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To: Vancouver Senate

From: Admissions Committee

Re: **Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum – Admission Requirements: Challenged Exams (approval)**

Applicants from a College or University: Program Specific Pre-requisites (approval)

Application and Document Deadlines (approval)

English Language Admission Standard – Pearson Test of English (Academic) (approval)

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a) Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum – Admission Requirements: Challenged Exams (approval)

The Admissions Committee has reviewed and recommends for approval the revised calendar entry on admission requirements for applicants following the BC/Yukon secondary school curriculum. In December 2009, Senate approved criteria for including secondary school courses in the calculation of an admission average, which specifies that grades based on prior learning assessment and/or challenge exams are to be excluded from admission averages but may be used to satisfy program prerequisites. The revised calendar entry reflects this change.

Motion: *That Senate approve the changes in admission requirements for applicants following the BC/Yukon secondary school curriculum, effective for admission to the 2011 Winter Session and thereafter.*

b) Applicants from a College or University – Program-Specific Prerequisites (approval)(circulated)

The Admissions Committee has reviewed and recommends for approval the revised calendar entry on applicants from a college or university. The proposed changes provide general information on program-specific prerequisites for transfer applicants.

Motion: *That Senate approve the revised calendar entry on program-specific prerequisites for applicants from a college or university, effective for entry to the 2011 Winter Session and thereafter.*

c) Application and Document Deadlines (approval)(circulated)

The Admissions Committee has reviewed and recommends for approval the revised calendar entry on application and document deadlines. The proposed changes reflect a number of editorial changes for clarity and outline up-to-date information on application and document deadlines.

Motion: *That Senate approve the revised calendar entry on application and document deadlines, effective for entry to the 2011 Winter Session and thereafter.*

d) English Language Admission Standard – Pearson Test of English (Academic) (approval)(circulated)

The Admissions Committee has reviewed and recommends to Senate for approval the addition of the Pearson Test of English (Academic) to the list of English language proficiency tests that applicants may present to satisfy the University's English Language Admission Standard.

Motion: *That Senate approve the Pearson Test of English (Academic) as an English language proficiency test that satisfies the University's English Language Admission Standard, effective for entry to the 2011 Winter Session and thereafter.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. David Fielding
Chair, Admissions Committee

UBC Undergraduate Admissions Proposal Form
Change to Admission Requirements

Effective Session: 2011 Admission

Year for Change: To be posted to the calendar upon approval for the purpose of advising prospective students.

Date: May 4, 2009

Contact Person:
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URL:
http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,22,63,0

Proposed Calendar Entry:

Homepage > Admissions > Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum > Admission Requirements

Admission Requirements

The minimum academic qualification for admission is secondary school graduation from a recognized secondary school, including the following Grade 11 and 12 courses:

Grade	Required Courses[1]
Grade 12	English 12 or English 12 First Peoples
	Three additional approved examinable Grade 12 courses[1,2]
Grade 11	English 11
	Principles of Mathematics 11, Pre-Calculus 11, or Foundations of Mathematics 12
	Civic Studies 11 or Social Studies 11[2]

URL:
http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,22,63,0

Present Calendar Entry:

Homepage > Admissions > Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum > Admission Requirements

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At least one approved Science 11[3]	At least one approved Science 11[3]
An approved Language 11[4]	An approved Language 11[4]
[1] Or approved equivalent International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, or Post-secondary course. See the table *Specific Program Requirements for Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum* and the sections titled *Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Courses Approved to Satisfy Pre-requisites* and *Post-Secondary Course Credits that Count Toward High School Graduation*.	[1] Or approved equivalent International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, or Post-secondary course. See the table *Specific Program Requirements for Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum* and the sections titled *Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Courses Approved to Satisfy Pre-requisites* and *Post-Secondary Course Credits that Count Toward High School Graduation*.
[2] First Nations Studies 12 may be used either to satisfy the Civic/Social Studies 11 requirement or as an approved Grade 12 course for your admission average, but may not be used to satisfy both of these admission criteria.	[2] First Nations Studies 12 may be used either to satisfy the Civic/Social Studies 11 requirement or as an approved Grade 12 course for your admission average, but may not be used to satisfy both of these admission criteria.
[3] See the table *Specific Program Requirements for Applicants following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum* for programs requiring two Science courses at the Grade 11 level.	[3] See the table *Specific Program Requirements for Applicants following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum* for programs requiring two Science courses at the Grade 11 level.
[4] A beginner's Language 11 does not satisfy this requirement.	[4] A beginner's Language 11 does not satisfy this requirement.
The admission average will be calculated on English 12, or English 12 First Peoples, and the three additional approved Grade 12 courses, or the equivalent.	The admission average will be calculated on English 12, or English 12 First Peoples, and the three additional approved ~~examinable~~ Grade 12 courses, or the equivalent.
As a general rule, grades received as a result of challenging a course may not be used in the calculation of an admission average. However, students may use challenged courses to satisfy program pre-requisites such as the requirement for an approved Language 11 and/or the language degree requirement in the Faculty of Arts.	
If there are circumstances where an applicant must present a challenge-	

