

You + Waterloo

Transfer to Waterloo **2026**

UNIVERSITY OF
WATERLOO



Admission requirements 2026

NOTES

†These programs have a pathway agreement. For most programs, both high school and college grades will be taken into consideration when making an admission decision. Eligibility for co-op will be determined by the total units of transfer credit awarded. If you're enrolled in an applied degree program at college, please contact myapplication@uwaterloo.ca for admission and transfer credit information.

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	Program (apply to)/system of study	Required courses – Grade 12 U or equivalent Minimum grade is 70% *indicates a minimum grade of 75%	Minimum cumulative college average needed to be considered for admission	Transfer credits
ARTS	Accounting and Financial Management Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English*; Advanced Functions*; Calculus and Vectors*.	Minimum average: mid-80s.	A maximum of 2.0 units (four courses) may be awarded.
	Global Business and Digital Arts Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English*.	Minimum average: 80%.	A maximum of 2.5 units (five courses) may be awarded.
	Honours Arts† (Waterloo, St. Jerome's) Regular/Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English.	Minimum average: 75%.	A maximum of 10.0 units (20 courses) may be awarded.
	Honours Arts and Business (Waterloo, St. Jerome's) Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English.	Minimum average: 75%.	
ENGINEERING	For all Engineering programs: Grade 12 U required courses must be completed within the last three years. We may accept college courses in lieu of high school courses depending on course content. We encourage applicants from college to apply as soon as possible and provide us with course syllabi to confirm whether your courses are eligible for admission. Please contact engineering.admission@uwaterloo.ca for more information.			
	Architecture Co-op	Advanced Functions; Calculus and Vectors; English (ENG4U)*; Physics. Qualified applicants will be invited to complete an English précis-writing exercise and submit a portfolio.	High school: Individual selection from the mid-80s; College: Strong cumulative average.	
	Architectural Engineering Co-op		High school: Individual selection from the mid- to high 80s; College: Minimum average 75%.	
	Biomedical Engineering Co-op		High school: Individual selection from the high 80s to low 90s; College: Minimum average 75%.	
	Chemical Engineering Co-op		High school: Individual selection from the mid- to high 80s; College: Minimum average 75%.	
	Civil Engineering Co-op		High school: Individual selection from the mid- to high 80s; College: Minimum average 75%.	
	Computer Engineering Co-op		High school: Individual selection from the high 80s to low 90s; College: Minimum average 75%.	
	Electrical Engineering Co-op	Advanced Functions; Calculus and Vectors; Chemistry; English (ENG4U); Physics. Admission Information Form required. Online video interview required for scholarships and strongly recommended for admission to all programs.	High school: Individual selection from the high 80s to low 90s; College: Minimum average 75%.	
	Environmental Engineering Co-op		High school: Individual selection from the mid- to high 80s; College: Minimum average 75%.	
	Geological Engineering Co-op		High school: Individual selection from the mid- to high 80s; College: Minimum average 75%.	
	Management Engineering Co-op		High school: Individual selection from the mid- to high 80s; College: Minimum average 75%.	
	Mechanical Engineering Co-op		High school: Individual selection from the high 80s to low 90s; College: Minimum average 75%.	
	Mechatronics Engineering Co-op		High school: Individual selection from the high 80s to low 90s; College: Minimum average 75%.	
	Nanotechnology Engineering Co-op		High school: Individual selection from the mid- to high 80s; College: Minimum average 75%.	
	Systems Design Engineering Co-op		High school: Individual selection from the high 80s to low 90s; College: Minimum average 75%.	
	Software Engineering Co-op	Advanced Functions; Calculus and Vectors; Chemistry; English (ENG4U); Physics. Admission Information Form and experience developing well-structured modular programs are required. Online video interview required.	High school: Individual selection from the low to mid-90s; College: Minimum average 75%.	College courses are not eligible for transfer credit into Architecture and Engineering programs.

