

APPLICATION EVALUATION

Early Admission

MacEwan University offers early admission to qualified applicants prior to the completion of their program's academic requirements. Applications will be evaluated based on final Grade 11 and/or Grade 12 courses and the other admission requirements. Specific requirements are located at macewan.ca/apply-enrol/admissions/requirements/early-admission/ (<https://www.macewan.ca/apply-enrol/admissions/requirements/early-admission/>).

Competitive Programs

Many programs are competitive based on higher than minimum academic requirements, other admission requirements or a combination of both. Applicants are encouraged to apply and submit documents early. In addition, it is important that applicants keep the Office of the University Registrar informed of any changes that may affect admission. Posted competitive ranges are subject to change as the applicant pool is evaluated.

Classification of High School Courses

All Grade 12 subjects, other than English Language Arts 30-1, have been classified into four groups: A (Humanities), B (Fine Arts), C (Sciences) and D (Options). The Grade 12 courses listed are based on Alberta Education approved curriculum and nomenclature. Prospective applicants from other provinces and territories should visit [MacEwan.ca/HighSchoolSubjects](http://macewan.ca/HighSchoolSubjects/) (<http://macewan.ca/HighSchoolSubjects/>) for out-of-province equivalencies.

Applicants who are home-schooled will be required to complete the Alberta Education diploma examinations (or equivalent) in order to meet any high school course requirement.

For admission purposes, MacEwan University will use the higher of either the high school grade or the Advanced Placement (AP)/International Baccalaureate (IB) grade.

Group A (Humanities)

1. Social Studies 30-1
2. 30-level language other than English
3. Aboriginal Studies 30

Notes:

1. Any one of the following courses will meet the 30-level language other than English requirement: French 21, 20S, 20N, 30S, 30N; French 31, 31A, 31B, 31C, 30-3Y, 30-9Y; French Language Arts 20, 30, 30-1, 30-2; Français 20, 30, 30-1, 30-2; Langue et Littérature 20, 30.
2. Any one of the following courses will also meet the 30-level language other than English requirement: Blackfoot Language & Culture 30; Chinese Language Arts 30; Chinese Language & Culture 30; Cree Language & Culture 30; German Language Arts 30; German Language & Culture 30; Italian Language & Culture 30; Japanese Language & Culture 30; Latin 30; Spanish Language & Culture 30; Ukrainian Language Arts 30; Ukrainian Language & Culture 30. There are other 35-level locally developed courses which may also be used to meet the language other than English requirement.

Group B (Fine Arts)

1. Art 30
2. Art 31
3. Communication Technology Advanced (CTS) (5 credits)
4. Dance 35
5. Drama 30
6. Music 30 (Choral, Instrumental or General) (5 credits)
7. Musical Theatre 35
8. Music 35
9. Performing Arts 35 A, B, or C
10. Additional 35-level Fine Arts courses may be considered

Note: Equivalents of Music 30: Conservatory Canada, Grade 8 Practical and Grade IV Theory; Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto, Grade 8 Practical and Grade II Theory; Mount Royal University, Grade 8 Practical and Grade II Theory. Documents must be presented to Alberta Education for evaluation.

Group C (Sciences)

1. Biology 30
2. Chemistry 30
3. Computing Science Advanced (CTS) (5 credits)
4. Mathematics 30-1
5. Mathematics 30-2 (cannot be used for admission with Mathematics 30-1)
6. Mathematics 31
7. Physics 30
8. Science 30

Group D (Options)

Applicants using a Group D subject for admission must present either one 5-credit subject or any combination of two 3-credit subjects. Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses may be used only if a minimum 5-credits are presented at the advanced level in the same subject area. Specific course examples can be found at [MacEwan.ca/HighSchoolSubjects](http://macewan.ca/HighSchoolSubjects/) (<http://macewan.ca/HighSchoolSubjects/>).

Apprenticeship, Work Experience, Special Projects and Career and Life Management (CALM) courses are not considered for admission.

University Credit Substitutions for High School Courses

This chart lists university-level credit that can be substituted in cases where applicants do not present the appropriate Grade 12 courses.

University Level Credits Required

Course	Credits
English	
English	6
Group A (Humanities)	
Language other than English	6
Humanities or Social Sciences ¹	3
Group B (Fine Arts)	
Fine Arts	3
Group C (Sciences)²	
Mathematics (Algebra)	3

Mathematics (Calculus)	3
Chemistry	3
Physics	3
Biology (includes Botany, Genetics, Microbiology, Zoology)	3

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SOCI 100 can be used as a substitution for Social 30-1/30-2. This is the only course that can be used to substitute for Social 30-1/30-2

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If no specific Group C course is listed as an admission requirement, any course from a science discipline—including PSYC 104—can be used as a group C subject.

