

ADMISSIONS

Information

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Only a limited number of students are admitted to first year; applicants who meet the minimum entrance requirements are not guaranteed admission.

Ontario secondary school students who apply for admission to first year at Laurentian University must present transcripts for their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), as well as a minimum of six Ontario Academic Courses (OACs) or grade 12 U or M level courses (as specified below) with the minimum grade requirements.

For information on admission to French-language programs, please refer to "Admission" on the French side of this Calendar.

High school courses required for admission

ARTS PROGRAMS

General or specialized programs (B.A.)

- OAC or U level English
- 5 other OACs, or U or M level courses

For Music program, there are additional audition/theory placement tests.

Computer Science (B.A.)

- OAC or U level English
- 2 OAC or U level mathematics
- 3 other OACs, or U or M level courses

Fine Arts (B.F.A.)

- OAC or U level English
- 5 other OACs, or U or M level courses
- interview, portfolio and/or audition (depending on major)

Mathematics (B.A.)

- OAC or U level English
- OAC or U level calculus
- other OAC or U level mathematics
- 3 other OACs, or U or M level courses

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROGRAMS

Computer Science (3-year B.Sc.)

- OAC or U level mathematics and 2 sciences
- 3 other OACs, or U or M level courses

or

- OAC or U level science and 2 mathematics
- 3 other OACs, or U or M level courses

Computer Science (4-year B.Cosc.)

- OAC or U level English
- 2 OAC or U level mathematics
- 3 other OACs, or U or M level courses

Engineering (B.Eng.)

- OAC or U level chemistry, physics, calculus, algebra & geometry
- 2 other OACs, or U or M level courses

Liberal Science (B.Sc.)

- 6 OACs
- or
- U level English, plus 5 other U or M level courses

Sciences – general and specialized programs (B.Sc.)

- OAC or U level mathematics and 2 sciences
 - 3 other OACs, or U or M level courses
- or
- OAC or U level science and 2 mathematics
 - 3 other OACs, or U or M level courses

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Commerce (B.Com.)

- OAC or U level English
- 2 OAC or U level mathematics
- 3 other OACs, or U or M level courses

Human Kinetics (B.P.H.E.)

- OAC or U level English
- OAC or U level science
- 4 other OACs, or U or M level courses

Midwifery (B.H.Sc.)

- OAC or U level English
- OAC or U level biology and chemistry
- OAC or U or M level social science
- 2 other OACs, or U or M level courses (with min. 70% in biology, chemistry and social science and min. 70% overall average)

Native Human Services (B.S.W.)

- OAC or U level English
- 5 other OACs, or U or M level courses

Students who complete the first year of this program must formally apply to the professional years; a place can therefore not be guaranteed beyond the first year. For details, see "Native Human Services" in the program listings of this Calendar.

Nursing (B.Sc.N.)

- OAC or U level chemistry and biology
- OAC or U level English
- 3 other OACs, or U or M level courses

Social Work (B.S.W.)

- OAC or U level English
- 5 other OACs, or U or M level courses

Students who complete the first year of this program must formally apply to the professional years; a place can therefore not be guaranteed beyond the first year. For details, see "Social Work" in the program listings of this Calendar.

Sports Administration (B.Com. SPAD)

- OAC or U level English
- 2 OAC or U level mathematics
- 3 other OACs, or U or M level courses

Students who do not meet language or mathematics requirements may be admitted on probation on an individual basis; these requirements must, in these cases, be fulfilled in the first year of study.

Early admission

The Office of Admissions may grant early admission to secondary school applicants whose interim grades satisfy admission criteria. Failure to successfully complete the school year and meet the minimum requirements for admission will result in the withdrawal of the offer of admission.

Canadian applicants from outside of Ontario

Normally, the following Canadian certificates are accepted as equivalents to an Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

Alberta and Northwest Territories - Grade 12
British Columbia and Yukon - Grade 12
Manitoba - Grade 12
New Brunswick - Grade 12
Newfoundland - Grade 12
Nova Scotia - Grade 12
Prince Edward Island - Grade 12

Quebec -

(a) Successful completion of year one of the Collège d'enseignement général et professionnel (CEGEP) general program or collegial program.

(b) Successful completion of Grade 12 with first-class standing (75%).

(c) Candidates who have completed the two-year CEGEP program (Diplôme d'études collégiales) or the two-year Collegial program (Diploma of Collegial Standing) will be considered for admission with advanced standing.

(d) Students from the three-year Professional program in a CEGEP will be considered for admission on the same basis as a student from an Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology.

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Applicants from the U.S.

Applicants who have completed grade 12 at an accredited secondary school in the United States or a U.S. overseas school will be considered for admission to first year. The grade 12 program must include at least four different subjects, including English. Applicants must provide SAT or ACT scores for consideration. A minimum overall B average in a recognized grade 12 program is required and a combined SAT I score of 1,100.