based mark for a required grade 12 Mathematics, Science or English course, or where a strong academic student wishes to challenge a UBC-required Grade 12 course in order to take a more advanced course load in high school, please contact UBC Admissions for consideration on a case-by-case basis. A minimum average of 67% is required for admission to all programs. However, due to limited enrolment, a higher average is required in most programs. Applicants who, because of administrative difficulties in their school or because they have a physical, sensory, or specific learning disability, cannot present the courses as required, may be excused a specific admissions course requirement. Supporting documentation sent by the principal of the school concerned is required. A minimum final grade of 70% in either English 11 or English 12 (or equivalent) is required for all programs. […]	A minimum average of 67% is required for admission to all programs. However, due to limited enrolment, a higher average is required in most programs. Applicants who, because of administrative difficulties in their school or because they have a physical, sensory, or specific learning disability, cannot present the courses as required, may be excused a specific admissions course requirement. Supporting documentation sent by the principal of the school concerned is required. A minimum final grade of 70% in either English 11 or English 12 (or equivalent) is required for all programs. […] **Type of Action:** Reflect Senate-approved policy to exclude high school grades received as a result of challenging a course from admission averages in the Calendar. **Rationale**: In approving the "Criteria for Including a Secondary School Course in a UBC Admission Average" in 2009, Senate approved the exclusion of grades received as a result of challenging a course. The proposed Calendar text, below, reflects this change for the purpose of advising prospective undergraduate students from the BC high school system.

UBC Undergraduate Admissions Proposal Form
Change to Admission Requirements

Effective Session: 2011 Admission **Year for Change:** To be posted to the calendar upon approval for the purpose of advising prospective students.	**Date:** June 23, 2010 (revised) **Contact Person:** Rosalie Vlaar Senior Policy Analyst Undergraduate Admissions Tel. 604-822-4240 rosalie.vlaar@ubc.ca
URL: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,25,0,0 **Proposed Calendar Entry:** Homepage > Admissions > Applicants from a College or University ***Applicants from a College or University*** **Subcontents** Introduction General Admission Requirement **Program-Specific Pre-Requisites** >* Maximum Allowable Transfer Credit Unassigned Credit Associate Degrees Credit Earned via Prior Learning Assessment or Challenge Bridging Programs and Pre-Majors Institutes of Technology Appealing for Additional Credit	**URL:** http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,25,0,0 **Present Calendar Entry:** Homepage > Admissions > Applicants from a College or University ***Applicants from a College or University*** **Subcontents** Introduction General Admission Requirement Maximum Allowable Transfer Credit Unassigned Credit Associate Degrees Credit Earned via Prior Learning Assessment or Challenge Bridging Programs and Pre-Majors Institutes of Technology Appealing for Additional Credit
Proposed Calendar Entry: Many undergraduate programs require post-secondary transfer applicants to satisfy specific academic requirements at either the secondary or post-secondary	**Present Calendar Entry:** ---

level in order to be considered for admission. Transfer applicants should consult the Calendar for more information on program and course pre-requisites for the program(s) to which they wish to apply. In some cases, university transferable course work may satisfy high school pre-requisites. Information on acceptable post-secondary equivalents may be obtained from an academic advisor in the faculty.	**Type of Action:** Advise prospective transfers to anticipate program-specific pre-requisites. **Rationale**: The UBC Calendar does little to advise prospective transfer students that specific courses may be required for admission at either the secondary or post-secondary level. In past, appeals of refusal decisions have resulted from this lack of information. The proposed calendar entry provides notice to transfer applicants that particular courses that are required of high school applicants will also be required of transfer applicants, if they have not taken an equivalent or higher level course that meets the requirement as part of their post-secondary study. The Admissions Committee will follow-up with all programs to ensure that each specifies, in its own admission section of the Calendar, any secondary or post-secondary course pre-requisites required of post-secondary transfer students