English is the primary language of instruction at MacEwan University. All applicants to any undergraduate (i.e. certificate, diploma, and degree) program must demonstrate a minimum level of English Language Proficiency (ELP) prior to admission, regardless of citizenship or country

of origin. In addition to ELP, some programs may also require a Spoken English Proficiency (SEP).

The ELP requirement is designed to ensure that applicants have the best opportunity for success in their university studies. MacEwan University reserves the right to use discretion to determine applicants' language proficiency.

Applicants whose Primary Language is English are deemed to have met the ELP requirement. Primary Language is defined as the language the applicant is most proficient in, and uses on a daily basis for written and oral communication. In addition, it must be the language of instruction in the applicants' last three years of formal education (excluding English as a Second Language).

English Language Proficiency Requirements

All other applicants must present one of the following to demonstrate fulfillment of ELP.

Test/Program	Requirement(s)	Website
English Language Proficiency Tests ¹		
IELTS - Academic International English Language Testing System	Minimum overall band score of 6.5 and a minimum score of 5.5 in each component	www.ielts.org (http://www.ielts.org)
IELTS Exceptions	Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Minimum overall band score of 6.5 and a minimum score of 5.5 in Reading and Writing, 6.0 in Listening and 7.0 in Speaking Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Minimum overall band score of 7.0 and a minimum score of 6.5 in Reading, 7.0 in Speaking and Writing, and 7.5 in Listening.	
TOEFL-Internet-Based Test (iBT) Test of English as a Foreign Language	Minimum total score of 86 and a minimum score of 21 in each section.	www.toefl.org (http://www.toefl.org)
TOEFL Exceptions	Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Minimum total score of 86 and a minimum score of 21 in Reading and Writing, 23 in Listening, and 26 in Speaking. Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Minimum total score of 98 and a minimum score of 21 in Reading, 27 in Writing and Listening, and 26 in Speaking.	
CAEL Canadian Academic English Language Assessment	Minimum overall band score of 70 and a minimum score of 60 in each band	www.cael.ca (http://www.cael.ca)
CAEL Exceptions	Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Minimum overall band score of 70 and minimum scores of 60 in Reading and Writing, and 70 in Listening and Speaking. Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Minimum overall band score of 80 and minimum scores of 70 in Reading, Writing, and Speaking and 80 in Listening.	
PTE - Academic Pearson Test of English	Minimum overall score of 59 and a minimum score of 56 in each band	www.pearsonpte.com (http://www.pearsonpte.com)

PTE Exceptions	Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Minimum overall score of 59 and a minimum score of 56 in Reading and Writing, 58 in Listening, and 71 in Speaking. Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Minimum overall score of 68 and a minimum score of 61 in Reading, 71 in Speaking and Writing, and 75 in Listening.	
Cambridge English: Advanced/Proficiency Cambridge English Language Assessment	Minimum overall score of 180 and a minimum score of 165 in each skill	www.cambridgeenglish.org (http://www.cambridgeenglish.org)
Cambridge English Exceptions	Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Minimum overall score of 180 and a minimum score of 165 in Reading and Writing, 172 in Listening, and 188 in Speaking. Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Minimum overall score of 188 and a minimum score of 180 in Reading, 188 in Speaking and Writing, and 195 in Listening.	
MELAB - Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)	Minimum overall score of 85 and a minimum score of 80 in GCVR, Listening, and Writing and a 3 in the Speaking Test.	www.michiganassessment.org (http://www.michiganassessment.org)
MELAB Exceptions	Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Minimum overall score of 85 and a minimum score of 80 in GCVR and Writing, 85 in Listening, and a 4- in the Speaking Test. Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Minimum overall score of 85 and a minimum score of 85 in GCVR and Writing, 90 in Listening, and 4- in the Speaking Test.	
EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency	Minimum overall grade of 1.	www.eiken.or.jp (http://www.eiken.or.jp) (Japanese) or www.eiken.or.jp/eiken/en/eiken-tests (http://www.eiken.or.jp/eiken/en/eiken-tests/) (English)
EIKEN Exceptions	Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing Diploma and Therapist Assistant Diploma - Category may not be used to fulfill the English Language Proficiency requirement.	

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English Language Proficiency test scores more than two years old will not be accepted for admission.

