

# Open Studies

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## Open Studies Program Requirements

### B.A. (15.0 credits)

Enrolment in the B.A. Open Studies program is restricted.

Please consult with an academic advisor for more information.

1. <b>6.0 credits from</b> disciplines in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences or the Faculty of Public and Global Affairs	6.0
2. <b>9.0 credits in</b> free electives	9.0
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15.0</b>

#### Notes:

1. Students must complete 2.0 credits at the 3000 level or above;
2. Subject to individual program restrictions, students may be eligible to declare a Minor.

In addition to the requirements presented here, students must satisfy the Bachelor of Arts regulations, including the Breadth Requirement, and University regulations common to all undergraduate students, including the Minimum Number of Carleton Credits (Residency and Advanced credits), the Maximum Number of Credits Below the 2000-level, and the process of Academic Continuation Evaluation (consult the *Academic Regulations of the University* section of this Calendar).

## Open Studies Program Requirements

### B.Sc. (15.0 credits)

Enrolment in the B.Sc. Open Studies programs is restricted. Please consult with an academic advisor for more information.

1. <b>6.0 credits from</b> disciplines in the Faculty of Science or the Faculty of Engineering and Design	6.0
2. <b>9.0 credits in</b> free electives	9.0
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15.0</b>

#### Notes:

1. Students must complete 2.0 credits at the 3000 level or above;
2. Subject to individual program restrictions, students may be eligible to declare a Minor.

In addition to the requirements presented here, students must satisfy the Bachelor of Science regulations, including the Breadth and Experimental Science Requirements, and University regulations common to all undergraduate students, including the Minimum Number of Carleton Credits (Residency and Advanced credits), the Maximum Number of Credits Below the 2000-level, and the process of Academic Continuation Evaluation (consult the *Academic Regulations of the University* section of this Calendar).

## B.A. Regulations

The regulations presented below apply to all Bachelor of Arts programs. In addition to the requirements presented here, students must satisfy the University regulations common to all undergraduate students including the process of Academic Continuation Evaluation (consult the *Academic Regulations of the University* section of this Calendar).

### First-Year Seminars

B.A. degree students are strongly encouraged to include a First-Year Seminar (FYSM) during their first 4.0 credits of registration. Students are limited to 1.0 credit in FYSM and can only register in a FYSM while they have first-year standing in their B.A. program.

### Breadth Requirement

Among the credits presented at graduation, students in both the B.A. and the B.A. Honours degrees and B.Co.M.S. are required to include 3.0 breadth credits, which must include 1.0 credit in three of the four breadth areas identified below. Credits that fulfil requirements in the Major, Minor, Concentration, Specialization, or Stream may also be used to fulfil the Breadth Requirement.

Students admitted with a completed university degree are exempt from breadth requirements.

Students in the following interdisciplinary programs are exempt from the B.A. breadth requirement.

- African Studies
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Environmental Studies
- Human Rights
- Human Rights and Social Justice

### Breadth Area 1: Culture and Communication

American Sign Language, Art History, Art and Culture, Communication and Media Studies, Digital Humanities, English, Film Studies, French, Journalism, Media Production and Design, Music, and Languages (Arabic, English as a Second Language, German, Greek, Hebrew, Indigenous Languages, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish)

**Subject codes:** ARAB, ARTH, ASLA, CHIN, COMS, DIGH, ENGL, ESLA, FILM, FINS, FREN, GERM, GREK, HEBR, ITAL, JAPA, JOUR, KORE, LANG, LATN, MPAD, MUSI, PORT, RUSS, SPAN

### Breadth Area 2: Humanities

African Studies, Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies, Archaeology, Canadian Studies, Child Studies, Classical Civilization, Critical Race Studies, Directed Interdisciplinary Studies, Disability Studies, Environmental and Climate Humanities, European and Russian Studies, History, Human Rights and Social Justice, Humanities, Indigenous Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Linguistics, Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Philosophy, Religion, Sexuality Studies, South Asian Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies.

