UPREP OUAC 101 VS. 105 EXPLAINED

Free resource

Group A, Group B, deadlines, program fees, and how program choices work at different Ontario universities, in plain language.

12 pages | Group A and Group B | Fees at 20+ universities | Fall 2027 entry



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WHAT IS OUAC?

The Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) is the central service you use to apply to undergraduate programs at Ontario universities. Instead of filling out a separate application for every school, you build one application, choose your programs, and the OUAC sends your information and grades to each university you picked. The OUAC does not decide who gets in. Every admission decision is made by the universities.

You will see two sets of names for the groups of applicants: "101" and "105", and "Group A" and "Group B". They mean the same thing. The OUAC used to run two separate applications, the 101 for current Ontario high school students and the 105 for everyone else. It now uses a single Undergraduate application and calls the two groups Group A (the old 101) and Group B (the old 105). Many universities, teachers, and older websites still say 101 and 105, so it helps to recognize both.

Your group matters because it affects how your grades reach universities, which requirements apply to you, and which deadlines you need to follow. You do not choose your group yourself. The application sorts you based on your answers. But you should know which one you are, so you know which dates and instructions are yours. The companion Google Sheet, the UPrep OUAC Choices and Fees Planner, counts your program choices, flags more than three at one university, and adds up your OUAC fee.

IMPORTANT

This guide covers first-year undergraduate applications. Professional programs such as medicine, law, rehabilitation sciences, and teacher education use different OUAC applications with their own rules and deadlines.

January 15, 2027	$159	$51	3
Group A deadline	first 3 program choices	each extra choice	most programs at one university

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Group A is the old 101 and Group B is the old 105. It is one application with two sets of rules.
- January 15, 2027 is the main deadline for Group A only. Group B deadlines differ by university and program.
- You can choose up to 3 programs at any one university, and all OUAC fees are non-refundable.

SECTION 1

101 VS. 105 AT A GLANCE

Here is the quick comparison. If you only remember one row, remember the deadline: January 15 applies to Group A only.

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Group A (formerly 101)	Group B (formerly 105)
WHO IT IS FOR Current Ontario high school students who meet all three Group A conditions	**WHO IT IS FOR** Everyone who does not meet the Group A conditions
EXAMPLES A Grade 12 student at an Ontario high school, under 21	**EXAMPLES** A gap-year graduate, a student from another province or country, a college or university transfer student, a mature applicant
MAIN DEADLINE January 15, 2027	**MAIN DEADLINE** Differs by university and program
GRADES AND TRANSCRIPTS Your Ontario high school sends your grades to the OUAC	**GRADES AND TRANSCRIPTS** Depends on your background, and you may need to arrange your own transcripts
ADMISSION AVERAGE Top six Grade 12 U/M courses, including program prerequisites	**ADMISSION AVERAGE** Set by each university based on your school background
OFFER RESPONSE Earliest required response is June 1, 2027	**OFFER RESPONSE** Respond by the deadline in your offer
OUAC APPLICATION FEE $159 for the first 3 program choices, $51 for each additional choice	**OUAC APPLICATION FEE** Same base fee. Transcript request fees and document evaluation fees may also apply

SECTION 2

2 THE 101 APPLICATION (GROUP A)

Who it is for: Current Ontario high school students. According to the OUAC, you are a Group A applicant if all three of these are true:

Taking courses

You are currently taking 1 or more Ontario high school courses

Under 21

You are under 21 on or before December 31, 2026

Working toward the OSSD

You have an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), or you are working toward one with six 4U/M courses

How it works for you:

1. You create your own OUAC account, and you will need your Ontario Education Number (OEN), which is on your report card. Enter your OEN, not your school's student number.
2. Your high school sends your grades to the OUAC. After you submit, log in 1 to 2 business days later to check that your grades matched, and tell your guidance counsellor about any errors. If you take courses outside your home school, or at a college or university, there are extra steps, so read the OUAC's Academic Information page for Group A applicants.

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3. You choose your programs, pay the fee, and submit your application by **January 15, 2027** to be considered by that deadline.
4. Universities calculate your admission average from your top six Grade 12 U/M courses, including the prerequisites for your program.
5. You can expect a response from an Ontario university by **May 28, 2027** if you applied by the January deadline. The earliest a university can require you to respond to an offer is **June 1, 2027**.
6. You still need to complete any supplementary applications on each university's own schedule.

