

## Canadian University Language Requirements

If English is not your first language, or you were educated in a country where English is not the language of instruction, most universities require you to take one of these language tests:

**Note: Each institution has its own requirements, which are subject to change. Contact the universities directly for more information.**

The following is a list of the most commonly accepted tests. For more information about each test or to register please go to the website provided.

**CAEL:** Canadian Academic English Language Assessment

[www.cael.ca](http://www.cael.ca)

**CanTEST:**

[www.cantest.uottawa.ca](http://www.cantest.uottawa.ca)

**COPE:** Certificate of Proficiency in English

[www.copetest.com](http://www.copetest.com)

**IELTS:** International English Language Testing System

[www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

**ITELP:** International Test of English Language Proficiency

[www.brocku.ca/ilt/itelp/](http://www.brocku.ca/ilt/itelp/)

**MELAB:** Michigan English Language Assessment Battery

<http://www.cambridgemichigan.org/test-takers/>

**PTE:** Pearson Test of English

<http://pearsonpte.com>

**TOEFL:** Test of English as a Foreign Language

[www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)

**YELT:** York English Language Test

<http://futurestudents.yorku.ca/requirements/yelt>

<b>Algoma University</b>	
Minimum TOFEL Score	79 iBT; 550 PBT
Minimum MELAB Score	90
Minimum IELTS Score	6.0 is required in each band as well as overall
Minimum CAEL Score	60
PTE – Pearson Test for English	63
Other Test Scores	If you do not have the required English-language proficiency test score, you may enter Algoma University's ESL program. You can then enter a degree program after successfully completing the ESL program.
Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of three years.
Website	<a href="https://www.algomau.ca/admissions/admissions-requirements/international-baccalaureate/">https://www.algomau.ca/admissions/admissions-requirements/international-baccalaureate/</a>

<b>Brock University</b>	
Minimum TOFEL Score	88 iBT with a minimum of 21 on Speaking and Writing 237 CBT (TSE 4.5) 580 PBT (TWE 4.5)
Minimum MELAB Score	85 or greater, with no other part below 80.
Minimum IELTS Score	6.5 or greater, with no band below 6.0.
Minimum CAEL Score	Overall band score of 70, with 60 in writing and no other score below 60.
PTE – Pearson Test for English	68
Other Test Scores	YELT also accepted with an overall category of 1 or 2. Completion of Level 5 of the Brock Intensive English Language Program.
Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of three years.
Website	<a href="https://brocku.ca/esl-services">https://brocku.ca/esl-services</a>

<b>University of Guelph</b>	
Minimum TOFEL Score	IBT: Minimum total score of 89 with no individual scaled score less than 21
Minimum MELAB Score	Minimum overall score of 85 including composition score of 83 and oral of 3
Minimum IELTS Score	6.5 or greater, with no band below 6.0.
Minimum CAEL Score	Overall band score of 70, with 60 in writing and no other score below 60.
PTE – Pearson Test for English	Minimum overall score of 60 with no score less than 60 in the individual components.
Other Test Scores	Successful completion of the University of Guelph Centre for Open Learning and Educational Support Advanced Level of the English Language Certificate Program
Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of four years.
Website	<a href="https://admission.uoguelph.ca/englprof">https://admission.uoguelph.ca/englprof</a>

<b>McMaster University</b>	
Minimum TOFEL Score	86 iBT (minimum of 20 in each of the four categories)
Minimum MELAB Score	85 overall
Minimum IELTS Score	6.5 overall
Minimum CAEL Score	Minimum score of 70
PTE – Pearson Test for English	60 overall (minimum 60 in both Writing and Speaking)
Other Test Scores	CAE (Cambridge Advanced English): Grade of "B" with a minimum of "good" on each of the four components: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening
Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of four years.
Website	<a href="http://future.mcmaster.ca/admission/language/">http://future.mcmaster.ca/admission/language/</a>

<b>University of Ottawa</b>	
Minimum TOFEL Score	92 iBT, with 24 Writing and Reading 237 CBT, TWE of 4.5 580 PBT, TWE of 4.5
Minimum MELAB Score	90 overall
Minimum IELTS Score	6.5 overall
Minimum CAEL Score	70 overall
PTE – Pearson Test for English	60 overall
Other Test Scores	CanTEST 60 overall
Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of three years.
Website	<a href="http://www.uottawa.ca/undergraduate-admissions/admission-requirements/language-requirements">http://www.uottawa.ca/undergraduate-admissions/admission-requirements/language-requirements</a>