Course/Education	Requirement(s)	Website
High School Course		
English Language Arts 30-1 (or equivalent) Alberta Education Grade 12 English	Minimum final blended grade of 75% (includes the diploma examination mark). Exceptions - Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Category may not be used to fulfill the English Language Proficiency requirement.	
IB English International Baccalaureate	Minimum grade of 5 in English A1 or A2, or minimum grade of 6 in English B. Exceptions - Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Category may not be used to fulfill the English Language Proficiency requirement.	www.ibo.org (http://www.ibo.org)
AP English Advanced Placement	Minimum grade of 4.	apstudents.collegeboard.org

	Exceptions - Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Category may not be used to fulfill the English Language Proficiency requirement.	
British-Patterned Education System English English Language or Literature at the GCE Advanced Level, GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level, or GCSE or IGCSE Level	Minimum grade of B.	
	Exceptions - Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Category may not be used to fulfill the English Language Proficiency requirement.	
	Post-Secondary Course	
Six (6) credits of transferable university level English Language or Literature completed at a recognized English language institution	Minimum grade of B+. If more than one course is presented a grade of B+ is required in each course.	
	Exceptions - Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Category may not be used to fulfill the English Language Proficiency requirement.	
English as an Additional Language English Language Preparation Preparation-MacEwan University ENGL 086 and ENGL 087; OR ERDW 085 and ESPL 085 and EPOT 068	Minimum grade of B- in each course.	www.macewan.ca/academics/programs/english-as-an-additional-language (http://www.macewan.ca/academics/programs/english-as-an-additional-language/)
	Exception - Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Category may not be used to fulfill the English Language Proficiency requirement.	
English Academic Preparation (EAP) University of Alberta EAL 140 and EAL 145	Successful completion of each course.	http://ext.ualberta.ca/
	Exception - Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Category may not be used to fulfill the English Language Proficiency requirement.	
	Previous Education in English	
Three or more years of full-time education in English (excluding English as a Second Language) in Canada or another country.	Successful completion. Must include Alberta Grade 12 (or equivalent) where secondary education is the highest level, or if a combination of secondary and post-secondary education is used. English must be recognized as the official/primary language of instruction.	
	Exceptions - Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Category may not be used to fulfill the English Language Proficiency requirement.	
University degree (baccalaureate or graduate)	Successful completion. The degree must be from a recognized post-secondary institution where English is the official/primary language of instruction.	
	Exceptions - Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Category may not be used to fulfill the English Language Proficiency requirement.	

An applicant who is completely bilingual and fluent in English shall be entitled to submit a written petition to the Office of the University Registrar providing evidence that their ELP exceeds the specified minimum levels, and request exemption from the ELP requirement.

Spoken English Proficiency (SEP)

In addition to the English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirement, applicants to specified programs (Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing Diploma, and Therapist Assistant Program Diploma - Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Major) are required to demonstrate a minimum level of Spoken English Proficiency prior to admission, regardless of citizenship or country of origin.

Applicants must present one of the following to demonstrate fulfillment of SEP:

Test/Program	Requirement(s)	Website
Spoken English Proficiency Tests ¹		
IELTS – Academic International English Language Testing System	Minimum score of 7.0 in Speaking.	www.ielts.org (http://www.ielts.org)
TOEFL-Internet-Based Test (iBT) Test of English as a Foreign Language	Minimum score of 26 in Speaking.	www.toefl.org (http://www.toefl.org)
CAEL Canadian Academic English Language Assessment	Minimum score of 70 in Speaking.	www.cael.ca (http://www.cael.ca)
PTE- Academic Pearson Test of English	Minimum score of 71 in Speaking.	www.pearsonpte.com (http://www.pearsonpte.com)
Cambridge English: Advanced/Proficiency Cambridge English Language Assessment	Minimum score of 188 in Speaking.	www.cambridgeenglish.org (http://www.cambridgeenglish.org)
MELAB Michigan English Language Assessment Battery	Minimum score of 4- in the Speaking Test.	www.michiganassessment.org (http://www.michiganassessment.org)

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Educational Experience	Required Score	Website
Previous Education in English		
Six (6) or more years of full-time education in English (excluding English as a Second Language) in Canada or another country	Successful completion. Must include Alberta Grade 12 (or equivalent) where secondary education is the highest level, or if a combination of secondary and post-secondary education is used. English must be recognized as the official/primary language of instruction. Exceptions - Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Category may not be used to fulfill the Spoken English Proficiency requirement.	
University degree (baccalaureate or graduate)	Successful completion. The degree must be from a recognized post-secondary institution where English is the official/primary language of instruction. Exceptions - Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Diploma - Category may not be used to fulfill the Spoken English Proficiency requirement.	

Based on the Admissions policy, no petitions or waivers will be considered for the Spoken English Proficiency requirements.