What your school does: Your school reports your grades to the OUAC at set times during the year (including midterm grades in the fall and spring), and your final grades in the summer. If you are not sure your school has done this, ask your guidance office.

> **TIP** Almost every Ontario high school student is Group A, but check the three conditions above. A few situations, like being 21 or older, change your group.

SECTION 3

3 THE 105 APPLICATION (GROUP B)

Who it is for: Everyone who does not meet the Group A conditions. According to the OUAC, this includes people who are:

- Not currently taking a course at an Ontario high school (for example, a graduate on a gap year)
- A Canadian student studying outside of Ontario
- An international applicant
- A postsecondary transfer student
- A mature applicant
- 21 or over on or before December 31, 2026 and taking a course at an Ontario high school

How it works for you:

- You use the same Undergraduate application as Group A, but your program options, admission requirements, and deadlines can be different.
- There is no single Group B deadline. Deadlines differ by university and program, so you need to check each university's website.
- You are responsible for forwarding your official transcripts to the universities you choose. Some transcripts must be ordered within your application, and others must be ordered directly from your school, so read the OUAC's transcript instructions carefully.
- Universities set requirements based on your school background, so a student from another province or country is assessed differently from a student with an Ontario diploma.
- If you receive an offer, respond by the deadline the university includes in your offer. The June 1 rule is written for Group A applicants.

Extra resources from the OUAC:

- I Am an International Applicant (ouac.on.ca/planning/i-am-an-international-applicant)
- I Am a Mature Applicant (ouac.on.ca/planning/i-am-a-mature-applicant)

TIP If you are Group B, start earlier than you think you need to. Document requests, transcript processing, and language or other requirements can take extra time.

SECTION 4

4 WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

Most students know right away, but a few situations are easy to get wrong. Find the one closest to yours.

Your situation	Likely group
In Grade 12 at an Ontario high school, under 21	Group A
Taking Ontario high school courses through an Ontario online or private school, under 21, working toward your OSSD	Group A (confirm with your school)
Graduated from an Ontario high school last year and now on a gap year	Group B
In an Ontario high school but 21 or older on or before December 31, 2026	Group B
Attending high school in another Canadian province	Group B
Attending high school outside Canada	Group B
Currently at a college or university and applying to transfer	Group B
Applying as a mature applicant	Group B

If your situation is not on this list, check the OUAC's "Which Application Should I Use?" page (ouac.on.ca/planning/which-application-should-i-use) or the Undergraduate Application Guide (ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-guide). The application sorts you automatically, and your group can change if you change your answers, so if the group shown surprises you, stop and ask your guidance counsellor or the OUAC before you go further.

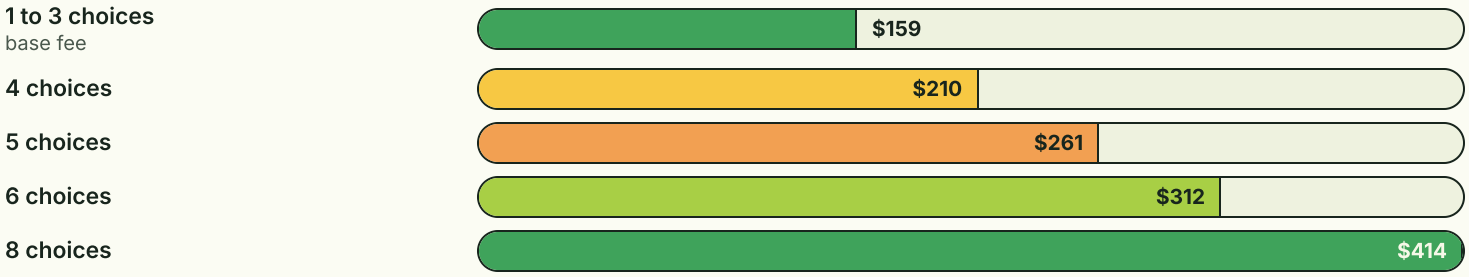
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5 HOW PROGRAM CHOICES AND FEES WORK

Program choices:

- You can apply to as many Ontario universities as you like.
- At any one university (including its affiliates), you can choose a maximum of 3 programs. Some universities set a lower limit.
- Many programs have extra steps, like a supplementary application. These are separate from the OUAC, and submitting your OUAC application does not submit them.

OUAC fees (2026 to 2027 cycle): $159 covers your first 3 program choices, and each additional choice is $51.



