

**Extended Education
General Studies
Applicant Information Bulletin 2020 – 2021**

Application Deadlines

Summer: One month before start of class

Fall: August 15, 2020

Winter: December 15, 2020

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Section 1: General Statement

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information to prospective applicants to General Studies at the University of Manitoba. This document outlines categories of admission, requirements and deadlines.

This bulletin is available with, and constitutes part of, the application. It is assumed that all applicants have read and understood it prior to submitting the completed application.

General Studies provides opportunities for students to take credit courses at the University of Manitoba without being enrolled in a degree program. Students in General Studies include professionals developing their careers, seniors enriching their lives, students visiting from other institutions and individuals exploring career change. General Studies is a good opportunity for students to take coursework to satisfy the entrance requirements for other programs and to improve their GPA for competitive programs without being in a degree program.

Students intending to pursue a degree should apply to the appropriate degree program.

Section 2: Eligibility Requirements

A. Academic Requirements

Students may be eligible for admission to Extended Education, General Studies in one of the following ways:

1. Transfer Student Category

Applicants in this category are students with one year (24 credit hours) or more of college or university studies, who are looking to take degree level coursework but are not currently seeking a University of Manitoba degree. Applicants must be in good academic standing at their previous institution (for example: not on active suspension) and must meet the University of Manitoba's English language proficiency requirements. Students must ensure that they meet any high school or university prerequisites for the course(s) to be taken at the University of Manitoba and provide high school transcripts as proof.

2. Visiting Student Category

Visiting students are those registered at another university or college who wish to take courses at the University of Manitoba. Applicants must provide a letter of permission from their home institution.

3. University Courses in High School

The University of Manitoba has agreements with a number of Manitoba high schools. High school students who are interested in taking such courses should speak to their school and must have prior approval before applying.

4. Auditing Student Category

Applicants who wish to attend lectures for a particular course(s) but do not wish to write the exams or receive any degree credit for the course(s) should apply as an Auditing Student. This option is limited to Canadian Citizens/Permanent Residents. Applicants will require written permission from the instructor to audit the course.

5. Senior Student Category

Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents who are 65 years of age (by September 1 for Fall Term; May 1 for Summer Term; January 1 for Winter Term), can apply as Senior Students. Application, tuition, student union, and associated fees are waived for Senior applicants (books and supplies are not). Seniors who are seeking course credit should apply as Special students while Senior applicants who are not seeking credit and wish to Audit should apply as Auditing students. Senior students must meet all application and entrance requirements. Proof of Age will be required and possibly proof of citizenship/residency and English proficiency, if applicable.

NOTES:

- As General Studies is not a degree program, students will be admitted as Special Students. If you are intending to pursue a degree program, you are required to apply to the faculty of your choice as soon as the application(s) are made available.
- The Admissions Office may request verification of Academic Standing in order to proceed with admission assessment.
- Applications will not be assessed for transfer credit by the Admissions Office. The General Studies Office will however, enter overrides for external course(s) that have been evaluated by the University of Manitoba and that satisfy prerequisite requirements. Students are required to contact the General Studies Office upon admission and prior to registration if required to ensure overrides have been loaded into Aurora. Students are able to view the Transfer Credit Equivalency database to see if the institution attended has been evaluated for possible transfer credit equivalencies.
<https://aurora.umanitoba.ca/banprod/ksstransequi.v.p.trans.eq.main>

Government student aid information:

Manitoba residents enrolled in General Studies are allowed to apply for provincial/loan funding, so long as they are in a minimum of 18 credits hours over the fall and winter terms (with a minimum load per term of 9 credit hours). Students who are residents of other provinces are encouraged to contact their provincial

loan authority prior to applying to determine application eligibility, as some programs are not recognized across provinces.

Links to all provincial agencies can be found at: http://umanitoba.ca/student/fin_aid/index.html

B. English Language Proficiency Requirements

All applicants whose primary language is not English and do not qualify for a waiver under the University of Manitoba's English language proficiency regulations will be required to demonstrate proficiency in English through one of the options listed at the University of Manitoba Admissions web site.

See below links to view English Proficiency Waiver information: (<http://umanitoba.ca/student/admissions/international/english/waiver-criteria.html>)

See below links to view specific English Proficiency Requirement information: (<http://umanitoba.ca/student/admissions/international/english/index.html>).

Results for most language tests, including TOEFL, IELTS and CanTEST, expire two years from the test date. Test scores must be valid at the start of classes. Please confirm the validity of your test results.

Section 3: Application Process & Deadlines

A. Application Fees

Domestic: \$100.00
International: \$120.00

Applications are not considered received until the application is submitted and the application fee has been paid by the posted deadline.

All correspondence, including decision release information will be sent via email and posted to your application portal.

Please ensure your email account remains current and will accept emails from the University of Manitoba. Check your filters.

It is important to check your email and application portal regularly and specifically around the deadlines and important dates listed below.