**Subject codes:** AFRI, ALDS, ARCY, CDNS, CHST, CLCV, CRST, DBST, DIST, EACH, EURR, HIST, HRSJ, HUMR,

HUMS, INDG, LACS, LING, MEMS, PHIL, RELI, SAST, SXST, WGST

### **Breadth Area 3: Science, Engineering, and Design**

Architecture, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Data Science, Earth Sciences, Engineering, Environmental Science, Food Science and Nutrition, Health Sciences, Industrial Design, Information Resource Management, Information Technology (BIT), Information Technology (ITEC), Interactive Multimedia and Design, Interdisciplinary Science and Practice, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Network Technology, Nursing, Optical Systems and Sensors, Photonics, Statistics, Physics, and Technology, Society, Environment.

**Subject codes:** ACSE, AERO, ARCC, ARCH, ARCN, ARCS, ARCU, BIOC, BIOL, BIT, CHEM, CIVE, COMP, CSEC, DATA, ECOR, ELEC, ENSC, ENVE, EARTH, FOOD, HLTH, IDES, IMD, IRM, ISAP, ISCI, ISCS, ISYS, ITEC, MAAE, MATH, MECH, MECT, NET, NEUR, NSCI, NURS, OSS, PHYS, PLT, SREE, STAT, SYSC, TSES

### **Breadth Area 4: Social Sciences**

Anthropology, Business, Cognitive Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, Geomatics, Global and International Studies, Global Politics, Interdisciplinary Public Affairs, International Affairs, Law, Migration and Diaspora Studies, Political Management, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Public Affairs and Policy Management, Social Work, Sociology/Anthropology, Sociology

**Subject codes:** ANTH, BUSI, CGSC, CRCJ, ECON, ENST, GEOG, GEOM, GINS, GPOL, INAF, IPAF, LAWS, MGDS, PADM, PAPM, POLM, PSCI, PSYC, SOCI, SOWK

### **Declared and Undeclared Students**

Degree students are considered "Undeclared" if they have been admitted to a degree, but have not yet selected and been accepted into a program within that degree. The status "Undeclared" is available only in the B.A. and B.Sc. degrees. Undeclared students must apply to enter a program upon or before completing 3.5 credits.

### **Change of Program Within the B.A. Degree**

To transfer to a program within the B.A. degree, applicants must normally be *Eligible to Continue* (EC) in the new program, by meeting the CGPA thresholds described in Section 3.1.9 of the *Academic Regulations of the University*.

Applications to declare or change programs within the B.A. degree online must be made online through Carleton Central by completing a Change of Program Elements (COPE) application form within the published deadlines. Acceptance into a program, or into a program element or option, is subject to any enrollment limitations, as well as specific program, program element, or option requirements as published in the relevant Calendar entry.

### **Minors, Concentrations, and Specializations**

Students may add a Minor, Concentration, or Specialization by completing a Change of Program Elements (COPE) application form online through Carleton Central. Acceptance into a Minor, Concentration,

or Specialization normally requires that the student be *Eligible to Continue* (EC) and is subject to any specific requirements of the intended Minor, Concentration, or Specialization as published in the relevant Calendar entry and in Section 3.1.9 of the *Academic Regulations of the University*.

### **Mention : français**

Students registered in certain B.A. programs may earn the diploma notation *Mention : français* by completing part of their program requirements in French, and by demonstrating knowledge of the history and culture of French Canada. The general requirements are listed below. For more specific details, consult the departmental program entries.

Students in a B.A. Honours program must present:

1. 1.0 credit in French language;
2. 1.0 credit devoted to the history and culture of French Canada;
3. 1.0 credit at the 2000- or 3000-level in the Honours discipline taken in French; and
4. 1.0 credit at the 4000-level in the Honours discipline taken in French.

Students in a B.A. program must present:

1. 1.0 credit in advanced French;
2. 1.0 credit devoted to the history and culture of French Canada;
3. 1.0 credit at the 2000- or 3000-level in the Major discipline taken in French.

Students in Combined Honours programs must fulfil the *Mention : français* requirement in both disciplines.

Courses taught in French (Items 3 and 4, above) may be taken at Carleton, at the University of Ottawa on the Exchange Agreement, or at a francophone university on a Letter of Permission. Students planning to take courses on exchange or on a Letter of Permission should take careful note of the residence requirement for a minimum number of Carleton courses in their programs. Consult the *Academic Regulations of the University* section of this Calendar for information regarding study on exchange or Letter of Permission.

