

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



SENATE POLICY:
O-50

OKANAGAN SENATE

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Kelowna, BC V1V 1V7

Number & Title:

O-50: *Broad-Based Admission*

Effective Date:

1 April 2012 for admission to the 2013 Winter Session and thereafter.

Approval Date:

28 March 2012

Review Date:

This policy shall be reviewed three (3) years after approval and thereafter as deemed necessary by the *responsible committee*.

Responsible Committee:

Admissions and Awards Committee of the Okanagan Senate.

Authority:

University Act, S. 37(1)

“The academic governance of the university is vested in the senate and it has the following powers:

(b) to establish committees it considers necessary and, by 2/3 vote of its members present, to delegate to one or more committees those of its powers as it may determine;

(c) to determine all questions relating to the academic and other qualifications required of applicants for admission as students to the university or any faculty, and to determine which faculty the students pursuing a course of study must register.”

Purpose and Goals:

This policy is designed to:

- 1) Allow for the collection of information on student attributes and abilities that would not be available based upon secondary school or other academic records alone; and
- 2) Allow faculties to use data beyond *Admission Averages* to consider applicants with a view to selecting students of the highest quality.

Applicability:

This policy is applicable for admission to all *direct-entry undergraduate programs* and for admission to all undergraduate programs offered by faculties of the *Okanagan campus* of the *University* that generally require previous post-secondary study as an academic criterion for admission.

Exclusions:

This policy is not applicable for admission to graduate or diploma programs.

Definitions:

For the purposes of this policy:

Admission Average shall mean, as context requires, the academic average calculated by the *University* to determine the applicant's relative academic competitiveness, the minimum academic qualification for consideration for admission to the *University* or to a given *course of study*, or both.

Broad-Based Admission shall mean the consideration of non-academic and academic information (beyond the *Admission Average* and pre-requisite courses) in undergraduate admission decisions.

Direct-entry undergraduate program shall mean a course of study offered by the *University* leading to a degree or diploma to which applicants are generally admitted based primarily upon their secondary school academic performance or transfer from a comparable program at another post-secondary education institution.

Personal Profile shall mean those components of a completed application that include the responses to specific questions posed to applicants for *Broad-Based Admission* assessment.

Policy:

1. In addition to required academic criteria, generally as indicated by a calculated *Admission Average* and the completion of prerequisite courses, faculties of the *Okanagan campus* are permitted to use *Broad-Based Admission* in the consideration of applicants to undergraduate programs who meet or exceed any minimum *Admissions Averages* required.
2. The decision to include *Broad-Based Admission* in the consideration of applicants shall be at the discretion of the faculty offering the *course of study*.
3. Applicants to programs of the *Okanagan campus* that use *Broad-Based Admission* for the consideration of applicants shall be required to complete a *Personal Profile*.
4. *Broad-Based Admission* considerations shall be made via the assessment of a *Personal Profile*; procedures for the assessment of *Personal Profiles* shall be set out by the *responsible committee*.
5. Each *course of study* using *Broad-Based Admission* for the consideration of applicants shall set a pre-determined relationship between required *Admissions Averages* and assessed *Broad-Based Admission Personal Profiles*. This relationship must be equally applied to all applicants to a given *course of study* for an academic session.
6. A faculty's decision to use *Broad-Based Admission* for consideration of undergraduate applicants and the set relationship between *Admission Averages* and an assessed *Personal Profile* for each *course of study* shall be reported to the *responsible committee* for information prior to offers of admission being made for an academic session.
7. Nothing in this policy shall be taken to restrict the ability of a dean or his or her designate to admit an excellent student at his or her discretion.
8. The procedures to this policy - or any section thereof - shall not be published or made public should the Registrar be of the opinion that their publication may compromise the efficacy of *Broad-Based Admission* scoring.

Academic Calendar Statements:

URL: <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/proof/edit/index.cfm?tree=2,13,0,0>

Proposed Academic Calendar Entry:

[Homepage Admissions](#)
Policy on Admissions

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The University of British Columbia seeks applications from students who can benefit from and contribute to its varied and stimulating academic life. The University's admission regulations and procedures are intended to identify such students and to ensure that they enter programs at a level that will allow them to get the maximum benefit from their studies.

Undergraduate applicants are evaluated on the basis of a range of criteria indicative of their preparedness for study at UBC. The criteria include English language abilities, academic performance in specific courses, the strength of their overall program of study, and may also include achievement in standardized tests and other indicators of personal preparedness such as demonstrated aptitudes, accomplishments, and involvement in projects and activities.

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URL: <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/proof/edit/index.cfm?tree=2,319,0,0>

Proposed Academic Calendar Entry:

Homepage (draft) Admissions

Student Declaration

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[13996] The following Student Declaration appears on the UBC application form for undergraduate admission. The Admissions Office will not process an application unless the applicant has accepted the Student Declaration as part of completing the application form.

[13997]

- I agree that my secondary and post-secondary grades may be released to UBC.
- I will notify Undergraduate Admissions of any additional secondary and/or post-secondary studies taken subsequent to the date of this application.
- I certify that the written responses included in this application are accurate and my own.
- I agree that if I knowingly or carelessly provided untrue or incomplete information with this application then UBC may in its sole discretion do any or all of the following: (a) withdraw any offer of admission, whether accepted or not; (b) require me to withdraw from UBC; (c) subject me to academic discipline; (d) share the information I provided with other post-secondary institutions, law enforcement agencies, or other third parties.

- I agree that UBC may verify the information provided by contacting the relevant institution or any secondary or post-secondary institutions not listed in this application.
- I agree that my name may be released to my school or school district if I am a Scholarship recipient.
- I agree, if admitted to UBC, to comply with all rules and regulations of the University, present and future.

Consultations:

The following groups have been consulted during the development of this policy:

1. Dean's Council
2. Strategic Enrolment Committee
3. Office of the University Counsel (for Student Declaration change)
4. Enrolment Services
 - a. Undergraduate Admissions Office

History:

This is the first version of this policy.

Related Policies:

None.

Appendix:

None.