deadline for submission.

• English proficiency requirements can be found on University websites.

#### Applying to Ontario Colleges

- Fees: \$95 ~ You may apply to up to 5 programs, with no more than 3 program choices at any one college.
- Pay by credit card online, by mail, or call the Customer Contact Centre toll free number.
- Go to <u>www.ontariocolleges.ca</u>
- Create your own username and password.
- You may begin to fill out the application as soon as the site opens – usually early October.

#### Applying to Ontario Universities

- You will receive a PIN # in late November to apply to OUAC.
- After you apply, you will receive an OUAC number. This is very important. Write it down.
- \$150 for three choices
- \$50 for each additional choice
- New for 2017: Starting with the 2017 cycle, applicants will pay for all program choices. If an applicant drops a choice and replaces it with a new choice, the new choice will incur a charge. The only exception is if an applicant deactivates ("drops") a choice and adds a new choice or reactivates the original choice at the same university.
- A PIN # is NOT required to apply to college

# **Important Application Dates**



Ontario University Applications are due **Thursday, January 17, 2018** 

Ontario College Applications are due **Thursday, February 1, 2018** 

Applications received and paid for on or before this date will be given equal consideration by the colleges and universities.

#### Other Dates to Keep in Mind--OCAS

- February 1, 2018: Earliest Offer Date
  - Offers will continue to be issued until programs are filled or wait-lists are established.
- May 1, 2018: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission
  - Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by this date.
- Colleges may extend offers of admission after this date. Each college will set the deadline to confirm offers made after May 1, and this deadline will be communicated to you with your offer.
- Mid-June 2018: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges

#### Other Dates to Keep in Mind--OUAC

- Feb 6: Recommended last date to submit changes to OUAC
- May 29: Latest date to hear from a University
- June 1: earliest date you would be required to respond
- Early June August: Admission information service available to those not admitted by June.

#### Universities Outside Ontario....

 The following universities will access OUAC information, including grades after you have applied through OUAC:

Acadia University • Bishop's University • The University of British Columbia • The University of Calgary • Concordia University • Dalhousie University • McGill University • The University of New Brunswick • Saint Mary's University • Simon Fraser University • The University of Victoria

 Apply first to OUAC, then using your OUAC reference #, submit your application(s) out of province, quoting this number.

#### Applying outside of Ontario

- You are responsible for downloading and submitting the applications
- Check deadlines and pre-requisites; they will vary from those in Ontario.
- Your alpha counsellor will assist as required by the school

#### Applying to the United States

- It is your responsibility to understand the application for the institute you want to apply for (most places use The Common Application form and the first submission deadline is usually Nov 1<sup>st</sup>).
- Students must book an appointment to see their alpha counselor a **minimum of 2 weeks** prior to the first submission deadline.
- Students will be expected to submit a resume and a draft letter to their alpha counselor which will be outlined at their appointment.

#### Repeated Courses

- Most post-secondary institutions will accept the highest mark for courses which are repeated
- Some programs, even within the same university or college, will have a different policy
- Check the University/College website and electronicinfo.ca/OCAS for information

### Credits taken outside of day school

- Provided that the school is accredited by the <u>Ontario</u> <u>Ministry of Education</u>, courses will be accepted by the college/university regardless of how or where the course is taken.
- Competitive programs take many factors into consideration and in some cases averages may be adjusted
- If taking a course through a private school, you must complete the "Private School Credits" form available in guidance

#### What if I am taking a private school course?

- Official mid-term/final grade(s) for any course(s) taken through a private institution must be submitted to OCAS/OUAC **by the Private School**.
- Final report card(s) must be mailed by the Private School directly to the UHS Guidance Department. We cannot accept report cards from students.
- Deadline for Guidance to receive final reports so that marks can be recorded on students' transcripts is:

#### June 4, 2018

# Early Acceptance-University

- Most universities prefer to see 2<sup>nd</sup> semester mid-term grades before issuing offers in May
- Some students will receive offers based on less information, especially when marks are 90%+
- All offers are conditional final grades are always considered

#### Applicants Who Are Refused Admission-University

- May decide to request admission consideration in other programs or at other universities. This may be done in one of two ways:
  - Add additional university/program selections beyond the current active university/program choices on the application.
  - Delete an active university/program choice and add a different one
- In early June, OUAC publishes a list of schools with room in specific programs

# Applicants Who Are Refused Admission-University, Cont'd

- If you did not receive an offer it is unlikely that taking a course at summer school would help. Most university programs will be filled before summer school courses are completed (August)
- If you have been accepted but have not met the minimum requirements for your program, you <u>may</u> be allowed to improve your mark through summer school to keep your offer
- Check with the school directly

#### Other Options Include...

- Complete a College diploma program and then re-apply to University (for University bound students)
- Upgrade your marks through summer or night school, e-learning school. You must contact the University directly to see if they will wait for an upgraded mark

#### **Special Education Students**

#### If you have an Individual Education Plan (IEP):

- Contact each college's/university's Special Needs Office to explore the support services available
- Early identification of your needs will help make the transition to university a smooth one
- Speak with your Special Education Monitor teacher or your alpha guidance counsellor if you need help

#### **Upcoming Information Sessions**

- College/University Fair at Markville S.S.—October 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm
- Student Life Expo—October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Metro Toronto Convention Centre
  - (Universities and Colleges across Canada, Gov't Agencies,
     Ministry of Education, Industry Associations, Volunteer
     Organizations, Corporate Sponsors)
- College Panel at UHS—Mid November (TBA)
- Post-Secondary Financial Planning Workshop (OSAP)—Mid April (TBA)

# Upcoming Scholarships....

#### **Loran Award**

School sponsored scholarship applications due:

Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> by 3pm in Guidance

Direct pool application due: October 25<sup>th</sup>

#### **University of Toronto Book Award**

Due to Guidance: Monday October 16th by 3pm

# You are encouraged to.....

Make an appointment through
Teach Assist with your alpha
Guidance counsellor <u>after</u> receiving
your CCS to review graduation
requirements & discuss your
post-secondary plans

Book an Appointment

# **Questions?**

• If you have *any* trouble with your application come to Guidance.



Please pick up an Einfo card on your way out

Thank you!