<b>OCAD University</b>	
Minimum TOFEL Score	OCAD University's minimum score requirements for the TOEFL are currently under review and will be released later.
Minimum IELTS Score	6.5 overall with no part below 6.0 (academic version)
Minimum CAEL Score	70 overall with no part below 60
Other Test Scores	COPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English) + TOP (Test of Oral Proficiency): 86 overall with at least 32 in writing, at least 22 in reading, and at least 22 in listening. Minimum of 6 in TOP.

Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of four years.
Website	<a href="http://www.ocadu.ca/admissions/admission-requirements/english-proficiency.htm">http://www.ocadu.ca/admissions/admission-requirements/english-proficiency.htm</a>

<b>Queens University</b>	
Minimum TOFEL Score	88 overall iBT (24 Writing, 22 Speaking, 22 Reading, 20 Listening) 580 PBT 58 overall iBT for consideration to the QBridge Pathway
Minimum MELAB Score	90
Minimum IELTS Score	6.5 (academic module) 5.5 (academic module) for consideration to the QBridge Pathway
Minimum CAEL Score	Overall band of 70 (no band below 60)
PTE – Pearson Test for English	60 overall
Other Test Scores	Queen's School of English: Students who achieve a high standing on a 12-week English for Academic Purposes advanced-level course through Queen's School of English may be eligible for an English proficiency exam waiver. Queen's University's English-Language Bridging Pathway (QBridge): The QBridge pathway provides an opportunity to students who are academically qualified for admission but lacking the necessary English-language proficiency to gain admission to Queen's. Students complete the fall and winter sessions of the English for Academic Purposes Program at Queen's School of English before progressing to their undergraduate studies the following September. To be eligible, students must meet the following minimum standardized English language proficiency test scores: 50 TOEFL iBT, 5.5 IELTS, 61 MELAB, or 43 PTE. An eight-week accelerated QBridge program is available to students with slightly higher test scores: 80 TOEFL iBT, 6.0 IELTS, 78 MELAB, or 55 PTE.
Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of three years.
Website	<a href="http://www.queensu.ca/admission/apply-high-school/how-apply/required-documents/test-facility-english">http://www.queensu.ca/admission/apply-high-school/how-apply/required-documents/test-facility-english</a>

<b>Ryerson University</b>	
Minimum TOFEL Score	83–87 iBT, 560 PBT for all Engineering programs and the following Bachelor of Science programs: Biology, Biomedical Science, Chemistry, Contemporary Science, Financial Mathematics, Mathematics and its Applications, Medical Physics and Undeclared Science. 92–93 iBT, 580 PBT for all other

	programs (including Architectural Science and Computer Science). 68 iBT, 520 PBT for Ryerson ESL Foundation Program.
Minimum MELAB Score	90 for Media Production, Sport Media, Creative Industries, Professional Communications and Journalism
Minimum IELTS Score	6.5 for all programs. 5.0 for Ryerson ESL Foundation Program.
Minimum CAEL Score	60 for Engineering and the following Bachelor of Science programs: Biology, Biomedical Science, Chemistry, Contemporary Science, Financial Mathematics, Mathematics and its Applications, Medical Physics and Undeclared Science. 70 for all other programs. 50 for Ryerson ESL Foundation Program.
PTE – Pearson Test for English	60 for all programs
Other Test Scores	50 for Ryerson ESL Foundation Program. Ryerson Test of English Proficiency (RTEP).
Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of four years.
Website	<a href="http://www.ryerson.ca/admissions/undergraduate/requirements/english-language/">http://www.ryerson.ca/admissions/undergraduate/requirements/english-language/</a>