Applicants from other countries

Applicants who have completed secondary school diploma requirements in school systems other than Canadian or U.S. will be considered for admission at the appropriate level of entry. Normally, applicants must meet the requirements for admission to a university in their own country. Since specific requirements cannot be established on a general basis, applicants are considered individually. Official transcripts and supporting documents must be submitted for evaluation.

Foreign student applicants whose first language is neither English or French must pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language administered by:

The Educational Testing Service
P.O. Box 6155, Princeton, New Jersey
U.S.A. 08541-6155
email: toefl@ets.org

Acceptable alternatives are the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) on which the student must achieve a minimum overall score of 90%, or the Carleton English Language Assessment with a minimum band score of 60.

Students may also enroll in the English Second Language Program at Laurentian University.

Applying as a mature student

A person whose previous school performance and/or recent work record suggest a strong possibility of academic success may be considered for admission to the University as a mature student. To qualify, applicants must be at least 21 years old (by December 31 of the year of admission) and not be enrolled in a formal education program for at least one year prior to the beginning of the University studies. A person applying to full-time studies must provide letters of reference and transcripts of marks for all studies, including secondary school, previously undertaken. Mature students are admitted on an individual basis. Depending on the program, the Office of Admissions may require that specific course(s) be included in the mature student's first year of study.

Applicants with an International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate is accepted for admission to Laurentian University providing the applicant possesses a minimum score of 28 and has completed the diploma with six subjects: three higher-level and three standard-level. Transfer credits may be granted for higher-level courses with grades of five or more.

Applicants with Advanced Placement Courses

Applicants who have completed Advanced Placement Courses in appropriate subjects with a grade of four or more may receive transfer credits equivalent to a maximum of two courses (12 credits). Applicants must also meet the regular University admission requirements since AP courses are not accepted in lieu of these.

Applicants from other Ontario universities

In an effort to facilitate the completion of programs by undergraduate students wishing to transfer course credits from one Ontario university to another, the universities that are part of the Council of Ontario Universities have adopted the following guidelines:

1. Acceptance of transfer credits from Ontario universities shall be based on the recognition that, while learning experiences may differ in a variety of ways, their substance may be essentially equivalent in terms of their content and rigour. Insofar as possible, acceptance of transfer shall allow for the maximum recognition of previous learning experience in university-level courses.
2. Subject to degree, grade and program requirements, any course offered for credit by one university will be accepted for credit by another Ontario university when there is essential equivalency in course content.

Applicants from Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology

Depending on the grade received and the number of years completed in the program, students or graduates of a college program may be admitted to an appropriate program at Laurentian University with transfer credits.

Admission to an Arts program with an appropriate three-year diploma

Grade: cumulative GPA of A (completed program).
Program: College-University Arts Degree Completion Program.

If admitted, students must complete a minimum of six or seven full courses (36 to 42 credits) for a general (3-year) Arts degree, or at least eight or nine full courses (48 to 54

credits) for a specialized (4-year) degree depending on the degree of affinity between the college and university programs.

Grade: cumulative GPA of B (in program or in last two semesters of program).
Transfer credits: up to a maximum of 36.

Grade: cumulative GPA of C (in program or in last two semesters of program).
Transfer credits: up to a maximum of 24.

Admission to an Arts program with an appropriate two-year diploma or two years of a three-year program

Grade: cumulative GPA of A (completed program).
Program: College-University Arts Degree Completion Program.

If admitted, students must complete a minimum of eight or nine full courses (48 to 54 credits) for a general (3-year) Arts degree, or at least 13 or 14 full courses (78 to 84 credits) for a specialized or honours degree, depending on the degree of affinity between the college and university programs.

Grade: cumulative GPA of A (on first two years of three-year program).
Transfer credits: up to a maximum of 30.

Grade: cumulative GPA of B (in program or first two years of three-year program).
Transfer credits: up to a maximum of 24.

Grade: cumulative GPA of C (in program or first two years of three-year program).
Transfer credits: up to a maximum of 12.

Admission to non-Arts programs with a three-year diploma

Grade: cumulative GPA of A (in program or in last two semesters of three-year program).
Transfer credits: up to a maximum of 36.

Grade: cumulative GPA of B (in program or in last two semesters of three-year program).
Transfer credits: up to a maximum of 24.

Grade: cumulative GPA of C (in program or in last two semesters of three-year program).
Transfer credits: up to a maximum of 18.

Admission to a non-Arts program with an appropriate two-year diploma or two years of a three-year program

Grade: cumulative GPA of A (in program or first two years of three-year program).
Transfer credits: up to a maximum of 30.

Grade: cumulative GPA of B (in program or first two years of three-year program).
Transfer credits: up to a maximum of 18.