Calendar Change Proposal Form

SAC Approval Date: June 23, 2010 **Effective Session:** Effective for 2011 admission to UBC. **Year for change:** To be posted to the calendar as soon as possible.	**Contact Person:** Michael Bluhm Associate Director, Undergraduate Admissions Tel. 604 822-9489 Michael.bluhm@ubc.ca

URL: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,295,0,0

Proposed Calendar Entry:

Homepage > Admissions > Application and Document Deadlines

Application and Document Deadlines

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE AND DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

The following deadlines pertain to new-to-UBC applicants, applicants applying to change programs and/or campuses within UBC, and applicants applying for re-admission <<hotlink in calendar to http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,273,0,0>> to a UBC program in which they have previously been enrolled but have discontinued their studies for any reason. If a deadline falls on the weekend, it will be extended to the next working day. For other important University dates, see Dates and Deadlines.

Summer Session (May start) application deadline: January 15
Please note, not all Degree and Diploma programs accept applications to the Summer Session.

Winter Session (September start) application deadline: February 28
See table below for exceptions and important notes relating to Winter Session application deadlines:

Program	Credential	Faculty/ School	Application Deadline	Notes
Accounting	Diploma	Commerce	---	Application deadlines differ based on location of institution where the applicant's degree was completed. Details are on the Admission website for the Diploma <hot link to: http://sauder.ubc.ca/Programs/Diploma_in_Accounting/Admissions>
Art History	Diploma	Arts	July 31	
Dental Science in Dental Hygiene	B.D.Sc.	Dentistry	---	Application Deadlines: February 28 for applicants from high school.

				March 15th for dental hygiene diploma holders.
Dentistry	D.M.D.	Dentistry	---	The application deadline is the first Friday in November in the calendar year prior to admission. (e.g., November 2010 for September 2011 entry).
Education	B.Ed.	Education	February 15	
Education	Diploma	Education	---	Applications are accepted all year and must be received one month before anticipated registration date.
International Dental Degree Completion	D.M.D.	Dentistry	June 7	
Law	J.D.	Law	February 1	
Linguistics	Diploma	Arts	June 30	
Medicine	M.D.	Medicine	---	Applicants invited for interviews must complete a supplementary application that includes three references, site preferences, and a progress report for currently enrolled graduate students. The Supplemental date may vary. See Application Timelines for current information. Application deadlines for Medicine are not affected by weekends.
Midwifery	B.Mw.	Medicine	December 1	
Music	B.A. or B.Mus.	Music	January 15 (scholarship auditions) / February 28 (regular auditions)	
Nursing (third year)	B.S.N.	Nursing	December 1	
Social Work	B.S.W.	Social Work	January 31	

DOCUMENT DEADLINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE AND DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

In addition to submitting an application for undergraduate admission, applicants are required to submit documentation in order to satisfy admission requirements.

1. **English Language Admission Standard**
   All applicants are required to meet the English Language Admission Standard <<hotlink in calendar to www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,19,0,0 >>. Applicants are notified by email, and via the Student Service Centre <<link to https://ssc.adm.ubc.ca/sscportal/servlets/SRVSSCFramework>> under Application Status, of the documentation that is required and the dates by which it must be submitted in order to be considered in an admission decision.

2. **Competitive Academic Requirements**
   All applicants are required to meet university minimum academic standards as well as competitive academic requirements that differ by program. Applicants are notified by email, and via the Student Service Centre <<link to https://ssc.adm.ubc.ca/sscportal/servlets/SRVSSCFramework>> under Application Status, of the transcripts that are required and the dates by which they must be submitted in order to be considered in an admission decision.