<b>Wilfrid Laurier University</b>	
Minimum TOFEL Score	Internet-based testing: an overall score of 83 or higher with a minimum score of 20 in each component. Paper-based testing: 560 or higher. An overall score of 90 with a minimum of 20 in Reading and Listening, and a minimum of 25 in Speaking and Writing is required for double-degree programs with the University of Waterloo.
Minimum MELAB Score	85 overall or higher. An overall score of 85 with a minimum of 80 in each component, and a minimum of 3 in Speaking for co-op programs, is required for double-degree programs with the University of Waterloo.
Minimum IELTS Score	An academic score of 6.5 or higher. An overall score of 6.5, a minimum of 6.5 in Writing and Speaking and 6.0 in Reading and Listening are required for double degree programs with the University of Waterloo.
Minimum CAEL Score	70 overall or higher (each band 60 or higher). An overall score of 70 with a minimum of 60 in Reading and Listening, and a minimum of 70 in Writing and Speaking is required for double-degree programs with the University of Waterloo.
PTE – Pearson Test for English	59 overall or higher. An overall score of 63 with a minimum of 65 in Writing and Speaking is required for double-degree programs with the University of Waterloo.

Other Test Scores	(CAE) CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH: ADVANCED <a href="http://cambridgeenglish.org/exams/advanced">cambridgeenglish.org/exams/advanced</a> Overall score of 176.
Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of three years.
Website	<a href="https://wlu.ca/admissions-toolkits/undergraduate/step-1-applying-to-laurier/english-proficiency.html">https://wlu.ca/admissions-toolkits/undergraduate/step-1-applying-to-laurier/english-proficiency.html</a>

**University of Toronto - St. George Campus**

Minimum TOFEL Score	100 total iBT with 22 on Writing (discretionary range 89–99, provided at least 19 on Writing is obtained) 600 total PBT with 5.0 on TWE (discretionary range 573–597, provided at least 4.5 on TWE is obtained)
Minimum MELAB Score	85 overall with no part score below 80 (discretionary range 80–84, provided no part score is below 80)
Minimum IELTS Score	6.5 overall with no band below 6.0
Minimum CAEL Score	70 overall with no part below 60
Other Test Scores	Minimum CanTEST Score: 4.5 average with no part below 4. Minimum ELDA/COPE Score: 86 overall with 32 in Writing and 22 in each of Reading and Listening (discretionary range 80–85 with 28–31 in Writing and 18–21 in each of Reading and Listening).
Website	<a href="http://www.future.utoronto.ca/apply/english-languagerequirements">http://www.future.utoronto.ca/apply/english-languagerequirements</a>

**University of Toronto - Mississauga**

Minimum TOFEL Score	100 total iBT with 22 on Writing (discretionary range 89–99, provided at least 19 on Writing is obtained) 250 total CBT with 5.0 on Essay (discretionary range 230–247, provided at least 4.5 on Essay is obtained) 600 total PBT with 5.0 on TWE discretionary range 573–597, provided at least 4.5 on TWE is obtained)
Minimum MELAB Score	85 overall with no part score below 80 (discretionary range, at least 80, provided no part score is below 80)
Minimum IELTS Score	6.5 overall with no band below 6.0
Minimum CAEL Score	70 overall with no part below 60
Other Test Scores	Minimum CanTEST Score: 4.5 average with no part below 4. Minimum ELDA/COPE Score: 86 overall with 32 in Writing and 22 in each of Reading and Listening (discretionary range 80–85 with 28–31 in Writing and 18–21 in each of Reading and Listening).
Website	<a href="http://uoft.me/engreq">http://uoft.me/engreq</a>

**University of Waterloo**

Minimum TOFEL Score	iBT: 90 total with 25 Writing and 25 Speaking.
Minimum MELAB Score	85 overall with 80 per section. For Co-op programs: 3 Speaking
Minimum IELTS Score	Minimum IELTS Score: 6.5 overall, 6.5 writing, 6.5 speaking, 6.0 reading, 6.0 listening. Note: Students achieving an overall IELTS score of 7.0 and no band score below 6.0 may be given individual consideration for admission to full-time undergraduate studies.
Minimum CAEL Score	70 overall with no band below 60; 70 Writing and 70 Speaking.
Other Test Scores	English For Academic Success (EFAS): 75% overall in 400 level with 75% in each of Academic, Oral, and Writing
Website	<a href="https://uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/elr?utm_source=einfo&amp;utm_medium=clicks&amp;utm_campaign=einfo">https://uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/elr?utm_source=einfo&amp;utm_medium=clicks&amp;utm_campaign=einfo</a>