Extra costs to watch for:

- Program fees. Some programs charge a fee to cover their own admission process. You pay it along with your base fee.
- Supplementary application fees. Some universities may charge their own fee for these.
- Transcript request fees and document evaluation fees, if you are a Group B applicant. Document evaluation fees vary by university.
- All OUAC fees are non-refundable, including the fees for choices you later withdraw.

Changing your choices: There is no fee to replace a program with another program at the same university. If you withdraw a choice at one university and add a choice at a different university, you pay $51 for the new choice. Changes after you have paid can cost extra, so review your choices carefully before you pay.

Help with costs: The OUAC lists an Ontario Postsecondary Application Fee Reimbursement Program on its website. It helps people who are or were in extended society care (formerly Ontario Crown wards) cover application fees for a first full-time postsecondary program. Check whether it applies to you.

SECTION 6

6 PROGRAM FEES AND DOCUMENT FEES BY UNIVERSITY

The base fee is the same for everyone, but some programs add a fee of their own, and Group B applicants pay a document evaluation fee at each university. These are the amounts listed on the OUAC fees page (last updated October 1, 2026). Amounts can change, so check the OUAC page before you pay.

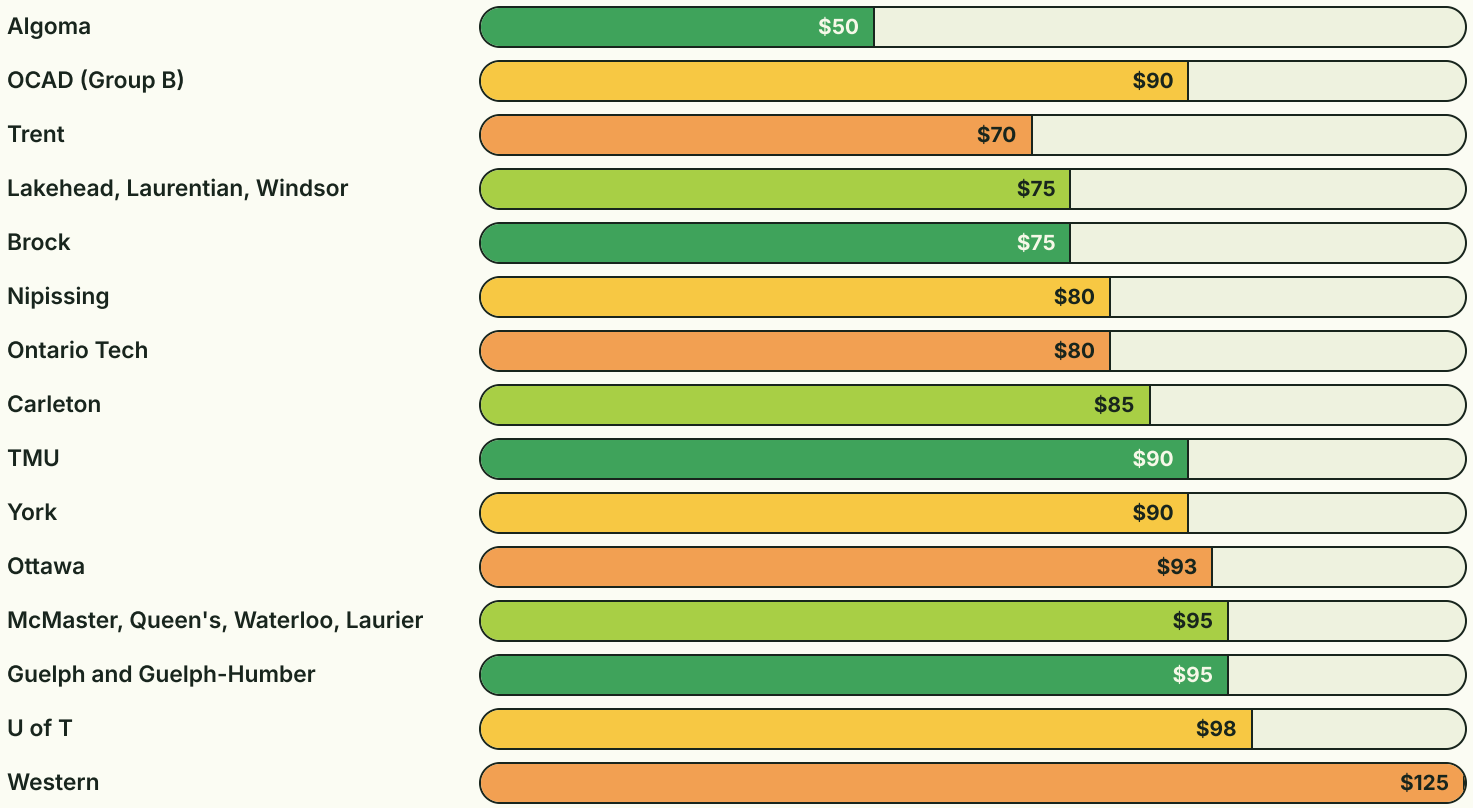
Program fees (added to your base fee)