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ENVIRONMENT	Climate and Environmental Change Regular/Co-op	English (ENG4U); any Grade 12 U Math; one of Chemistry or Physics.	Minimum average: 75%.	A maximum of 10.0 units (20 courses) may be awarded.
	Environment and Business Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English.		
	Environment, Resources and Sustainability Regular/Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English.		
	Geography and Aviation Regular	English (ENG4U); any Grade 12 U Math. Admission Information Form required. Program briefing session and Transport Canada Category 1 Medical Certification required. For Permanent Residents and international students, the Aviation Language Proficiency Demonstration (ALPD) is also required.	Individual selection from the low 80s.	A maximum of 5.0 units (10 courses) may be awarded.
	Geography and Environmental Management Regular/Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English.	Minimum average: 75%.	A maximum of 10.0 units (20 courses) may be awarded.
	Geomatics Regular/Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English; any Grade 12 U Math.		
	Planning Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English*.	Minimum average: 80%.	A maximum of 5.0 units (10 courses) may be awarded.
HEALTH	For all Health programs: Grade 12 U required courses must be completed within the last five years.			
	Health Sciences Regular/Co-op	Biology; Chemistry; any Grade 12 U English; any Grade 12 U Math.	Minimum average: 78% (Regular); 84% (Co-op).	A maximum of 10.0 units (20 courses) may be awarded.
	Kinesiology Regular/Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English; either Advanced Functions or Calculus and Vectors; two of Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.	Minimum average: 75% (Regular); 80% (Co-op).	
	Public Health Regular/Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English*; any Grade 12 U Math.	Minimum average: 78% (Regular); 84% (Co-op).	
	Recreation and Leisure Studies† Regular/Co-op Majors: Recreation, Leadership, and Health; Sport and Recreation Management; Therapeutic Recreation	Any Grade 12 U English.	Minimum average: 75%.	
MATHEMATICS	For all Mathematics programs: Grade 12 U required courses must be completed within the last three years. Students who have completed more than two years of college and/or university are ineligible for admission.			
	Computer Science Regular/Co-op	Advanced Functions; Calculus and Vectors; any Grade 12 U English; one other Grade 12 U course; Admission Information Form required.	Minimum average: 85%. Admission is extremely competitive, with very few spots (if any) expected to be available for transfer students. Students interested in transferring should have outstanding grades, especially in mathematics and computer science courses. Admission assessments are performed on a case-by-case basis.	A maximum of 10.0 units (20 courses) may be awarded.
	Mathematics Regular/Co-op			
	Mathematics/Business Administration Regular/Co-op		High school: Individual selection from the high 80s; College: Minimum average: 80%.	
	Mathematics/Financial Analysis and Risk Management Regular/Co-op			
SCIENCE	Science and Financial Management Co-op	Advanced Functions; Calculus and Vectors; English (ENG4U); two of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth and Space Science, or Mathematics of Data Management.	Minimum average: mid-80s.	A maximum of 2.0 units (4 courses) may be awarded.
	Environmental Sciences Regular/Co-op		Minimum average: 75%.	A maximum of 10.0 units (20 courses plus applicable labs) may be awarded.
	Honours Science Regular			
	Life Sciences† Regular/Co-op	Science and Aviation Admission Information Form required. Program briefing session and Transport Canada Category 1 Medical Certification required. For Permanent Residents and international students, the Aviation Language Proficiency Demonstration (ALPD) is also required.		
	Physical Sciences Regular/Co-op	Individual selection from the low 80s.	A maximum of 5.0 units (10 courses) may be awarded.	
	Science and Aviation Regular			
	Science and Business Regular/Co-op	Minimum average: 75%.	A maximum of 10.0 units (20 courses plus applicable labs) may be awarded.	
SFM	Sustainability and Financial Management Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English*; Advanced Functions*; Calculus and Vectors*.	Minimum average: mid-80s.	A maximum of 2.0 units (four courses) may be awarded.
PROGRAMS REQUIRING UNIVERSITY COURSES				
	Optometry Regular uwaterloo.ca/future/optometry	At least three full years of university-level science studies with specific course requirements.	Minimum overall university average: 75%.	College courses are not transferable to the Doctor of Optometry (OD) program.
	Pharmacy Co-op uwaterloo.ca/future/pharmacy	At least two full years of university-level studies with specific course requirements.	Minimum overall university average: 75%.	College courses are not transferable to the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program.
	Social Work (Renison) Regular uwaterloo.ca/future/bsw	Undergraduate university degree with a minimum six units in the social sciences, including seven specified courses from the Renison curriculum or equivalents.	Minimum overall university average: 70%.	College courses are not transferable to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program.

Transfer checklist



1. View admission requirements

Visit our website to review admission requirements for your program.

uwaterloo.ca/future/admissions



2. Apply online

Apply and pay your application fees to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) by January 30, 2026. For Engineering programs (excluding Architecture), apply to the OUAC by January 15, 2026.

ouac.on.ca



3. Send us your documents

Arrange to have all your official documents, transcripts, and English language test results (if applicable) sent directly to us from the authorized institutions by February 13, 2026. For Engineering programs (excluding Architecture), your documents must reach the University of Waterloo by January 30, 2026. An Admission Information Form is required for programs in the faculties of Engineering and Math, as well as the Geography and Aviation program and Science and Aviation program. Tell us why you're a great fit for Waterloo!



4. Send us your syllabi

To receive transfer credits, we need to review the courses you've completed. Once you receive an Offer of Admission, we'll ask you to send your syllabi to myapplication@uwaterloo.ca.



5. Accept your offer

Accept your Offer of Admission by June 1, 2026. Celebrate!

Looking for more details? Find additional information about each step online.

uwaterloo.ca/future/transfer/apply

FAQ

Will I receive credit for my college courses?

All programs require you to have a minimum final grade of 70% in a college course to receive transfer credit.

More than 8,000 Ontario college course equivalencies are listed on the Ontario transfer and pathways guide.

ontransfer.ca

Does my college program have a pathway agreement with Waterloo?

For the latest news about program pathways and agreements, visit our transfer web page.

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No agreement? No problem!

At Waterloo we value your unique educational background! Connect with an admissions officer at myapplication@uwaterloo.ca to discuss programs that are best suited to your goals.