

Welcome!

**Postsecondary
Information Workshop
Fall 2014**

Tonight's Program



1. Welcome and introductions
2. The steps in the research process and finding the right fit
3. Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) process and important dates to know
4. University admission requirements for programming both in- and outside of Canada
5. The Advanced Placement (AP) program here at Crestwood
6. *Guest Speaker, John Williams*
7. Questions?



Guidance Program for Grade 11 Students

Students must consider their research early in order to be best prepared for the application process!

September

Classroom Visit to English: Discussion of Universities' Information Fair and Representatives' Visits to Crestwood

January

Second Classroom Visit to English: Focus on choosing subjects for their final year and the importance of destination choices.

- **Credit Counselling Summary**
- **Consideration of prerequisites for programs of interest**

April and May

- **Individual Interviews with students – exploring goals**
- **Online research tools with focus on CareerCruising as continuation of GLC2O in Grade 10**



Guidance Program for Applicants

**Student support is provided throughout the application process
– and beyond!**

<i>September</i>	University Workshop #1 – Introduction to Research
<i>October</i>	Individual Grade 12 Student Interviews (one-on-one) University Workshop #2 – Hands-on Research
<i>Late November</i>	University Workshop #3 – Distribution of PINs Application Information in Computer Lab
<i>December</i>	Workshop: How to Write Supplementary Applications
<i>January</i>	Reminders: Review & Change Your Application
<i>May</i>	Alumni Panel



Researching University Information

- **Ontario Universities' Fair**
 - Students and parents had the opportunity to speak to professors and students at all 21 Ontario universities
- **See “Useful Websites for Researching Postsecondary Education” on page 6**
 - Important websites to note: Electronic Info and CareerCruising
- **See “University Representatives Visiting Crestwood” on page 7 for schedule of liaison Sessions to CPC at lunch**
- **See “Visiting Campuses” on page 8 for information on Open Houses at universities here in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada**



**Ontario Universities In-House
Application Deadline for
Crestwood Students**

Friday, December 5th

Why December 5th?

- In mid-January, the OUAC website gets very busy and delays may happen
- Changes possible in December and January, using “Review and Change” process
- Applications to McGill, Bishop’s, Dalhousie, Concordia, Victoria, British Columbia, Simon Fraser, New Brunswick and Calgary will ask for the student’s OUAC Reference Number
- Once applications are completed online, students can focus on preparation for additional requirements



Mark Transmissions and Full Disclosure

- **All Grade 11 and 12 marks are sent to the University Application Centre**
- **Universities decide how these will be used in making offers of admission**
- **In most cases, Grade 11 marks are used only if they benefit the student**



Ontario Secondary School Diploma

1. Students must achieve 30 credits, including
 - 18 compulsory subjects
 - 12 elective subjects
2. Students must complete 40 hours of community service
3. Students must write and pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test



Reading the Credit Summary

- **Community Hours circled in BLUE**
 - Students must achieve 40 hours before graduation
- **Literacy Test circled in GREEN**
 - Completion will be denoted by an “E”
 - The OSSLT was written by students in Grade 10
- **Credits: Add totals circled in ORANGE**
 - Number of credits achieved by June 2014
 - Also add current courses



Mark Transmission Schedule

October:

All previously earned Grade 11 and 12 marks and current subjects are sent to the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC), along with demographic information and current courses

Note: Marks are sent to Ontario universities only after the student completes the OUAC application, including payment

February: First marks for 2014-2015 are sent

April: Second set of marks for 2014-2015

June: Final Marks are sent to OUAC



Ontario University Admission

- **Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)**
- **Minimum overall average in six Grade 12 U/M courses, including ENG4U**
 - **Specific pre-requisites for admission to specific programs**
 - **2013 Grade Range is published as a guideline only for admissions**
- **Supplementary Applications, if necessary**

Requirements vary by university and specific program!