University and program	Fee
York: Schulich School of Business (BBA)	$50
York: some programs in the School of Arts, Media, Performance and Design	$25
U of T: Rotman Commerce	$52
U of T: Computer Science (St. George and Mississauga)	$52
U of T: Engineering	$45 (Group A) or $69 (Group B)
U of T: Architecture	$102

University and program	Fee
U of T: Music	$75
U of T: Medical Radiation Sciences	$51
McMaster: Engineering	$50
McMaster: Honours Health Sciences	$30
Waterloo: Engineering	$60
Waterloo: Architecture	$60
Guelph: Landscape Architecture	$75

Programs not listed on the OUAC fees page may still charge a fee on the university's own form, such as a portfolio review fee or a supplementary application fee. Check the program page. Also remember that only some programs charge anything at all: most programs do not.

Document evaluation fees (Group B, once per university)



Fees for Université de l'Ontario français ($70) and international-only fees at Hearst are listed on the OUAC page. Guelph's DVM program has its own $150 fee. OCAD charges Group A applicants $25 for portfolio or supplementary review (CONFIRM at ocadu.ca).

NOTE The OUAC page shows Carleton at $85. Carleton's own site has shown $86.75 in the past (CONFIRM when you pay).

TIP Add up your total before you commit to a shortlist. Ten programs at six universities with two program fees can cost over $500 before any supplementary fees. If cost is a barrier, ask your guidance counsellor or the OUAC about fee reimbursement, and ask individual universities about fee waivers.

SECTION 7

7 HOW CHOICES WORK AT DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES

The OUAC rule is simple: up to 3 program choices at any one university, affiliates included. In practice, universities are organized differently, so the rule plays out in different ways. This table covers the cases students ask about most. Check the OUAC page for each university in your application.

University group	What to know
University of Toronto	One university with three campuses (St. George, Mississauga, Scarborough) and several faculties. The OUAC page says you may apply to a maximum of 3 U of T admission categories, but you are limited to 1 category within U of T Mississauga or U of T Scarborough, or within the faculties on the St. George campus. The wording does not spell out every combination, so check the application when you build your list.
Western, Huron, and King's	Huron and King's are affiliated with Western, so choices at all three count toward the same limit of 3. You can apply to Ivey AEO (Western) from any of the three.
Ottawa and Saint Paul	Saint Paul is bilingual and affiliated with uOttawa. Assume choices at both count toward the same limit (CONFIRM on the OUAC page).
Guelph and Guelph-Humber	Guelph has Main campus, Guelph-Humber (in Toronto, with Humber College), and Ridgetown. They have their own OUAC pages but share one document evaluation fee.
Waterloo	Many programs offer co-op. If you want it, check the co-op box on your choice, because it is part of the program choice. If you apply to both Engineering and Mathematics, the Engineering deadline applies to your Admission Information Form.
Queen's	Commerce, Health Sciences, and Nursing have an earlier OUAC deadline than other programs, and they require a supplementary application.
Brock	A student receives an offer to one program, starting with the first choice, so the order of your choices matters more here than at most schools (CONFIRM with Brock).
McMaster	Many programs are direct entry into a faculty with a set of tracks, such as Engineering I. Some programs have their own supplementary application with its own deadline.

Does the order of your choices matter? The OUAC says that typically it does not matter how you number your university or program choices. Some universities say otherwise, and limited-enrolment programs may use the order to plan how many students will accept an offer. Rank your choices honestly, from the program you want most to the one you want least, and check each university's information page for any exception.

