

# OCAD UNIVERSITY FACT SHEET



International Programs & Collaborations Office



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## OCAD UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

### FACULTY OF ART

- DRAWING & PAINTING
- EXPERIMENTAL ANIMATION
- INTEGRATED MEDIA
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- PRINTMAKING & PUBLICATIONS
- SCULPTURE & INSTALLATION

### FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE

- CREATIVE WRITING
- DIGITAL FUTURES
- INDIGENOUS VISUAL CULTURE
- VISUAL & CRITICAL STUDIES
- CRITICISM & CURATORIAL PRACTICE

### FACULTY OF DESIGN

- ADVERTISING
- ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
- ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN:  
INTERIOR DESIGN SPECIALIZATION
- GRAPHIC DESIGN
- ILLUSTRATION
- INDUSTRIAL DESIGN
- MATERIAL ART & DESIGN

### ACADEMIC TERMS

Fall - September - December

Winter - January - April

Official dates are published

here [Dates & Deadlines](#)



## APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Partner institution must nominate their students for exchange via MS FORMS by April 1st
2. Nominated students will receive application instructions shortly after the nomination deadline.
3. Students will need to create a Slideroom account and upload portfolio and other supporting documents by May 15th.
4. Students will receive results by early June, acceptance of their spot must be submitted by mid- June.

Nomination does not guarantee admission to the exchange program at OCAD, spaces are limited.

### LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:

The official language of instruction at OCAD U is English. It is the responsibility of the home institution to ensure that the students who are nominated for exchange at OCAD U have sufficient ability to complete university-level courses in English. TOEL/IELTS may be required if the home university's primary instruction is not English. English Language Proficiency information can be found on the OCAD U website. It is the home institutions responsibility to ensure their student candidate meets these requirements.

### REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Letter of Intent, 250 words outlining students motivation for exchange at OCAD U
- copy of most recent official transcript in English
- portfolio - 10 pieces of students recent, original work
- course wish list , students may review the course catalogue and indicate their top 10 course choices, note this is not a guarantee into these courses.

## VISAS

Exchange students coming for one term (less than 6 months) are not required to have a Study Permit. However, depending on their **country of citizenship**, they will be required to obtain either a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV), or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to enter Canada. Exchange students are not permitted to work on-campus or off-campus. Details can be found on the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) website.

## UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN (UHIP)

The UHIP is a mandatory health plan for all international non-residents studying or working at a participating university or affiliated college in Ontario. Students are automatically enrolled in UHIP upon acceptance. UHIP provides international students with basic coverage for doctor and hospital services during their exchange. It does **not** provide extended coverage for prescription medication and dental care. For details, go to [www.uhip.ca](http://www.uhip.ca). Students can enroll into extended coverage via StudentCare (prescriptions, physiotherapy, massage therapy, dental etc) if they wish, but must do so within the first month of arriving.

***The UHIP fee will be included in the student's fees account.- Students will need to pay these fees once they have arrived to campus.***

## STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

The International Projects and Collaborations Office (IPCO) will connect students with the appropriate person at the Student Accessibility Services and other student services (if needed) prior to their arrival on campus. Please note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify to OCAD U prior to their arrival to ensure that we will be able to provide the required disability support services.

## **TUITION AND FEES**

Exchange students are exempt from regular tuition fees. However, they are required to pay mandatory fees including; University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP), course materials fees and software (only required for certain programs of study).

## **CREDIT WEIGHT & TRANSFERS**

A full course load can be between 1.5 credits-2.5 credits at OCAD. 2.5 credits is equivalent to 30 ECTS credits. Every 0.5 credit course is 12 weeks long with 3 hours of contact hours per week (this does not include self study time). Students are not required to take any certain number of credits, this is up to the discretion of the home institution.

## **TRANSCRIPTS**

Following the exchange transcripts will be sent to home institution and the student. Transcripts will not be released for students with outstanding accounts (e.g. UHIP fee, AV loans, library fines, production materials fees, etc.) it is the students responsibilities to have all fees paid prior to departure. Transcripts will be sent to the home institution 4-6 weeks after the term has ended. If the student requires a copy of their transcript or need it to be sent to another institution, they must submit a Request for Transcript (additional charges may be applied) any questions about obtaining a transcript can be directed to the Office of the Registrar at [reghelp@ocadu.ca](mailto:reghelp@ocadu.ca).



## **HOUSING**

OCAD U does not have a residence, students will be responsible to find their own housing for their semester long stay, however our Housing team will do their best to support students in finding accommodations in the city. Please reach out to [housingsupport@ocadu.ca](mailto:housingsupport@ocadu.ca) for more information. Additional Housing information is provided in the Incoming Exchange Student Guidebook which is provided to the student upon acceptance

## **COST OF LIVING**

This amount ranges depending on the location and type of housing you choose. A general tip is that housing costs increase with amenities: private units, units with appliances like dishwashers or washing machines, units close to public transportation, units with services like gym, pool or concierge, typically cost more. Rent can range from \$800 - \$2700 per month .

Food & Groceries amount ranges depending on your personal needs. Many neighborhoods have a range of grocery stores, some more affordable than others. OCAD does not have meal plans, but across from our main campus the Village By Grange offers an assortment of international food options at affordable prices.

Transportation can range from \$0-145 a month depending on your proximity to campus. While living further away from campus you may save on rent, you will want to plan for transportation expenses to get to campus. Toronto's TTC, which includes buses, street cars and subways has a per use pricing as well as an unlimited monthly cost.



# STUDIOS & LECTURE HALLS