### **B.Sc. Regulations**

The regulations presented in this section apply to all Bachelor of Science programs. In addition to the requirements presented here, students must satisfy the University regulations common to all undergraduate students including the process of Academic Continuation Evaluation (see the *Academic Regulations of the University* section of this Calendar).

### **Breadth Requirement for the B.Sc.**

Students in a Bachelor of Science program must present the following credits at graduation:

1. 2.0 credits in Science Continuation courses not in the major discipline; **students completing a double major are considered to have completed this requirement providing they have 2.0 credits in**

### Science Continuation courses in each of the two majors;

2. 2.0 credits in courses outside of the faculties of Science and Engineering and Design (may include ISAP 1000)

In most cases, the requirements for individual B.Sc. programs, as stated in this Calendar, contain these requirements, explicitly or implicitly.

Students admitted to B.Sc. programs by transfer from another institution must present at graduation (whether taken at Carleton or elsewhere):

1. 2.0 credits in courses outside of the faculties of Science and Engineering and Design (may include ISAP 1000) if the student received fewer than 10.0 transfer credits; or,
2. 1.0 credit in courses outside of the faculties of Science and Engineering and Design (may include ISAP 1000) if the student received 10.0 or more transfer credits.

### Declared and Undeclared Students

Degree students are considered "Undeclared" if they have been admitted to a degree, but have not yet selected and been accepted into a program within that degree. The status "Undeclared" is available only in the B.A. and B.Sc. degrees. Undeclared students must apply to enter a program upon or before completing 3.5 credits.

### Change of Program within the B.Sc. Degree

To transfer to a program within the B.Sc. degree, applicants must normally be *Eligible to Continue* (EC) in the new program, by meeting the CGPA thresholds described in Section 3.1.9 of the *Academic Regulations of the University*.

Applications to declare or change programs within the B.Sc. degree must be made online through Carleton Central by completing a Change of Program Elements (COPE) application form within the published deadlines. Acceptance into a program, or into a program element or option, is subject to any enrolment limitations, and/or specific program, program element or option requirements as published in the relevant Calendar entry.

### Minors, Concentrations, and Specializations

Students may add a Minor, Concentration, or Specialization by completing a Change of Program Elements (COPE) application form online through Carleton Central. Acceptance into a Minor, Concentration, or Specialization normally requires that the student be *Eligible to Continue* (EC) and is meeting the minimum CGPAs described in Section 3.1.9 of the *Academic Regulations of the University*, as well as being subject to any specific requirements of the intended Minor, Concentration, or Specialization as published in the relevant Calendar entry.

### Experimental Science Requirement

Students in a B.Sc. degree program must present at graduation at least two full credits of Experimental Science chosen from two different departments or institutes from the list below:

