



UBC Undergraduate Admissions Proposal Form Change to Admission Requirements

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Proposed Calendar Entry: Applicants Following Other International Secondary School Curricula The following list outlines the minimum standing for admission in terms of educational credentials. All students must present prerequisites appropriate for their intended program of study. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ [...]▪ Certificate of Matriculation. Applicants who have matriculated at a recognized university may be admitted, provided subject prerequisites and academic standing for admission to UBC are met.▪ Singapore (2008 onwards). Applicants must present completion of the new curriculum. Admission will be based on at least five examinations, including English, with three at the H2 level and two at the H1 level.▪ Other International School Systems not listed above: Graduation from an approved university-preparation program within an education system that comprises 12 years of primary and secondary study or the equivalent. The admission average is calculated on academic courses and/or exams completed at the senior level (final year) of study. These courses and/or exams are selected by the Admissions Office of the University of British Columbia.	URL: http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=2,24,0,0 Present Calendar Entry: II. Admissions Applicants Following Other International Secondary School Curricula The following list outlines the minimum standing for admission in terms of educational credentials. All students must present prerequisites appropriate for their intended program of study. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ [...]▪ Certificate of Matriculation. Applicants who have matriculated at a recognized university may be admitted, provided subject prerequisites and academic standing for admission to UBC are met.▪ Singapore (2008 onwards). Applicants must present completion of the new curriculum. Admission will be based on at least five examinations, including English, with three at the H2 level and two at the H1 level. Type of Action: Admissions would like to provide text on admission of secondary school applicants from countries that are following a regional system of education (non-US, IB, GCE etc.). Rationale: The current calendar text (above) makes reference to “matriculation” from a “recognized university”. It attempts to



reference other education systems but uses terminology that is not understood by prospective students.

Background:

The original calendar text upon which the current text was based intended to convey that applicants had to be admitted or admissible to a university in their home country in order to be considered by UBC. The calendar went on to say that the applicant had to not only meet UBC's minimum requirements but had to exceed the requirements of the home university.

In 1983 the wording in the UBC calendar changed to say that applicants from other countries had to meet UBC's requirements but removed reference to having standing "above the minimum acceptable at the other university". In 1985 the wording changed to the current wording, which is not understood by prospective students and does not reflect the practice that has been in place for many years within Admissions.

The proposed new calendar text is a clearer reflection of current practice within Undergraduate Admissions and should be well-understood by prospective students.