B. Deadlines and Important Dates

Summer 2020

DATE	DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES
April 1, 2020	Recommended deadline for application and application fee
May 1, 2020	Recommended deadline for all outstanding documentation
One month before start of classes¹	Final deadline for application, application fee, and all required documentation

Fall 2020

DATE	DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES
August 15, 2020¹	Deadline to submit application and application fee
	Deadline to submit all required application documentation

Winter 2021*

DATE	DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES
December 15, 2020¹	Deadline to submit application and application fee
	Deadline to submit all required application documentation

¹ Registration for classes will open well before the final deadline for applications to Extended Education, and applicants who apply late or submit their documents late should be aware that they might not be able to register for the classes of their choice. Applicants should also be cautioned that application refunds will not be granted if course offerings are unavailable; please apply early.

***Applicants who apply close to or on the December 15th deadline should be aware that due to the University Holiday Closure, admission decisions may not be available until January.**

C. Required Application Documentation

The following documents will be required to complete your application:

- **Interim transcripts** showing current registration are to be submitted when applying or shortly thereafter.
- **Final official transcripts** from any university or college attended other than University of Manitoba are required. Student copies or photocopies are not acceptable. Transcripts become the property of University of Manitoba and will not be returned.
- **Confirmation of academic standing** in the form of a letter providing proof from their previous institution that they are in good academic standing (i.e. *not* on active suspension). The Admissions Office will inform applicants if such a document is required.

NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to inform the Admissions Office in writing of any **deferred exams or grade changes**. All final grades, including grade changes must be submitted to the Admissions Office by the document deadline in order for them to be included in the final selection process.

- **Proof of Canadian Citizenship, Permanent Residence or Refugee Status** is required if born outside Canada.
- **Name change documentation** is required if name change has occurred as a result of marriage, divorce or other reason.
- **Proof of proficiency in the use of the English language** (see Section 2: Eligibility Requirements, B. English Language Proficiency Requirements).
- **Letter of Permission** from Home Institution for Visiting Students
- **Consent from Professor** (for students wishing to audit a class)
- Applicants should provide a **final high school transcript**, if they have not already done so, for prerequisite purposes for course registration.

Please send all documentation to the following address:

**Admissions for General Studies
University of Manitoba
424 UMSU University Centre
66 Chancellors Circle
Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2**

Section 4: Selection Process

Notification of Decision

General Studies is an open program, however submitted applications must be complete and meet the requirements outlined in this document for consideration. Students applying to General Studies should ensure the courses they seek to complete have availability. Neither refunds nor deferrals will be granted if course offerings are unavailable.

Decisions will be posted to the applicant's portal. Applicants must log into their application portal to view the decision and to accept or decline their offer by the posted deadline date. If the offer is not accepted by the deadline date indicated in the letter, the offer will lapse. Lapsed offers are considered a decline and students will need to reapply for a future term.

It is imperative that email accounts remain current and that emails and application portals are regularly checked.

Section 5: Reconsideration & Appeals

Individuals who wish to have their applications reconsidered should submit their request to the Admissions Office. Past experience has shown that most inquiries can be satisfied at this level without further reference. Persons wishing reconsideration of the decision shall direct their request to the Admissions Office within ten (10) business days of the posted decision date.

Should the student wish to pursue the reconsideration decision of the Selection Committee further, such an appeal will be made in accordance with the Senate Committee on Admission Appeals Procedures.

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/students/admission_appeals.html

Applicants are advised that appeals of reconsideration decisions by the Senate Admissions Appeal Committee focus on questions of correct adherence to published policies and procedures, and NOT on subjective issues or the relative merits of the application.

Section 6: Counselling of Applicants

The Extended Education program office and Admissions Office are able to assist applicants who seek counselling regarding admission to Extended Education, General Studies. However, it is policy not to instruct applicants as to a specific course of action they should follow, but rather to provide the information needed for applicants to make their own choice with respect to the alternatives available. The following points require special attention:

1. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their plans with all who can usefully advise them, but they should be aware that second and third hand information about admission policies may not be accurate.
2. No official at the university can guarantee the admission of any applicant. Admission is determined by the Committee on the basis of an annual competition.
3. All applicants are advised to supplement any personal enquiries with a written request so that an official written response can be made. It is only these written responses which will be considered as evidence of any advice given (see Section 8: Contact Information).

Section 7: Student Accessibility

The University of Manitoba is committed to providing all students equal access to learning opportunities. If you are a student with a diagnosed disability (permanent, chronic, or temporary) who may require academic accommodations, please contact Student Accessibility Services at 204-474-7423 or by email at

student_accessibility@umanitoba.ca to learn more about the confidential supports that are available.

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/accessibility/>

Section 8: Contact Information

Extended Education	185 Extended Education Complex 406 University Crescent <i>Telephone:</i> (204) 474-8330 <i>Email:</i> generalstudies@umanitoba.ca
Admissions Office	424 University Centre <i>Telephone:</i> (204) 474-8808 <i>Email:</i> admissions@umanitoba.ca
Admissions Officers	<i>Telephone:</i> (204) 474-8821 <i>Email:</i> admissions.generalstudies@umanitoba.ca

The following other contacts may also be useful.

Student Accessibility Services:	520 University Centre <i>Telephone:</i> (204) 474-7423 <i>Email:</i> student_accessibility@umanitoba.ca
Student Advocacy Office:	520 University Centre <i>Telephone:</i> (204) 474-7423 <i>Email:</i> student_advocacy@umanitoba.ca