3. **Supplemental/Broad Based Admission Criteria**
   Many UBC programs require additional information for consideration in admission decisions. This may include a portfolio, audition, manuscript, essay, list of extra-curricular activities, interview, or other information. Applicants are notified by email, and via the Student Service Centre <<link to https://ssc.adm.ubc.ca/sscportal/servlets/SRVSSCFramework>> under Application Status, of the supplemental/broad based applications and any additional documentation that may be required or optional and the dates by which this information must be submitted in order to be considered in an admission decision.

Deadlines for the submission of supporting documentation vary depending on an applicant's academic history. While these deadlines will be communicated to applicants once they apply, applicants should be prepared to submit documents such as transcripts, test scores, and supplemental applications as early as possible following the submission of an application as admission decisions are generally made in the spring.

Applicants who are offered admission based on academic work in progress are required to submit final documentation showing successful completion of all admission requirements prior to beginning their studies at UBC.

APPLICATION AND DOCUMENT DEADLINES FOR NON-DEGREE ENTRY

The following deadlines pertain to Visiting Students, Access Study applicants, Concurrent Study applicants, Unclassified Studies, and all others applying to enroll in UBC courses through Non-Degree Studies. The application as well as all required and supporting documentation must be submitted by these dates. For more information, visit the Non-Degree Studies website. <<hotlink

underlined text to www.students.ubc.ca/nondegree/index.cfm>>

Summer Session Terms 1 and 2 (May start) application deadline: March 31

Winter Session Term 1 (September start) application deadline: July 31

Winter Session Term 2 (January start) application deadline: November 30

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Application and Document Deadlines

~~For other important University dates, see Dates and Deadlines.~~

~~The deadlines in the table below are the latest dates on which an application or document will be accepted for admission to the Winter Session, beginning in September. Processing of applications does begin before these dates and, in some cases, programs may be filled by well-qualified students before the document deadlines. If a deadline falls on the weekend, it will be extended to the next working day.~~

~~For the Winter Session, undergraduate applications are due February 28 and the deadline to submit all final documentation is June 30, unless otherwise noted.~~

~~For those programs that admit students to the Summer Session, the application deadline is generally January 15, unless otherwise noted. Applicants will be advised of document requirements when they apply.~~

~~The M.D. undergraduate program's application deadline is posted online and will remain unaffected by weekends.~~

~~The following information applies to both domestic and international students. For non-degree studies (Visitor, Unclassified, Concurrent), the application deadline is June 30; the document deadline is July 15. The deadline to submit interim transcripts for post-secondary transfer students is February 28.~~

~~Program~~	~~Credential~~	~~Faculty/ School~~	~~Application Deadline~~	~~Supplemental Application~~	~~Document Deadline~~
~~Accounting~~	~~Diploma~~	~~Commerce~~	~~March 31~~		
~~Acting[1]~~	~~B.F.A.~~	~~Arts~~	~~February 28~~		~~June 30~~
~~Agroecology~~	~~B.Sc. (Agroecolo~~	~~Land and Food~~	~~February 28~~		~~June 30~~

	~~gy)~~	~~Systems~~			
~~Applied Creative Non-Fiction[1]~~	~~Diploma~~	~~Arts~~	~~February 28~~		~~March 31~~
~~Applied Linguistics~~	~~Diploma~~	~~Arts~~	~~February 28~~		
~~Applied Science (Engineering)~~	~~B.A.Sc.~~	~~Applied Science~~	~~February 28~~		~~June 30~~
~~Art History~~	~~Diploma~~	~~Arts~~	~~July 31~~		
~~Arts[2]~~	~~B.A.~~	~~Arts~~	~~February 28~~		
~~Collaborative Piano Studies~~	~~Diploma~~	~~Music~~	~~February 28~~	~~March 15~~	~~June 30~~
~~Commerce~~	~~B.Com.~~	~~Commerce~~	~~February 28~~	~~March 15~~	
~~Computer Science~~	~~B.C.S.~~	~~Science~~	~~February 28~~	~~March 15~~	~~June 30~~
~~Creative Writing[1,14]~~	~~B.F.A.~~	~~Arts~~	~~February 28~~	~~March 30~~	~~June 30~~
~~Dental Science in Dental Hygiene[3]~~	~~B.D.Sc.~~	~~Dentistry~~	~~February 28~~		
~~Dentistry[4]~~	~~D.M.D.~~	~~Dentistry~~	~~October 15~~		
~~Education[5]~~	~~B.Ed.~~	~~Education~~	~~February 15~~		
~~Environmental Design[1,6]~~	~~B.En.D.~~	~~Architecture and Landscape Architecture~~	~~February 28~~	~~March 15~~	~~June 30~~
~~Film[1,2]~~	~~B.A.~~	~~Arts~~	~~February 28~~		~~June 30~~
~~Film Production[1]~~	~~Diploma~~	~~Arts~~	~~February 28~~		~~April 15~~
~~Film Production[1,2]~~	~~B.F.A~~	~~Arts~~	~~February 28~~		~~April 15~~
~~Food, Nutrition and Health~~	~~B.Sc. (Food, Nutrition and Health)~~	~~Land and Food Systems~~	~~February 28~~		~~June 30~~
~~Forest Operations~~	~~B.S.F.~~	~~Forestry~~	~~February 28~~		~~June 30~~