### Approved Experimental Science Courses

<b>Biochemistry</b>	
BIOC 2200 [0.5]	Cellular Biochemistry
BIOC 4001 [0.5]	Methods in Biochemistry
BIOC 4201 [0.5]	Advanced Cell Culture and Tissue Engineering
<b>Biology</b>	
BIOL 1103 [0.5]	Foundations of Biology I
BIOL 1104 [0.5]	Foundations of Biology II
BIOL 2001 [0.5]	Animals: Form and Function
BIOL 2002 [0.5]	Plants: Form and Function
BIOL 2104 [0.5]	Introductory Genetics
BIOL 2200 [0.5]	Cellular Biochemistry
BIOL 2600 [0.5]	Ecology
<b>Chemistry</b>	
CHEM 1001 [0.5]	General Chemistry I
CHEM 1002 [0.5]	General Chemistry II
CHEM 2103 [0.5]	Physical Chemistry I
CHEM 2203 [0.5]	Organic Chemistry I
CHEM 2204 [0.5]	Organic Chemistry II
CHEM 2302 [0.5]	Analytical Chemistry I
CHEM 2303 [0.5]	Analytical Chemistry II
CHEM 2800 [0.5]	Foundations for Environmental Chemistry
<b>Earth Sciences</b>	
ERTH 1002 [0.5]	The Earth and Life Odyssey: A Journey Through Billions of Years
ERTH 2102 [0.5]	Mineralogy to Petrology
ERTH 2404 [0.5]	Engineering Geoscience
ERTH 2802 [0.5]	Field Geology I
ERTH 3111 [0.5]	Vertebrate Evolution: Mammals, Reptiles, and Birds
ERTH 3112 [0.5]	Vertebrate Evolution: Fish and Amphibians
ERTH 3204 [0.5]	Mineral Deposits
ERTH 3205 [0.5]	Physical Hydrogeology
<b>Food Sciences</b>	
FOOD 3001 [0.5]	Food Chemistry
FOOD 3002 [0.5]	Food Analysis
FOOD 3005 [0.5]	Food Microbiology
<b>Geography</b>	
GEOG 1010 [0.5]	Global Environmental Systems
GEOG 3108 [0.5]	Soil Properties
<b>Neuroscience</b>	
NEUR 3206 [0.5]	Sensory and Motor Neuroscience
NEUR 3207 [0.5]	Systems Neuroscience
NEUR 4600 [0.5]	Advanced Lab in Neuroanatomy
<b>Physics</b>	
PHYS 1001 [0.5]	Foundations of Physics I
PHYS 1002 [0.5]	Foundations of Physics II
PHYS 1003 [0.5]	Introductory Mechanics and Thermodynamics
PHYS 1004 [0.5]	Introductory Electromagnetism and Wave Motion
PHYS 1007 [0.5]	Elementary University Physics I
PHYS 1008 [0.5]	Elementary University Physics II
PHYS 2202 [0.5]	Wave Motion and Optics
PHYS 2604 [0.5]	Modern Physics I

PHYS 3007 [0.5]	Third Year Physics Laboratory: Selected Experiments and Seminars
PHYS 3606 [0.5]	Modern Physics II
PHYS 3608 [0.5]	Modern Applied Physics

## Course Categories for B.Sc. Programs

### Science Geography Courses

GEOG 1010 [0.5]	Global Environmental Systems
GEOG 2006 [0.5]	Introduction to Quantitative Research
GEOG 2013 [0.5]	Weather and Water
GEOG 2014 [0.5]	The Earth's Surface
GEOG 3003 [0.5]	Quantitative Geography
GEOG 3010 [0.5]	Field Methods in Physical Geography
GEOG 3102 [0.5]	Geomorphology
GEOG 3103 [0.5]	Watershed Hydrology
GEOG 3104 [0.5]	Principles of Biogeography
GEOG 3105 [0.5]	Climate and Atmospheric Change
GEOG 3106 [0.5]	Aquatic Science and Management
GEOG 3108 [0.5]	Soil Properties
GEOG 4000 [0.5]	Field Studies
GEOG 4005 [0.5]	Directed Studies in Geography
GEOG 4013 [0.5]	Cold Region Hydrology
GEOG 4017 [0.5]	Global Biogeochemical Cycles
GEOG 4101 [0.5]	Two Million Years of Environmental Change
GEOG 4103 [0.5]	Water Resources Engineering
GEOG 4104 [0.5]	Microclimatology
GEOG 4108 [0.5]	Permafrost

### Science Psychology Courses

PSYC 2001 [0.5]	Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology
PSYC 2002 [0.5]	Introduction to Statistics in Psychology
PSYC 2700 [0.5]	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 3000 [1.0]	Design and Analysis in Psychological Research
PSYC 3506 [0.5]	Cognitive Development
PSYC 3700 [1.0]	Cognition (Honours Seminar)
PSYC 3702 [0.5]	Perception
PSYC 2307 [0.5]	Human Neuropsychology I
PSYC 3307 [0.5]	Human Neuropsychology II

### Science Continuation Courses

A course at the 2000 level or above may be used as a Science Continuation credit in a B.Sc. program if it is not in the student's major discipline, and is chosen from the following:

- BIOC (Biochemistry)
- BIOL (Biology) Biochemistry students may use BIOL 2005 only as a free elective.
- CHEM (Chemistry)
- COMP (Computer Science) A maximum of two half-credits at the 1000-level in COMP, excluding COMP 1001 may be used as Science Continuation credits.