#### **Western University**

Minimum TOFEL Score	550 PBT, with a 5 on the TWE. 83 iBT, with no score less than 20.
Minimum MELAB Score	Overall score of 80, with no score less than 78.
Minimum IELTS Score	A minimum overall band score of 6.5 is required with no part less than 6.0.
Minimum CAEL Score	A minimum overall score of 60 is required with no part less than 60.
PTE – Pearson Test for English	A minimum overall score of 58 with no score less than 56.
Other Test Scores	English Language Centre at Western University Level Required: High Advanced Level <a href="http://www.englishlanguage.uwo.ca">www.englishlanguage.uwo.ca</a> CultureWorks Level Required: Level 7 (former Level "D") <a href="http://ww.cultureworkstheschool.com/">ww.cultureworkstheschool.com/</a> Fanshawe College Level Required: Level 10 (former Level 5) and a grade of "A" is required in all courses. <a href="http://www.fanshawec.ca/international/newapplicants/eap">www.fanshawec.ca/international/newapplicants/eap</a>
Website	<a href="http://welcome.uwo.ca/preview/admissions/proficiency.html">http://welcome.uwo.ca/preview/admissions/proficiency.html</a>

#### **Western University - Brescia University College**

Minimum TOFEL Score	Test results are considered in conjunction with the student's academic record. TWE is also required.
Minimum MELAB Score	Test results are considered in conjunction with the student's academic record.

Minimum IELTS Score	Test results are considered in conjunction with the student's academic record.
Minimum CAEL Score	Test results are considered in conjunction with the student's academic record.
Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of four years.
Website	<a href="http://brescia.uwo.ca/admissions/internationaladmissions/english-language-proficiency">http://brescia.uwo.ca/admissions/internationaladmissions/english-language-proficiency</a>

**Western University - Huron University College**

Minimum TOFEL Score	86 iBT, with no less than 20 on any section
Minimum MELAB Score	85, with no less than 80 on any section
Minimum IELTS Score	6.5, with no less than 6.0 on any section
Minimum CAEL Score	60, with no less than 60 on any section
Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of three years.
Website	<a href="http://huronuc.ca/FS/Bachelors/AdmissionsInfo">http://huronuc.ca/FS/Bachelors/AdmissionsInfo</a>

**King's University College**

Minimum TOFEL Score	85 iBT with no less than 20 on any section
Minimum MELAB Score	85, with no less than 80 on any section
Minimum IELTS Score	6.5, with no less than 6.0 on any section
Minimum CAEL Score	70 with no section less than 60
PTE – Pearson Test for English	A minimum overall score of 58 with no score less than 56.
Other Test Scores	King's will admit students who have completed their ESL training through programs offered at a number of our ESL partners. Further information can be viewed at: <a href="http://futurestudents.kings.uwo.ca/admissions/admission-requirements/english-proficiency">http://futurestudents.kings.uwo.ca/admissions/admission-requirements/english-proficiency</a> .
Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of three years.
Website	<a href="http://futurestudents.kings.uwo.ca/admissions/admission-requirements/english-proficiency">http://futurestudents.kings.uwo.ca/admissions/admission-requirements/english-proficiency</a>

**University of Windsor**

Minimum TOFEL Score	83 iBT with a minimum score of 20 on the Writing section
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Minimum MELAB Score	85
Minimum IELTS Score	6.5
Minimum CAEL Score	60
PTE – Pearson Test for English	60
Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of three years.
Website	<a href="http://www.uwindsor.ca/secretariat/sites/uwindsor.ca.secretariat/files/english_language_proficiency_undergraduate.pdf">http://www.uwindsor.ca/secretariat/sites/uwindsor.ca.secretariat/files/english_language_proficiency_undergraduate.pdf</a>

<b>York University</b>	
Minimum TOFEL Score	Most programs: 83 iBT Exceptions: Lassonde School of Engineering (BEng programs): 96-99 iBT Nursing: 89 iBT Schulich School of Business: 100 iBT
Minimum IELTS Score	Most programs: 6.5 Exceptions Lassonde School of Engineering (BEng programs), Schulich School of Business: 7.5 Nursing: 7.0 Schulich School of Business: 7.5
Other Tests	York English Language Test (YELT) is also accepted. Overall band of 1–5 required for most programs; an overall band of 1 is required for the Schulich School of Business; an overall band of 2 is required for the Lassonde School of Engineering (BEng programs); and an overall band of 1–4 is required for Nursing.
Test Exemption (No test required)	If you have studied at an English speaking educational institution for a minimum of three years. Successful completion of academic program level 6 at York University’s Language Institute (YUELI).
Website	<a href="http://www.uwindsor.ca/secretariat/sites/uwindsor.ca.secretariat/files/english_language_proficiency_undergraduate.pdf">http://www.uwindsor.ca/secretariat/sites/uwindsor.ca.secretariat/files/english_language_proficiency_undergraduate.pdf</a>