~~Forest Resources Management~~	~~B.S.F.~~	~~Forestry~~	~~February 28~~		~~June 30~~
~~Forest Sciences~~	~~B.Sc. (Forest Sciences)~~	~~Forestry~~	~~February 28~~		~~June 30~~
~~Global Resource Systems~~	~~B.Sc. (Global Resource Systems)~~	~~Land and Food Systems~~	~~February 28~~		~~February 28~~
~~Human Kinetics~~	~~B.H.K.~~	~~Human Kinetics~~	~~February 28~~	~~—~~	~~June 30~~
~~International Dental Degree Completion~~	~~D.M.D.~~	~~Dentistry~~	~~June 7~~	~~June 30~~	
~~Law~~	~~J.D.~~	~~Law~~	~~February 1~~		
~~Linguistics[1]~~	~~Diploma~~	~~Arts~~	~~June 30~~		~~July 15~~
~~Medical Laboratory Science~~	~~B.M.L.Sc.~~	~~Medicine~~	~~February 28~~	~~June 30~~	
~~Medicine[8]~~	~~M.D.~~	~~Medicine~~			
~~Meteorology~~	~~Diploma~~	~~Science~~	~~February 28~~		~~June 30~~
~~Midwifery~~	~~B.Mw.~~	~~Medicine~~	~~December 1~~	~~January 15~~	
~~Music[1]~~	~~B.A. or B.Mus.~~	~~Music~~	~~January 15 (scholarship auditions) / February 28 (regular auditions)~~	~~February 28~~	~~June 30~~
~~Music Performance~~	~~Diploma~~	~~Music~~	~~February 28~~	~~March 15~~	~~June 30~~
~~Natural Resources Conservation~~	~~B.Sc. (Natural Resources Conservation)~~	~~Forestry~~	~~February 28~~		~~June 30~~
~~Nursing (third year)[9]~~	~~B.S.N.~~	~~Nursing~~	~~December 1~~	~~January 15~~	~~January 30~~
~~Pharmacy~~	~~B.Sc.~~	~~Pharmaceutic~~	~~February 28~~	~~February 28~~	~~June 15~~

	~~(Pharm.)~~	~~al Sciences~~			
~~Science[10,11,12]~~	~~B.Sc.~~	~~Science~~	~~February 28~~	~~May 1~~	~~June 30~~
~~Social Work~~	~~B.S.W.~~	~~Social Work~~	~~January 31~~		
~~Theatre Design and Production[1]~~	~~B.F.A.~~	~~Arts~~		~~April 1~~	~~June 30~~
~~Theatre Design and Technology[1]~~	~~Certificate~~	~~Arts~~	~~February 28~~		~~July 15~~
~~Visual Art[1,13]~~	~~B.F.A.~~	~~Arts~~	~~February 28~~	~~March 31~~	~~June 30~~
~~Wood Products Processing~~	~~B.Sc. (Wood Products Processing)~~	~~Forestry~~	~~February 28~~	~~June 30~~	

~~[1] Contact the department or program directly regarding portfolio, audition, or manuscript, or application requirements.~~

~~[2] Supplementary application forms are required for the following: Economics Major, English Major, English Honours, Interdisciplinary Studies B.A., International Relations Major, Political Science Major, Theatre or Film Major. Contact the program to confirm deadlines.~~