ERTH (Earth Sciences), except ERTH 2415 which may be used only as a free elective for any B.Sc. program. Students in Earth Sciences programs may use ERTH 2401, ERTH 2402, and ERTH 2403 only as free electives.

Engineering. Students wishing to register in Engineering courses must obtain the permission of the Faculty of Engineering and Design.

- ENSC (Environmental Science)
- FOOD (Food Science and Nutrition)
- GEOM (Geomatics)
- HLTH (Health Sciences)
- ISAP (Interdisciplinary Science Practice)
- MATH (Mathematics)
- NEUR (Neuroscience)
- PHYS (Physics), except PHYS 2903
- Science Geography Courses (see list above)
- Science Psychology Courses (see list above)
- STAT (Statistics)
- TSES (Technology, Society, Environment) except TSES 2305. Biology students may use these courses only as free electives. Integrated Science and Environmental Science students may include these courses in their programs but may not count them as part of the Science Sequence.

### Science Faculty Electives

Science Faculty Electives are courses at the 1000-4000 level chosen from:

- BIOC (Biochemistry)
- BIOL (Biology) Biology & Biochemistry students may use BIOL 1010 and BIOL 2005 only as free electives
- CHEM (Chemistry) except CHEM 1003, CHEM 1004 and CHEM 1007
- COMP (Computer Science) except COMP 1001
- ERTH (Earth Sciences) except ERTH 1004 and ERTH 2415. Earth Sciences students may use ERTH 2401, ERTH 2402 and ERTH 2403 only as free electives.
- Engineering
- ENSC 2001
- FOOD (Food Science and Nutrition)
- GEOM (Geomatics)
- HLTH (Health Science)
- ISAP (Interdisciplinary Science Practice)
- MATH (Mathematics)
- NEUR (Neuroscience)
- PHYS (Physics) except PHYS 1901, PHYS 1902, PHYS 1905, PHYS 2903
- Science Geography (see list above)
- Science Psychology (see list above)
- STAT (Statistics)
- TSES (Technology, Society, Environment) Biology students may use these courses only as free electives.

### Advanced Science Faculty Electives

Advanced Science Faculty Electives are courses at the 2000-4000 level chosen from the Science Faculty Electives list above.

### Approved Courses Outside the Faculties of Science and Engineering and Design (may include ISAP 1000)

All courses offered by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Public and Global Affairs, and the Sprott School of Business are approved as Arts or Social Sciences courses EXCEPT FOR: All Science Geography courses (see list above), all Geomatics (GEOM) courses, all Science Psychology courses (see list above). ISAP 1000 may be used as an Approved Course Outside the Faculties of Science and Engineering and Design.

### Free Electives

Any course is allowable as a Free Elective providing it is not prohibited (see below). Students are expected to comply with prerequisite requirements and enrolment restrictions for all courses as published in this Calendar.

#### Courses Allowable Only as Free Electives in any B.Sc. Program

BIOL 4810 [0.5]	Education Research in Undergraduate Science
CHEM 1003 [0.5]	The Chemistry of Food, Health and Drugs
CHEM 1004 [0.5]	Drugs and the Human Body
CHEM 1007 [0.5]	Chemistry of Art and Artifacts
ERTH 1004 [0.5]	Earth's Epic Tale: A Story Across Billions of Years
ERTH 2415 [0.5]	Natural Disasters
ISCI 1001 [0.5]	Introduction to the Environment
ISCI 2000 [0.5]	Natural Laws
ISCI 2002 [0.5]	Human Impacts on the Environment
PHYS 1901 [0.5]	Planetary Astronomy
PHYS 1902 [0.5]	From our Star to the Cosmos
PHYS 1905 [0.5]	Physics Behind Everyday Life
PHYS 2903 [0.5]	Physics Towards the Future

### Prohibited Courses

The following courses are not acceptable for credit in any B.Sc. program:

COMP 1001 [0.5]	Introduction to Computational Thinking for Arts and Social Science Students
MATH 1009 [0.5]	Mathematics for Business
MATH 1119 [0.5]	Linear Algebra: with Applications to Business
MATH 1401 [0.5]	Elementary Mathematics for Economics I
MATH 1402 [0.5]	Elementary Mathematics for Economics II

all 0000-level courses

### Admissions Information

Admission Requirements are for the 2025-26 year only, and are based on the Ontario High School System. Holding the minimum admission requirements only establishes eligibility for consideration. The cut-off averages for admission may be considerably higher than the minimum. See also the **General Admission and Procedures** section of this Calendar. An overall average of at least 70% is normally required to be considered for admission. Some programs may also require specific course prerequisites and prerequisite averages and/or supplementary admission portfolios. Higher averages are required for admission to programs for which the

demand for places by qualified applicants exceeds the number of places available. The overall average required for admission is determined each year on a program by program basis. Consult [admissions.carleton.ca](http://admissions.carleton.ca) for further details.

Note: Courses listed as *recommended* are not mandatory for admission. Students who do not follow the recommendations will not be disadvantaged in the admission process.

### Admissions Information

Admission requirements are based on the Ontario High School System. Prospective students can view the admission requirements through the Admissions website at [admissions.carleton.ca](http://admissions.carleton.ca). The overall average required for admission is determined each year on a program-by-program basis. Holding the minimum admission requirements only establishes eligibility for consideration; higher averages are required for admission to programs for which the demand for places by qualified applicants exceeds the number of places available. All programs have limited enrolment and admission is not guaranteed. Some programs may also require specific course prerequisites and prerequisite averages and/or supplementary admission portfolios. Consult [admissions.carleton.ca](http://admissions.carleton.ca) for further details.

**Note:** If a course is listed as *recommended*, it is not mandatory for admission. Students who do not follow the recommendations will not be disadvantaged in the admission process.

### Admission Requirements

#### Degrees

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

#### First Year

##### For B.A. and B.A. (Honours)

The Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent including a minimum of six 4U or M courses. The six 4U or M courses must include a 4U course in English (or *anglais*). Applicants submitting an English language test to satisfy the requirements of the English Language Proficiency section of this Calendar may use that test to also satisfy the 4U English prerequisite requirement.

#### Biology

For the major in Biology in the B.A. program, in addition to the 4U English, a 4U course in Chemistry is required. Advanced Functions, and Calculus and Vectors are recommended.

#### Criminology and Criminal Justice

Access to the CCJ B.A. degree is limited to students already registered in the CCJ B.A. Honours who apply to transfer, and to graduates of the Algonquin College Police Foundations program.

#### Advanced Standing

Applications for admission beyond first year will be assessed on their merits. Applicants must normally be

Eligible to Continue in their year level, in addition to meeting the CGPA thresholds described in Section 3.1.9 of the Academic Regulations of the University. Advanced standing will be granted only for those subjects assessed as being appropriate for the program and the stream selected.

## Co-op Option

### Direct Admission to the 1st Year of the Co-op Option

Co-op is available for the following Majors in the B.A. (Honours) degree: Anthropology, English, Environmental Studies, European and Russian Studies, French, Geography, Geomatics, History, Law, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology.

Applicants must:

1. meet the required overall admission cut-off average and prerequisite course average. These averages may be higher than the stated minimum requirements;
2. be registered as a full-time student in the Bachelor of Arts Honours with one of the majors listed above;
3. be eligible to work in Canada (for off-campus work placements).

Meeting the above requirements only establishes eligibility for admission to the program. The prevailing job market may limit enrolment in the co-op option. Students should also note that hiring priority is given to Canadian citizens for co-op positions in the Public Service Commission.

**Note:** continuation requirements for students previously admitted to the co-op option and admission requirements for the co-op option after beginning the program are described in the Co-operative Education Regulations section of this Calendar.

## Advanced Standing

### B.A. and B.A. (Honours) Program

Applications for admission to the second or subsequent years will be assessed on their merits. Advanced standing will be granted only for those courses that are determined to be appropriate.