## ESL Programs

**These are programs for students who do not meet the minimum English language assessment scores for the universities. These programs range from 7 weeks to 1 full academic year. The university will determine which program will need to be completed based on the students overall test scores.**

**To qualify for these programs students MUST meet all other admissions criteria and in some cases present grades that exceed the minimum required for admission to be considered for the ESL programs.**

**Once the university assess your application they will send you an offer indicating that you will be required to complete the language program prior to starting your program of choice.**

### **Wilfrid Laurier University – LEAF Program**

The LEAF program allows academically qualified students who do not meet our English proficiency requirements the opportunity to receive a conditional offer of admission pending completion of the 5-level program.

#### **HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?**

In each calendar year, there are two 14-week regular cycles and two 8-week intensive summer cycles. The regular cycles are longer because they're aligned with the undergraduate terms, giving you the opportunity to interact with both domestic and international students during the busiest times of the year. If you have received a conditional offer of admission to Laurier, you will be required to complete a course for credit during Level 5 of the LEAF program. This will help you get a head start on your progress towards a degree, while also completing your LEAF program requirements.

#### **WHAT LEVEL WILL I START IN?**

Check the table below to determine your starting level of the LEAF program.

IELTS Score	LEAF Level
6.0	5
5.5	4
5.0	3

#### **WILL I GET A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF ADMISSION?**

Conditional offers of admission to undergraduate studies at Laurier will be awarded for September 2017 entry to academically qualified students. This means that a conditional offer of admission to Laurier can be awarded at the same time as an offer of admission is made to LEAF.

To successfully complete the LEAF program, students will need to achieve a minimum grade of 70% in each LEAF course, a minimum of 50% in the course for credit, and a minimum overall average of 70% in Level 5.

**LEAF START DATES:**

- Winter term: January 2 - April 14, 2017
- Spring term: April 24 - June 16, 2017
- Summer term: June 26 - August 18, 2017
- Fall term: September 11 - December 22, 2017

For more information about the LEAF program, visit the LEAF website.

<https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/international/english-language-support/leaf/index.html>

**Queens University – QBridge – English Language Bridging Pathway**

**QBridge** is an English language pathway to Queen’s University for students who are academically competitive for admission to a Queen's undergraduate degree program but who do not meet the required admission standard for English language proficiency.

**QBridge: ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES**

Students accepted to Queen’s through QBridge pathway may be required to complete both the Fall and Winter terms of the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Program before progressing to their undergraduate degree studies in the following September. The 1 + 4 (five years) pathway ensures that students are linguistically, academically, and culturally prepared to complete their Queen’s undergraduate degree studies.

**ELIGIBLE DEGREE PROGRAMS:**

**QBridge** is available as a pathway to undergraduate degree programs in the following faculties:

- Faculty of Arts and Science (Not all programs are eligible)
- Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science (Not all programs are eligible)

Students applying to Queen’s through QBridge will be enrolled in English for Academic Purposes Program. To be eligible for QBridge, students must present the following minimum standardized English language test scores:

TOEFL iBT	58
IELTS	5.0
MELAB	58
PTE	40

Students are required to complete Fall and Winter sessions in the EAP Program at Queen's School of English and to achieve the required standing in the program (a final grade of A- or B,(a minimum final grade of A- in ESLA 140 or B in ESLA 150)depending on the level in the program). If a student has not reached the required standard in the Winter term, a third term of study may be taken in the Summer.

**Applying for QBridge:**

Students are required to apply through the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) using the following codes:

- Bachelor of Arts, OUAC Code: QXA
- Bachelor of Science, OUAC Code: QXS
- Bachelor of Engineering, OAUC Code: QXE

**QBridge: ACCELERATED**

Different than the QBridge, English for Academic Purposes Program, QBridge Accelerated is for students with higher standardized English language tests scores and is available as a pathway to ALL first-year degree programs.