Which university deadline applies to you? January 15 is the OUAC date for Group A, but universities set their own timing, and some of the best-known exceptions are:

University	Deadline details
Waterloo	Engineering (not Architecture): January 15. Everything else: February 1. Documents are due later.
Queen's	Commerce, Health Sciences, Nursing: February 1. All other programs: March 1
TMU	February 1 for equal consideration
Carleton	March 1 for programs with portfolios or supplementary applications (supplementary materials March 5)
Nipissing	February 17 for limited-enrolment programs such as Nursing (equal consideration). April 1 for other programs.
Brock	January 15, with later applications considered if capacity allows
Saint Paul (Ottawa)	June 1 for Canadian applicants

These are the dates listed on each university's OUAC page. Treat them as a starting point and confirm on the university's own admission site, because universities adjust them.

SECTION 8

8 COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

1 Assuming January 15 is everyone's deadline

It is the deadline for Group A only. Group B deadlines differ by university and program.

2 Choosing more than 3 programs at one university

The limit is 3 per university, affiliates included.

3 Picking programs before checking prerequisites

Each program lists the Grade 12 courses it requires, and a missing prerequisite can make you ineligible.

4 Forgetting that supplementary applications are separate

Submitting through the OUAC does not submit them, and they have their own deadlines.

5 Skipping email verification

You cannot submit your application until you verify your email address.

6 Leaving payment to the last minute

The OUAC will not send your application to any university until the full fee is paid.

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7 Ignoring messages from universities

Student numbers, portal links, document requests, and offers all arrive by email or in applicant portals.

8 Treating the OUAC as the decision-maker

The OUAC passes your application along. Each university decides on its own.

9 Trusting an old guide's dates

Dates and requirements change every year. Confirm everything on the OUAC and university websites.

10 Losing your OUAC Reference Number

Save it with your login details the day you create your account.

11 Assuming every university treats choices the same way

Affiliates share a limit, U of T has campus rules, and some programs need a co-op box ticked.

12 Ignoring program fees

Engineering, architecture, music, and some business programs add their own fees. Budget for them before you finalize your list.

13 Missing a supplementary deadline that falls after January 15

For several programs the second deadline is the one that decides whether you are reviewed.

TIPS, TRICKS & NOTES

Know both names

Use "Group A" and "Group B" when you read OUAC materials, but expect to hear "101" and "105" from schools, teachers, and older websites.

Create your account early

You can start the application well before the deadline, so there is no reason to wait.

Keep your login and your OUAC Reference Number in one safe place

You will need them throughout the year.

Check each program individually

Requirements, prerequisites, and supplementary applications are set by the university and the program, not by the OUAC.

Review before you pay

Fees are non-refundable, so check your program choices and program codes first.

Read the OUAC's Undergraduate Application Guide

It lists university-specific information for the programs you are considering.

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Watch the OUAC's how-to videos (ouac.on.ca/videos/how-to-videos)
They walk through each screen of the application.

Ask your guidance counsellor if anything about your group looks wrong
It is much easier to fix early than after you have submitted.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

UPrep provides guidance, strategy, and feedback to help students present the strongest possible application. Admission decisions are made solely by universities based on many factors outside anyone's control, and no specific outcome can be guaranteed. Dates, fees, and requirements change, so confirm everything with the OUAC and each university before you act on it.

Sources (checked October 11, 2026):

- OUAC: Undergraduate Application Guide (ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-guide)
- OUAC: Undergraduate Fees (ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-fees)
- OUAC: Deadlines (ouac.on.ca/planning/deadlines)
- OUAC: 2026-2027 Schedule of Dates (guidance.ouac.on.ca/resources/schedule-of-dates)
- OUAC: Responding to an Offer of Admission (ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-respond)
- OUAC: About the OUAC (ouac.on.ca/about/about-ouac)
- OUAC: My Choices (ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-my-choices) and the program choices FAQ (ouac.on.ca/faq/how-many-university-program-choices)
- OUAC: Undergraduate Key Dates (ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-dates)
- OUAC: Undergraduate university pages for Waterloo, Queen's, Carleton, Nipissing, Brock, Ottawa, Saint Paul, Toronto, Western and others (ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-)

Also checked: *OUAC: My Personal Details, My Background, Academic Information (Group A), and the Ontario Postsecondary Application Fee Reimbursement Program (all under ouac.on.ca/guide).*

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All Ontario universities side by side

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Ontario University Application Timeline
Month-by-month checklist plus program deadlines across Ontario

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How Admission Averages Actually Work
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