## Admissions Information

Admission Requirements are for the 2025-26 year only, and are based on the Ontario High School System. Holding the minimum admission requirements only establishes eligibility for consideration. The cut-off averages for admission may be considerably higher than the minimum. See also the **General Admission and Procedures** section of this Calendar. An overall average of at least 70% is normally required to be considered for admission. Some programs may also require specific course prerequisites and prerequisite averages and/or supplementary admission portfolios. Higher averages are required for admission to programs for which the demand for places by qualified applicants exceeds the number of places available. The overall average required for admission is determined each year on a program by program basis. Consult [admissions.carleton.ca](http://admissions.carleton.ca) for further details.

Note: Courses listed as *recommended* are not mandatory for admission. Students who do not follow the recommendations will not be disadvantaged in the admission process.

## Admissions Information

Admission requirements are based on the Ontario High School System. Prospective students can view the admission requirements through the Admissions website at [admissions.carleton.ca](http://admissions.carleton.ca). The overall average required for admission is determined each year on a program-by-program basis. Holding the minimum admission requirements only establishes eligibility for consideration; higher averages are required for admission to programs for which the demand for places by qualified applicants exceeds the number of places available. All programs have limited enrolment and admission is not guaranteed. Some programs may also require specific course prerequisites and prerequisite averages and/or supplementary admission portfolios. Consult [admissions.carleton.ca](http://admissions.carleton.ca) for further details.

**Note:** If a course is listed as recommended, it is not mandatory for admission. Students who do not follow the recommendations will not be disadvantaged in the admission process.

## Degrees

- B.Sc. (Honours)
- B.Sc. (Major)
- B.Sc.

## Admission Requirements

### B. Sc. Honours

#### First Year

The Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent including a minimum of six 4U or M courses. For most programs including Biochemistry, Bioinformatics, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Combined Honours in Biology and Physics, Chemistry and Physics, Computational Biochemistry, Food Science, Nanoscience, Neuroscience and Biology, Neuroscience and Mental Health, and Psychology, the six 4U or M courses must include Advanced Functions, and two of Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Sciences, or Physics. (Calculus and Vectors is strongly recommended).

#### Specific Honours Admission Requirements

For the Honours programs in Earth Sciences, Environmental Science, Geomatics, Integrated Science, and Physical Geography, Calculus and Vectors may be substituted for Advanced Functions.

For the Honours programs in Physics and Applied Physics, and for double Honours in Mathematics and Physics, Calculus and Vectors is required in addition to Advanced Functions and one of 4U Physics, Chemistry, Biology, or Earth and Space Sciences. For all programs in Physics, 4U Physics is strongly recommended.

For Honours in Psychology, a 4U course in English is recommended.

For Honours in Environmental Science, a 4U course in Biology and Chemistry is recommended.

### **Advanced Standing**

Applications for admission beyond first year will be assessed on their merits. Applicants must normally be *Eligible to Continue* in their year level, in addition to meeting the CGPA thresholds described in Section 3.1.9 of the Academic Regulations of the University. Advanced standing will be granted only for those subjects deemed appropriate for the program and stream selected.

### **B.Sc. Major and B.Sc.**

#### **First Year**

The Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent including a minimum of six 4U or M courses. The six 4U or M courses must include Advanced Functions and two of Calculus and Vectors, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, or Physics (Calculus and Vectors is strongly recommended). For the B.Sc. Major in Physics, 4U Physics is strongly recommended.

#### **Advanced Standing**

Applications for admission beyond first year will be assessed on their merits. Applicants must normally be *Eligible to Continue* (EC) in their year level. Advanced standing will be granted only for those subjects deemed appropriate for the program and stream selected.

#### **Co-op Option**

##### **Direct Admission to the First Year of the Co-op Option**

Applicants must:

1. meet the required overall admission cut-off average and prerequisite course average. These averages may be higher than the stated minimum requirements;
2. be registered as a full-time student in the Bachelor of Science Honours program;
3. be eligible to work in Canada (for off-campus work placements).

Note that meeting the above requirements only establishes eligibility for admission to the program. The prevailing job market may limit enrolment in the co-op option.

**Note:** continuation requirements for students previously admitted to the co-op option and admission requirements for the co-op option after beginning the program are described in the Co-operative Education Regulations section of this Calendar.