Additional Requirements

- **Some programs may require one or more of the following :**
 - profile sheet
 - essay
 - reference letters
 - interview
 - admission testing
 - portfolio
 - audition
- **Consult the University websites and eInfo for details**



University Programs

Generally, there are **four** main programs at most universities:

- *Arts/Humanities/ Social Sciences*
- *Life/Health Sciences*
- *Physical/Engineering Sciences*
- *Business/Commerce*



Example: *Commerce/Business*

- **Western University (main campus)**
 - *Management & Organizational Studies (Mid-to-High 80s)*
 - English and any **two** Math courses
- **Wilfrid Laurier University**
 - *Business Administration (High 80s)*
 - English (70%), Advanced Functions (70%) and **one** additional Math (60%)
- **University of Toronto, Scarborough**
 - *Co-op Management (High 80s)*
 - English, Advanced Functions and Calculus & Vectors
- **Ryerson University**
 - *Business Management (78-83%)*
 - English and **one** Math course



Example: *Psychology*

- **University of Toronto**

- *Bachelor of Science (Low-to-Mid 80s)*
 - English, Calculus and Vectors (Low 80s)
 - Biology and Chemistry recommended

- **University of Windsor**

- *Bachelor of Arts (70-75%)*
 - *English 4U*

- **Carleton University**

- *Bachelor of Science (78-82%)*
 - English, Advanced Functions, TWO OF: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
 - Calculus and Vectors strongly recommended



Work Experience:

Co-op, Internship, Practicum or Field Placement

Many ways to get related work experience at university:

- Co-op may be applied to from high school or during the first year of university, depending on the university and program
- Usually co-op programs require slightly higher admission averages
- Additional time may be required , i.e. five-year program
- Many university co-op and internship programs are paid work experience

Research each university for details!



“To Thine Own Self Be True...”

Which is best for my child?

Consider:

- Program focus
- Total enrolment and program enrolment
- Class sizes
- First year seminars? Or tutorials?
- Location: small town or urban setting?
- Residence capacity/acceptance policies
- Styles of residence offered
- Recreational facilities
- Teams and clubs
- Services for students



Students Must Ask Themselves...

- **Have I properly researched my choice of programs(s)?**
- **Have I realistically predicted the average of my six grade 12 admission courses?**
- **Do I have the required grades and prerequisite courses for the program?**
- **Have I listed questions for the visits by university reps? Are my questions answered?**
- **Have I planned a visit to the campus?**
- **Have I been on the websites?**
- **Have I emailed my specific questions to the universities?**



The Ontario Application

- All applications go through a central online application service located in Guelph – **Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC)**
- OUAC collects and distributes student data and grade 11 and 12 marks
- OUAC does **NOT**: offer admission
- OUAC does **NOT**: accept portfolios, supplementary applications, reference letters, etc.



Ontario
Universities'
Application
Centre



The Ontario Application

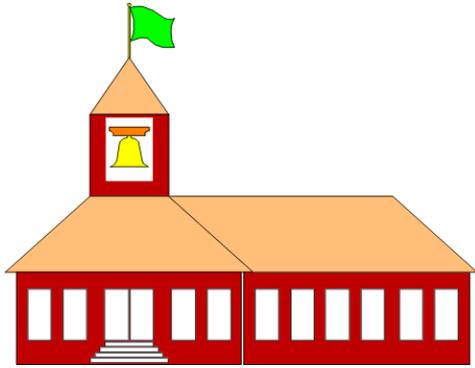
- **Cost of Application**
 - \$140.00 for **three** choices of programs or universities
 - Additional choices are \$47 each
 - Easiest payment options are Visa or MasterCard, or Internet or Telephone banking
- Students will receive an **OUAC Reference Number** when they apply – this should be kept in a safe place!
- For changes to their application, they will receive a **Confirmation Number** for each change



