

Applying to University

1. How do I apply to Ontario universities?

The Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) is a central agency that all Ontario students use to apply to any Ontario university. Each student will be given an OUAC PIN number in November that will be used to apply online to the universities. Your marks will be transferred automatically from our school to your OUAC account and updated throughout the year. If English is not your first language, speak to your counsellor for instructions before applying.

Deadline to submit your completed application to OUAC is January 16, 2019

2. What is the cost?

The basic non-refundable application fee is \$150.00 for the first three university/program choices. For each additional program a \$50.00 fee is charged. Generally, applicants are limited to a maximum of three program choices at any one university. Check out www.ouac.on.ca for all of the details.

3. Can I make changes to my choices?

You may make changes to your application once you have applied. Although changes will be processed at any time, OUAC recommends that all changes are made by February 6, 2018.. If you are changing institutions there will be a \$50 charge for every change.

4. Which marks will they see?

The universities you apply to will have access to your marks from last year which they may use for early admission and some scholarship offers. Marks are then sent at the end of semester one, and at midterm and at the end of semester two. If you have taken a course online or through a private school, check to ensure that it has been included. See your guidance counsellor with any questions or concerns.

5. Which six U or M marks are being considered?

The university will average six grade 12 U/M marks. These six will include the prerequisite courses for your program, plus your highest other 4U/4M course marks. The website www.electronicinfo.ca outlines all program prerequisites in Ontario. This information can also be found on university websites and in calendars.

6. What if I want to take a year off?

Some schools will allow you to defer your acceptance for a year and others will have you apply again. Check with the individual universities for their policies. You may want to talk with your guidance counsellor about ideas for your gap year.

7. What else can I do to prepare for the application process?

Come by Student Services and look at the university and college course calendars. Each school's website will also provide more details about courses. Attend the university and college information sessions at lunch. If possible, make arrangements to visit campuses for open houses or tours. Book an appointment with your guidance counsellor. Be proactive and make informed decisions.

8. How do I apply to a university that is out of province or in the U.S.?

Check the website of the institution for application procedures. Also, book an appointment with your guidance counsellor for assistance.

9. How soon will I receive a response from a university? Offers of admission may occur any time after you apply. Some offers are sent out after each round of marks are sent to OUAC. June 3, 2019 is the latest date by which all secondary applicants shall expect a response from an Ontario university.