



UBC Undergraduate Admissions Proposal Form Change to Admission Requirements UBC Okanagan

<p>Department: Undergraduate Admissions</p> <p>Approval Dates:</p> <p>1) UBC Senate Admissions Committee: Oct 11, 2006</p> <p>2) UBC Okanagan Admissions & Awards Committee: pending review</p> <p>Effective Session: September 2007</p>	<p>Date: October 17, 2006</p> <p>Contact Person: Denise Lauritano, Assistant Registrar, International (Acting)</p> <p>Phone: 604-827-5173</p> <p>Email: denise.lauritano@ubc.ca</p>
<p>Proposed Calendar Entry:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Applicants following the American Secondary School Curriculum</p> <p>Applicants following the American Secondary school curriculum must present the following minimum criteria to be considered for admission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ graduation from an academic or college preparation program at a US regionally-accredited school;▪ English to the senior level (not ESL);▪ at least three other senior academic subjects and prerequisites appropriate for the intended program of study;▪ three years of Mathematics to the junior level; and▪ either (a) SAT I with a composite score of 1700 or higher, or (b) ACT (26 or higher) plus Writing (10 or higher). In countries where the SAT and ACT are unavailable, exemptions may be granted.	<p>URL:</p> <p>Vancouver: http://www.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=2,26,0,0</p> <p>Okanagan: http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=2,24,0,0</p> <p>Present Calendar Entry:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Applicants following the American Secondary School Curriculum</p> <p>Applicants following the American Secondary school curriculum must present the following minimum criteria to be considered for admission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ graduation from an academic or college preparation program at a US regionally-accredited school;▪ English to the senior level (not ESL);▪ at least three other senior academic subjects and prerequisites appropriate for the intended program of study;▪ three years of Mathematics to the junior level; and▪ either (a) SAT I with a composite score of 1700 or higher, or (b) ACT (26 or higher) plus Writing (10 or higher). In countries where the SAT and ACT are unavailable, exemptions may be granted. <p>Type of Action:</p> <p>1) Elimination of minimum SAT and ACT + Writing Test score details for the calendars.</p>



Rationale:

Further reflection and discussions on the implementation of the new SAT and ACT requirements for admission to UBC have occurred since the approval of this policy earlier this year (2006).

At a meeting of the Senate Admissions Committee for UBC on October 11, 2006, it was agreed that softer minimum scores would be beneficial. It was agreed that, rather than refuse students below the previously approved minimum scores, Admissions would calculate admission averages for applicants presenting an SAT1 composite score above 1500 or an ACT score of 24 plus 8 on the writing section. Applicants who meet competitive admission GPA cut-offs would still be admitted, those who fall in broad-based admission ranges would be looked at individually.

The key advantage of a softer minimum in the early stages of this new policy is that it will allow the Undergraduate Admissions Office to collect more data on the correlation of admission averages and SAT/ACT scores with performance at UBC. This data will be key in reviewing and further refining the admission policy for American secondary school applicants.

The Senate Admissions Committee further recommended that the minimum published scores be eliminated from the UBC calendars, until such analysis and further discussion/consideration of a appropriate minimums can take place.