Grade: cumulative GPA of C (in program or first two years of three-year program).
Transfer credits: up to a maximum of 12.

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Admission to University after one year of college studies

Grade: minimum GPA of C.

Applicants may be admitted to the first year of an appropriate program for a one-year probationary period. The student must successfully obtain 24 of the first 30 credits to clear the probationary status.

Admission to the School of Engineering (Mining and Extractive Metallurgical Engineering) programs with college studies in Mining or Engineering Technology

Grade: minimum cumulative GPA of B (in program or in last two semesters of program).
Advanced standing: to a maximum of 36 credits.

Grade: cumulative GPA of A (in first two years of program or in last two semesters).
Advanced standing: to a maximum of 30 credits.

Grade: GPA of A (in first year of program).

Applicants may be admitted to the first year of the program for a one-year probationary period.

For more information, consult the director of the School of Engineering or the Office of Admissions.

Articulation Agreements

In addition to the College-University Arts Degree Completion Program and advanced standing policies, Laurentian University, Cambrian College, Collège Boréal and Sault College have signed a number of articulation agreements. These are designed to enhance student mobility among these institutions through formal recognition of credits and programs at each institution.

Graduates from similar programs at other colleges may also be eligible for admission to these programs.

School of Commerce and Administration (Laurentian University) and School of Business (Cambrian College)

- Graduates of business programs at Cambrian who have achieved a minimum GPA of 3.2 may complete an Honours Bachelor of Commerce in two years.

- Students registered in the Honours Bachelor of Commerce who choose to transfer to the Diploma in Business Administration at Cambrian may do so with advanced standing.

Humanities (Laurentian University) and School of Communication and Creative Arts (Cambrian College)

- Graduates of Laurentian may complete a Diploma in Journalism at Cambrian in one year.

School of Human Kinetics (Laurentian University) and Department of Athletics and Applied Arts (Cambrian College)

- Graduates of the Physical Fitness and Leisure Management Program at Cambrian who have achieved a minimum GPA of 3.2 may complete an Honours Bachelor of Physical and Health Education in two years.

School of Human Kinetics (Laurentian University) and other college recreational programs

- Graduates of the diploma in Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Management at Cambrian who have achieved a minimum overall GPA of A may be admitted to the 2nd year of the four-year Outdoor Adventure Leadership Program. A letter of recommendation from the director of the program as well as the director of Student Life at Cambrian College must accompany the application for admission.

- Graduates of the diploma in Parks and Outdoor Recreation at Sault College who have achieved a minimum overall GPA of A may be admitted to the 2nd year of the four-year Outdoor Adventure Leadership Program. A letter of recommendation from the director of the program as well as the director of Student Life at Sault College must accompany the application for admission.

Department of Physics and Astronomy (Laurentian University) and School of Health Sciences and Human Services (Cambrian College)

- Graduates of the Medical Radiation Technology (formerly Radiography) Diploma at Cambrian who have achieved a minimum GPA of 3.2 may complete a Bachelor of Liberal Science in one year.

- Graduates of a three-year diploma in technology programs at Cambrian who have achieved a minimum overall GPA of A may be admitted to the Degree-Diploma Completion Program leading to a Bachelor of Liberal Science. Students admitted to this program must complete a minimum of 42 credits at Laurentian; at least 39 of these credits must be in Science and Engineering.

Gerontology program (Laurentian University) and Department of Gerontology (Cambrian College and St-Lawrence College)

- Graduates of the Gerontology Diploma at Cambrian or St-Lawrence College who have achieved an overall GPA of A are granted 42 university credits (7 full courses) toward a Bachelor of Arts in Gerontology.

- Graduates of the Gerontology Diploma who have achieved a GPA less than A are granted a certain number of credits towards a Bachelor in Arts in Gerontology, as determined by the University's Office of Admissions.

- Students who have successfully completed the first year of the Gerontology Diploma may be admitted to the Bachelor of Arts in Gerontology.

Fine Arts Program (Laurentian University) and Department of Fine Arts (Cambrian College)

- Students in the Fine Arts program at Cambrian who have achieved a minimum GPA of 3.0 may transfer to the Bachelor of Fine Arts. If they transfer after the 1st year, they may receive a maximum of 30 transfer credits toward specific B.F.A. courses. If they transfer after 2nd year, they may receive a maximum of 30 transfer credits for various courses and 30 credits toward specific B.F.A. courses. A student transferring after 3rd year must complete 48 credits at Laurentian University to receive the B.F.A.

- Students in the Fine Arts program who have achieved a GPA between 2.5 and 2.9 may transfer to the Bachelor of Fine Arts after completing two years of study. When transferring after 2nd year, they may receive a maximum of 18 transfer credits for various courses and 30 credits toward specific B.F.A. courses. A student transferring after 3rd year may receive a maximum of 30 transfer credits for various courses and 30 credits toward specific B.F.A. courses.