~~[3] Application deadline for B.S.Sc. degree completion is April 15 for September admission. Application deadline for unclassified students is July 31 for September admission and October 15 for January admission.~~

~~[4] Including applications for readmission.~~

~~[5] For the Diploma in Education, applications are accepted all year and must be received one month before anticipated registration date.~~

~~[6] Portfolio deadline is March 15, deadline for other documents is June 30.~~

~~[7] The deadline for applying for readmission is May 31.~~

~~[8] Applicants invited for interviews must complete a supplementary application that includes three references, site preferences, and a progress report for currently enrolled graduate students. The Supplemental date may vary. See Application Timelines for current information.~~

~~[9] Post-R.N. applicants must apply directly to the School of Nursing.~~

~~[10] Students entering first-year Science who wish to apply for the Science One Program should visit Science One for more information. The supplementary application deadline is April 30.~~

~~[11] A supplemental application form is required for the Honours program in Biotechnology and is due February 28.~~

[12] ~~Some B.Sc. programs require an internal application for placement in second or third year. Check individual program websites for more information.~~

[13] ~~Please contact the department to arrange advising regarding entry into second year Visual Arts courses.~~

[14] ~~Creative Writing manuscript deadline is March 26, 2010.~~

Type of Actions:

- Clarify application deadlines
- Align re-admission to same program application deadlines with all other degree program application deadlines
- Remove information not associated with application deadlines
- Remove supplemental deadlines and details from existing table (to be managed elsewhere in the Calendar and/or on the web)
- Remove programs that adhere to the general deadlines from the table of exceptions
- Clarify/distinguish between different types of documents required for admission and refer to where/when deadlines (variable) will communicated after applying.

Rationale:

The current "Application and Document Deadlines" page is the result of many piece-meal revisions that have resulted in an entry that is no longer cohesive or accurate. The revised text is organized under headings that will assist applicants to locate the information that is most relevant to their circumstances. Incorrect information has been deleted and/or updated based on consultation with each of the programs listed. Advising-related footnotes have also been removed as this information normally appears in the program-specific sections of the Calendar. Where it does not, programs are advised to do so in future.

Re-admission to same program application deadlines have not been published in the calendar for several years, however in practice the deadlines have been different than all other applicant groups. This revision brings re-admission application deadlines back in line with all other applicant groups.

Given that supplemental application deadlines and the associated processes are prone to change and are rarely updated in this section of the Calendar, the Admissions Office recommends that this information be removed from the general "Dates and Deadlines" pages and appear in the program-specific sections of the Calendar and elsewhere in communications with applicants.

Calendar Change Proposal Form

SAC Approval Date: July 23, 2010 **Effective Session:** Effective for 2011 admission **Year for change:** To be posted to the calendar upon approval for the purpose of advising prospective undergraduate students	**Date:** June 15, 2010 **Contact Person:** Rosalie Vlaar, Senior Policy Analyst, Undergraduate Admissions **Phone:** 822-4240 **Email:** rosalie.vlaar@ubc.ca

URL: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=2,19,912,0

Proposed Calendar Entry:

Homepage > Admissions > English Language Admission Standard > English Language Proficiency Tests

English Language Proficiency Tests

	Test	Minimum Competence for Undergraduate Admission[1]	Minimum Competence for Entry to the Conditional Admission Program[5]
CAE	Certificate in Advanced English[4]	B	C
CAEL	Canadian Academic English Language Assessment	Overall 70	Overall 60 with no sub-test below 50
	With the speaking sub-test	60	50
CEL	UBC Certificate in English Language[2]	600	500
CELPIP	Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program[3]		
	CELPIT-A (Academic Reading and Writing)[3]	4L	3H
	CELL (Listening)	4L	3H
	CELTOP (Speaking)	4L	3H
CPE	Certificate of Proficiency in English[4]	C	CAE[4]:C
IELTS	International English Language Testing System (Academic)	6.5 with no part less than 6.0	6.0 with no part less than 5.5