Ontario University Application: Key Dates

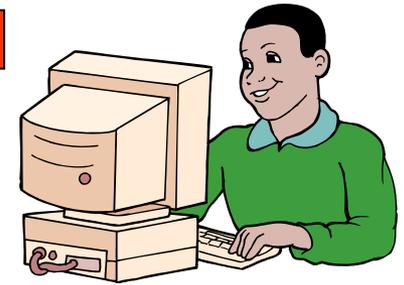
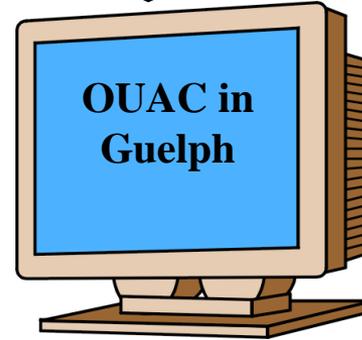
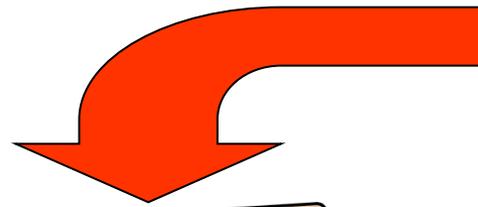
- Changes on the OUAC site should be made by **January 14th**
- Universities may accept changes after this date but it would depend on the university and program
- Competitive programs do not usually accept changes after **February 3rd**
- **May 28th** – Latest date by which universities must respond to applicants
- **June 1st** – Earliest date by which university may require a response and financial commitment from student



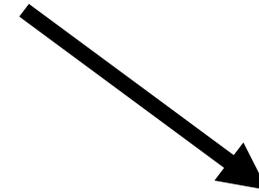


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Academic Record



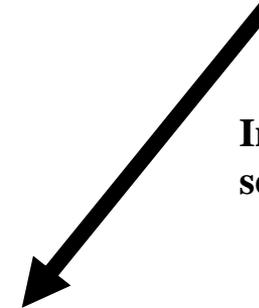
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Offers of Acceptance

Conditional Offers:

- ❖ *Conditional on completing Diploma and six Grade 12 U/M courses*
- ❖ *May be other conditions such as maintaining a mark average*
- ❖ *Offers come out at different times for different programs and universities*
- ❖ *Some early offers may be made to students who had a high average in Grade 11 and have completed several Grade 12 courses*



Show me the Money

- **University Admission Scholarships** = no application
 - April/June final average determines \$\$\$
- **Other University Scholarships** = specific criteria and due dates
- **Provincial & National Scholarships** = specific criteria and due dates
- **Employer, Community and Family Affiliation Scholarships** = specific criteria and due dates



“The Nine Online”

The following Canadian universities use OUAC to obtain Ontario secondary school marks:

Dalhousie

Concordia

Bishop’s

McGill

Victoria

British Columbia

Simon Fraser

Calgary

New Brunswick

Students apply to Ontario universities first and then apply using each university’s online application system, providing their OUAC Reference Number



National & International Applications



- **Download the application from web site or apply online, i.e. The Common Application**
- **Grade 11 students should meet with Mr. Mitz in the fall to discuss the application and its breadth**
- **All international applications due in Guidance by early November**



The Advanced Placement Program

For motivated high school students to take challenging university-level courses while still in high school (see page 15 of booklet)

- Examinations are written in May, and are three hours long with multiple choice and essay questions (same format as postsecondary)
- Requires students to put in time outside of class
- \$175.00 per course



The Advanced Placement Program

- Computer Science
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- Microeconomics
- European, World and U.S. Histories
- French Language and Culture
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Studio Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics



Why Take Advanced Placement?

- 1. Enrichment of Ontario curriculum**
- 2. Enhance individual strengths (ability to choose)**
- 3. “A Step Ahead”**
 - **experience with university-style evaluations**
 - **possible credit(s) with AP score(s) of 4 or 5**
- 4. International recognition**



Guest Speaker: *John Williams*

Skills expected of students entering
postsecondary education:

*how YOU can help your son or
daughter in the months ahead!*



Summary of Workshop

- **Complete all diploma requirements**
- **Research programs & universities**
- **Realistic decisions**
- **Support “*dream*” & ensure “*insurance*” choices**
- **Complete Ontario application by December 6th**
- **Complete additional requirements including Supplementary applications on time**
- **Encourage initiative**
- **Use all resources**
- **Organize university materials**



Thank You!

QUESTIONS?

