



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

Guide for IB applicants



Admission requirements

Diploma holders

By presenting your IB diploma with three higher-level courses and all grades above 3, you'll be considered for admission based on your overall diploma score.

If you're currently completing the IB diploma, the initial evaluation of your application will be based on your predicted IB grades. If you've completed the IB diploma, you'll be evaluated on your final IB results.

The extended essay, theory of knowledge, and creativity, action and service (CAS) components are included as part of the total IB score calculation.

Certificate holders

By presenting your IB certificate, you'll be considered for admission based on five faculty-specific courses. Individual IB courses are converted into a percentage score (see conversion chart below) and combined with high school courses from other curriculums to calculate the admission average.

IB course score	Conversion to a percentage score
7	100%
6	91%
5	83%
4	75%
3	68%
1, 2, or N	fail/not complete

Submitting transcripts

Diploma holders

If you're currently completing the IB program, you'll need to submit your predicted results by uploading them directly to your Student Centre (my.ucalgary.ca). Final IB transcripts must be requested through the IB Organization to be released to the University of Calgary.

Certificate holders

To obtain advanced credit, students should request official IB transcripts from the IB Organization.

UCalgary IB Institution code: 000088



IB-specific scholarships

If you have an IB score of 35 or higher, you will be automatically considered for our IB Diploma Entrance Scholarship, which is valued at \$2,000 CAD.



Advanced credit for your degree

Earn up to a full year of credit (30 units) for the completed IB diploma.

Specific advanced standing or placement for higher-level courses are awarded, provided a minimum grade of five or higher is achieved. The balance of credit (including credit for higher-level courses with grades below five) will be assigned at the junior-option level.

Program	Estimated competitive IB score	Required IB courses ¹	Notes
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE Design in City Innovation	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Mathematics ³ History (or any subject from the Individuals and Societies subject area) One of Physics, Chemistry or Biology 	
FACULTY OF ARTS Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Studies	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² 	Dance, Music, and Visual studies have additional supplemental requirements.
FACULTY OF ARTS Economics, Geography (BA, BSc), Psychology (BA)	Economics: 24 Geography: 24 Psychology: 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ 	
FACULTY OF ARTS Psychology (BSc)	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Biology Chemistry 	
FACULTY OF ARTS All other programs	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² 	
CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Community Rehabilitation	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Biology 	
CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Health Sciences	33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Biology Chemistry 	The Cumming School of Medicine Health Sciences program requires applicants to present a minimum grade four in Mathematics. ³ Online supplementary application required.
HASKAYNE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Two of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, History, Physics or language other than English 	
FACULTY OF KINESIOLOGY	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Biology Chemistry 	The Biomechanics and Health Physiology programs require applicants to present a minimum grade four in Mathematics. ³ Mathematical Studies (SL) is not accepted for the Biomechanics program. Physics is recommended for the Biomechanics program.
FACULTY OF NURSING	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Biology Chemistry 	
FACULTY OF SCIENCE	Honours and Neuroscience: 40 Biology: 32 Computer Science: 30 All other programs: 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Two of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science or Physics 	Natural Science and Environmental Science majors must meet the admitting average of their concentration. Students are encouraged to take IB courses related to their intended major.
SCHULICH SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	30	Regular admission route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry Physics Biology-based admission route: ⁴ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry Biology 	Applicants who present Mathematical Studies (SL) need to meet a higher admission average. Estimated competitive average for those who present Mathematical Studies (SL) is 33.
WERKLUND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION	27 – 33 depending on program and teachable subject area	Please view our admissions requirements page: ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/requirements	

¹ Applicants may present an official final AP or SAT subject test as a substitute for any mandatory course.

² English: We accept either English A Literature (HL or SL) or English A Language and Literature (HL or SL), or English B (HL).

³ Mathematics: We accept either Mathematics (HL or SL), Further Mathematics (HL), Mathematical Studies (SL), Analysis and Approaches (HL or SL) or Applications and Interpretations (HL or SL).

⁴ Admission offers via the Biology-based admission route are conditional on successful completion of the Schulich School of Engineering Summer Bioengineering Summer Institute prior to the start of the engineering program.

IB Approved Courses

UCalgary accepts the following as part of the six courses for evaluation of IB diploma applicants.

- All Higher Level (HL) courses
- The following Standard Level (SL) courses:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science

- Dance
- English A Literature
- English A Language and Literature
- Environmental Systems and Societies
- Mathematics
- Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches
- Mathematics: Applications and

- Interpretations
- Math Studies
- Music
- Physics
- Theatre Arts
- All languages other than English