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Transfer overview **2027**

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Admission requirements 2027

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 credits 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%.	
	Honours Arts and Business (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.
	Social Development Studies and Bachelor of Social Work Double Degree (Renison)	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	English (ENG4U)*; Advanced Functions or Calculus and Vectors; Physics. Qualified applicants will be invited to 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	English (ENG4U); Advanced Functions; Calculus and Vectors; Chemistry; 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	English (ENG4U); Advanced Functions; Calculus and Vectors; Chemistry; Physics. Admission Information Form required. Experience developing well-structured modular programs 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.		
	Environment and Business Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English.	Minimum average: 75%.	A maximum of 10.0 units (20 courses) may be awarded.
	Environment, Resources and Sustainability Regular/Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English.		
	Geography and Aviation† Regular	English (ENG4U); any Grade 12 U Math. 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.
	Geospatial Data Science 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.
	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.
HEALTH	For all Health programs: Grade 12 U required courses must be completed within the last five years.			
	Health Sciences Regular/Co-op	Any Grade 12 U English; any Grade 12 U Math; Biology; Chemistry.	Minimum average: 78% (Regular); 84% (Co-op).	
	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).	A maximum of 10.0 units (20 courses) may be awarded.
	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	Any Grade 12 U English; Advanced Functions; Calculus and Vectors; 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	Biomedical Sciences† Regular			
	Environmental Sciences† Regular/Co-op	English (ENG4U); Advanced Functions; Calculus and Vectors; two of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth and Space Science, or Mathematics of Data Management.	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			
	Physical Sciences Regular/Co-op			
	Science and Aviation† Regular	Science and Aviation 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.
	Science and Business Regular/Co-op		Minimum average: 75%.	A maximum of 10.0 units (20 courses plus applicable labs) may be awarded.
	Science and Financial Management Co-op		Minimum average: mid-80s.	A maximum of 2.0 units (4 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

FAQ



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 February 1, 2027. For Engineering programs (excluding Architecture), apply to the OUAC by January 15, 2027.

ouac.on.ca



3. Log in to your Waterloo applicant portal

Once you've applied, we'll email you details about getting started. Add myapplication@uwaterloo.ca and askus@uwaterloo.ca to your contacts so you don't miss our emails!



4. Complete the items in your checklist

Your next steps and required documents will be listed in your applicant portal. The first item to complete is the Declaration of Academic Experience form, which will update your checklist to show which documents (if any) you'll need to provide for your application. Please 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 15, 2027. For Engineering programs (excluding Architecture), your documents must reach the University of Waterloo by February 1, 2027. An Admission Information Form is required for programs in the faculties of Engineering and Math. Tell us why you're a great fit for Waterloo!



5. 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 upload your syllabi to your applicant portal.



6. Accept your offer

Accept your Offer of Admission by June 1, 2027. Celebrate!

Looking for more details? Find additional information about each step online. uwaterloo.ca/future/transfer/apply

Will I receive credit for my college courses?

College courses completed with a minimum final grade of 70% may be considered for transfer credit. More than 10,000 Ontario college course equivalencies are listed on the Ontario Transfer Guide.

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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.