Applicants from other universities and colleges

Applicants who have completed courses at accredited universities or colleges may be considered for admission and possible transfer of credits at Laurentian University. These applications, which must include official transcripts, are assessed on an individual basis.

Certified Teachers

A prospective student who possesses a valid Permanent Ontario Teacher's Certificate (or equivalent) may be eligible for admission to a Bachelor of Arts general program.

Registered Nurses

A registered nurse who has a current certificate of registration or is eligible for registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario may be admitted to a two-year program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

A registered nurse may also be eligible for admission to the Nurse Practitioner Program, which is offered to both B.Sc.N. degree-prepared and diploma-prepared nurses.

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Preference is given to Ontario residents and to candidates whose work experience in nursing has been continuous and who have practical experience in one or more of the following areas: primary health care, ambulatory care settings, public health agencies, community health centres, emergency care, long-term care or outpost nursing.

B.Sc.N. degree-prepared nurses must have a current certificate of registration as an RN with the College of Nurses of Ontario, and must have completed a B.Sc.N. program at an Ontario university (or the equivalent) with an overall average of 70%. These students must have acquired two years of full-time nursing practice within the past five years and may be required to provide other documents such as transcripts, resumes, etc.

Diploma-prepared nurses must have a current certificate of registration as an RN with the College of Nurses of Ontario, and must have completed a diploma in nursing at an Ontario college (or the equivalent) with an overall average of 70%. These students must have acquired two years of full-time nursing practice within the past five years. They may be required to provide other documents such as transcripts, resumes, etc., and must be concurrently enrolled in the B.Sc.N. degree completion program.

Persons with accounting designations (CA, CGA, CMA)

Persons who have received designation as a CA, CGA or CMA, but who have not completed an undergraduate degree, are eligible for admission to Laurentian University. Where appropriate, advanced standing for no more than 30 credits at the 1000 or 2000 level may be granted. Students are not permitted to take 4000-series courses in which the subject matter is deemed to significantly overlap the topics covered in the accounting designation program.

Persons with both an accounting designation and an undergraduate degree may qualify for admission as second-degree candidates. These students must abide by the University's regulations for second-degree programs.

Persons who have obtained credits towards a CA, CGA or CMA designation through courses offered by a university or an accounting association may be considered for admission. Where appropriate, advanced standing for no more than 30 credits at the 1000 and 2000 level may be granted. Students are not permitted to take 4000-series courses in which the subject matter is deemed to significantly overlap the topics covered in the accounting designation program courses.

For more information, contact the Director of the School of Commerce and Administration or the Office of Admissions.

Exceptions to normal requirements

The Senate Committee on Admissions, when evaluating applications for admission, will generally apply all of the requirements stipulated in this section. However, the Committee may modify entrance rules for candidates who, in its opinion, deserve special consideration. In all cases, the Committee reserves the right to impose special conditions on such candidates, both in the interest of the student and for the protection of the University's academic standards.

Application procedure for full-time studies

Candidates who wish to study full time in a degree program must submit a completed application form to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre.

For full-time students of an Ontario secondary school, the required form is OUAC 101, which is available at secondary school guidance offices.

All other candidates must complete the OUAC 105 form, which may be obtained from the Office of Admissions at Laurentian University or from the Ontario Universities' Application Centre in Guelph, Ontario. Candidates may also apply through the OUAC website at www.ouac.on.ca.

All applicants must be formally admitted to the University, through the OUAC, prior to registration. The Office of Admissions is responsible for advising all applicants of their admission status and sending Offers of Admission.

Required documents

To apply to Laurentian University, all applicants must:

- submit official, recently dated, sealed transcripts of their academic record from all institutions they've attended; transcripts must show all courses completed and grades received;
- include an academic calendar containing course descriptions from the former institution. Full-time transfer students must attend Laurentian University for at least one year (30 credits), normally the last year of the degree, to qualify for a Laurentian degree. The same rule normally applies to part-time students.

Students who have been refused admission by an institution they formerly attended are generally not admitted to full-time studies at Laurentian University.

Part-time students, special students and auditors

A student who registers for a maximum of 21 credits is considered a part-time student; admission requirements are the same as for full-time students. Candidates may obtain an application form from the University's Office of Admissions.

Special students take courses for credit at the University but do not count them towards a Laurentian degree; admission requirements are the same as for regular students.

Auditors are persons who attend lectures and do not write examinations, are not entitled to hand in assignments or receive credits. These students register through the Centre for Continuing Education. To audit a course, a person must be admissible to the University. For more information, see *Auditing courses* under "Academic Regulations."

Admission to graduate studies

For admission procedures and deadlines, consult the calendar of the School of Graduate Studies and Research.