MELAB	Michigan English Language Assessment Battery	85 final score, with 3 in the speaking test	80 final score
PTE	**Pearson Test of English (Academic)**	**Overall Score: 65** **Reading: 60** **Listening: 60** **Writing: 60** **Speaking: 60**	**Overall Score: 60** **Reading: 55** **Listening: 55** **Writing: 55** **Speaking: 55**
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language		
	Either the Paper-based test	55	52
	With the TWE (Test of Written English)	4.0	3.0
	Or the Internet-based test	Overall Score: 90	Overall Score: 82
		Reading: 22	Reading: 20
		Listening: 22	Listening: 20
		Writing: 21	Writing: 19
		Speaking: 21	Speaking: 19

[1] Unless otherwise stated, the score is the minimum on each part of the examination. Minimum scores must be achieved in a single sitting of the test (i.e., scores across multiple instances of a test may not be used to satisfy minimum component requirements). Tests taken more than two years prior to application for admission will not be considered.

[2] See the UBC English Language Institute for further details.

[3] The Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Test - Academic (CELPIT-A) portion of this test satisfies the Language Proficiency Index (LPI) requirement for first-year English courses at UBC with a score of at least 5 on the essay section.

[4] Administered by the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations organization.

[5] Undergraduate applicants who exceed admission requirements but who present an English language proficiency test score below the minimum required for direct entry to a degree program may be considered for the *Conditional Admission Program* through UBC's English Language Institute.

Present Calendar Entry:

Homepage > Admissions > English Language Admission Standard > English Language Proficiency Tests

English Language Proficiency Tests

	Test	Minimum Competence for Undergraduate Admission[1]	Minimum Competence for Entry to the Conditional Admission Program[5]
CAE	Certificate in Advanced English[4]	B	C
CAEL	Canadian Academic English Language Assessment	Overall 70	Overall 60 with no sub-test below 50
	With the speaking sub-test	60	50
CEL	UBC Certificate in English Language[2]	600	500
CELPIP	Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program[3]		
	CELPIT-A (Academic Reading and Writing)[3]	4L	3H
	CELL (Listening)	4L	3H
	CELTOP (Speaking)	4L	3H
CPE	Certificate of Proficiency in English[4]	C	CAE[4]:C
IELTS	International English Language Testing System (Academic)	6.5 with no part less than 6.0	6.0 with no part less than 5.5
MELAB	Michigan English Language Assessment Battery	85 final score, with 3 in the speaking test	80 final score
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language		
	Either the Paper-based test	55	52
	With the TWE (Test of Written English)	4.0	3.0
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[2] See the UBC English Language Institute for further details.

[3] The Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Test - Academic (CELPIT-A) portion of this test satisfies the Language Proficiency Index (LPI) requirement for first-year English courses at UBC with a score of at least 5 on the essay section.

[4] Administered by the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations organization.

[5] Undergraduate applicants who exceed admission requirements but who present an English language proficiency test score below the minimum required for direct entry to a degree program may be considered for the *Conditional Admission Program* through UBC's English Language Institute.

Type of Action: Add the Pearson Test of English (Academic) to the list of English language proficiency tests approved to satisfy the English language admission standard for undergraduate admission.

Rationale: Although UBC already lists a number of tests that can be used to satisfy our English language admission standard, the historical philosophy has been that any test that can provide a meaningful assessment of an individual's ability to perform in UBC's English language academic environment should be approved, thereby ensuring that prospective students have many options available to them and that any reasonable and legitimate test is not rejected at the point of application.

The Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic assesses all of the specific English language skills considered important by UBC (reading, writing, listening and speaking). The tasks undertaken by test takers are representative of the types of academic tasks that university students must perform and the test results have a demonstrated high validity and high reliability. The test is anticipated to become widely available over time (it is currently available in major cities around the world) and the security measures are the most rigorous in the field.

The Common European Framework (CEF) provides a basis for the recognition of language qualifications and concordance tables for the alignment of tests, including the TOEFL and IELTS (already approved by for use by UBC). For undergraduate admission purposes, the minimum language proficiency standard is at the mid-range of CEF level B2, which is described as indicating that "the examinee can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialization. They can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. They can also produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options. Level B2 is the level required to participate independently in higher level language interaction. It is typically the level required to be able to follow academic level instruction and to participate in academic education, including both coursework and student life." The recommended PTE scores align with this standard.