**QBridge Accelerated** is an intensive 8-week summer course starting in early July. Students with the following standardized English language test scores may be considered for

TOEFL iBT	80
IELTS	6.0
MELAB	78
PTE	55

Students must achieve at least a B grade in QBridge Accelerated to progress to their degree program in September of the same year. More information about Queen's Qbridge Program can be found at their website:

<http://www.queensu.ca/admission/apply-high-school/how-apply/required-documents/test-facility-english>

**University of Waterloo**

If your English language test scores do not meet the requirements but you meet their academic admission requirements, you may still qualify for conditional admission through the Bridge to Academic Success in English (available in most programs, except the Faculty of Mathematics).

If you are applying to the Faculty of Mathematics and your English scores are below the required levels, you may be eligible for conditional admission through the English for Academic Studies program.

### **Bridge to Academic Success in English (BASE).**

In BASE, you

- improve your reading, writing, and oral skills with a focus on using English in a university setting
- take a credit course and begin earning your Waterloo degree right away
- have access to Waterloo workshops on research skills, career development, time management, and more
- can use university support services, recreational facilities, and a public transit bus pass

BASE is offered in 3 formats.

- 1-term session, offered September to December.
- 2-term session, offered September to December **and** January to April.
- A 7 week Intensive Bridge to Academic Success in English(iBASE) beginning in mid-July (for students admitted to the School of Accounting and Finance or to the Faculties of Applied Health Sciences, Arts, Engineering, Environment, or Science).

How long you spend in BASE depends on your English language test scores and your program's requirements. Your offer of admission tells you which session to take.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IELTS</b> (International English Language Testing System)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1 term in BASE Overall 6.5, minimum 6.0 per band</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 terms in BASE <i>Minimum score</i> Overall 6.5, 6.0 in writing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Overall 5.5 - 6.0, 5.0 in writing  OR Overall 6.5, writing less than 6.0</p>
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Once you have successfully completed BASE, you can begin studying full-time towards your degree. The undergraduate credit course(s) you take during BASE count toward your degree.

For more information about the University of Waterloo's language programs please visit: [https://uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/admissions/english-language-requirements?utm\\_source=einfo&utm\\_medium=clicks&utm\\_campaign=einfo-links](https://uwaterloo.ca/find-out-more/admissions/english-language-requirements?utm_source=einfo&utm_medium=clicks&utm_campaign=einfo-links)

### **University of Waterloo Mathematics/English Language for Academic Studies (Math/ELAS)**

Students who meet all the admissions requirements except the English language requirements may receive an alternative offer to the English Language for Academic Studies program, known as Math/ELAS

#### **What is the Math/ELAS?**

Math/ELAS is a program that allows you to begin your academic studies while you improve your English language skills. It is designed for students who are strong in mathematics but need to improve their level in English language.

Math/ELAS provides an opportunity for students to acquire the reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. This program provides you the support needed in the classroom and allows you to build on your experience to be successful in the Faculty of Mathematics at the University of Waterloo.

**You cannot apply directly for admission to Math/ELAS.**

To be considered for Math/ELAS, you must first apply to one or more Faculty of Mathematics entry programs.

If you have applied to the Faculty of Mathematics, you may fit the following description:

- your first language is not English,
- your English language test scores are below the minimum requirements.
- your high school mathematics marks meet or exceed our minimum mark requirements.
- you meet all our other admissions requirements, and
- you are interested in studying in the Faculty of Mathematics, including the Cheriton School of Computer Science, at the University of Waterloo.

**How long does it take to complete Math/ELAS?**

To successfully complete the Math/ELAS program you must:

- complete one academic term (4 months);
- achieve at least 70% in all English language courses; and
- achieve at least 60% in your mathematics course.

If you meet all of the above conditions, you will be admitted into a regular honours program in the Faculty of Mathematics (includes Cheriton School of Computer Science), at the University of Waterloo.

You are expected to begin your degree studies in the term following completion of your Math/ELAS term.

**When is Math/ELAS offered?**

Math/ELAS is offered three times a year:

- In the fall term, from September to December.
- In the winter term, from January to April.
- In the summer, from July to August: this program is called Summer Intensive English Language for Academic Studies (IELAS) program. It is an 8-week intensive English language enrichment program.

**Note:** Summer IELAS requires a separate application process.