

To: General Faculties Council

Agenda Item	Admissions Standards Committee
Action Requested	Review by General Faculties Council
Purpose	A summary of activity in the 2017-2018 academic year.

OVERVIEW

"The Committee is responsible for approving, making recommendations and/or for providing advice to GFC, its Executive Committee, the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee, and/or faculty/school councils on policies and procedures regarding the admission of applicants to University programs and the awarding of transfer credit."

-Admission Standards Committee, Terms of Reference

The Admissions Standards Committee met several times in the 2017-2018 academic year, passing numerous proposal regarding admission and transfer policy, procedures, and criteria. The attached report includes notable changes made to admissions in the 2017-2018 academic year. Please see attachment for full report.

Admissions Standards Committee
Report to General Faculties Council
Academic Year 2017/18

1. Meetings

During the 2017/2018 academic year, the Admissions Standards Committee met on the following four dates: October 13, 2017; January 27, 2018; April 6, 2018; June 22, 2018. An email vote was held with responses collected by June 27, 2017.

2. Policy Actions

Full details on ASC agenda, decisions, and policy documents can be found through the ASC links on the GFC website at: <http://www.uleth.ca/committees/asc/>.

Items of particular interest from the 2017/2018 academic year include:

a. Application Deadline and Intake Changes

1. *Updated:* Change to application deadline for International students applying to the M.A., M.Sc., and Ph.D. programs.
2. *Updated:* The May 1 application deadline for the M.A. Economics major is being deleted.
3. *New:* Addition of policy to allow graduate-level international students to defer admission.
4. *New:* Addition of policy to allow undergraduate-level international students to defer admission.
5. *Updated:* Inclusion of English for Academic Purposes as an admission route, and inclusion of EAP application deadlines in the Undergraduate Application and Document Deadline table.
6. *Updated:* Changes to Undergraduate Application and Document Deadline chart to align with current policy (primarily Calgary campus information).
7. *Update:* Moving up the application and document deadlines for admission to the Faculty of Education.
8. *Update:* Change to Final Official Document Deadline for B.T.R. from June 15 to August 15.

b. Admission Requirements

1. *Updated:* Recognition that the B.Mus. holds May auditions in addition to those in February and March.
2. *New:* Addition of Special Case Admission to the B.N. After Degree program.
3. *Updated:* GPA requirements for the M.A. program is increasing from 3.0 to 3.3.
4. *Updated:* TOEFL changes – minimum score requirement on internet-based TOEFL is 93 from 90; paper-based TOEFL will no longer be accepted as of October 2019.
5. *New:* Addition of policy indicating a grade of '5' or higher in IB courses is required to receive transfer credit.
6. *Updated:* Change to Standardized Test Admission Route to reflect changes to SATs; all American applicants must submit SAT or ACT results.
7. *Updated:* Removal of High School requirements from provinces other than Alberta from the Calendar, and addition of reference to provincial requirements online.
8. *Updated:* Changes to Adult Student (Mature) Admission Route to clarify options for meeting admission requirements.
9. *Updated:* Addition of statement that applicants must meet program-specific admission requirements to align policy and procedure.

10. *Updated:* Lowering the number of courses and hours required for admission to B.A./B.Ed., B.Sc./B.Ed, B.F.A.-Art/B.Ed., B.F.A.-Dramatic Arts/B.Ed., B.F.A.-New Media/B.Ed., B.Mus./B.Ed. from 20 to 14 (60.0 credit hours to 42.0 credit hours).
11. *Updated:* Additional admission requirements for Native Education major changed to three of seven courses required in the school subject minor.
12. *New:* Addition of note indicating test-based assessments must have been successfully met requirements within two years prior to the term of admission.
13. *New:* Current registration with a nursing college is a way to meet the SELP requirement.
14. *Update:* Changes to admission GPA requirement for the B.Mgt. as a Second Degree from last 20 graded university level courses to their most recent undergraduate degree.

3. Noteworthy

1. *New:* Addition of a modified Tabula Rasa policy for the First Nations' Transition Program.
2. *Updated:* Change in wording regarding reporting midterm grades for application to the B.N. After Degree program
3. *Updated:* Provide proper sequencing of Transfer Route steps from a Master's program to a Doctoral program.
4. *New:* Add use of Admit System to review all applications to process for application/admission.
5. *Updated:* Removal of statement that M.Sc. Finance and Accounting majors are not available on the Calgary campus.
6. *Update:* Consolidation of Faculty information on Tabula Rasa, removal of Tabula Rasa from Faculty Parts, and addition of Tabula Rasa to Admission Part of Undergraduate Calendar.
7. *Updated:* Changes to Dual Admission process in regard to admittance while attending Partnering Institution.
8. *New:* Addition of new Admission Part in the Graduate Calendar, and removal of Admission information in Program Parts.
9. *New:* Addition of an Admission Appeals policy in the Graduate Calendar.
10. *Updated:* Change language of Transfer Route applicants to Post-Secondary applicants; also course requirement for post-secondary applicants from eight courses to six.
11. *Updated:* Change to GPA requirements for applicants holding a previous degree from using the last 20 courses to the degree GPA.
12. *Updated:* Changes to Readmission after Required Withdrawal and after Expulsion to align policy and practice.
13. *Update:* Changes to Continuing Students changing Programs policy to align policy and practice.
14. *Update:* Removal of ELP Waiver policy.
15. *Update:* Removal of Pending Final Official Documents policy.
16. *New:* The higher of the diploma program GPA or GPA based on transferable courses will be used for academic purposes for College Diploma applicants.
17. *New:* Applicants who have unsatisfactory post-secondary academic records will not be considered for Non-Matriculated Adult Admission.

Respectfully submitted,



Susie Kennedy, ASC Chair
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