

2013–2014

ADMISSION GUIDE



Upper Canada College seeks to admit well-rounded boys who stand out from the crowd in a variety of ways – through academic performance, involvement in extra-curricular activities, a natural aptitude for arts, athletics, etc. We are looking for the best boys, from across Canada and around the world.

Approximate Intake – September 2014 Entry

SK, Grades 3, 5, 6, 7 and Year 2 are main entry points for Day students at UCC. At other grade levels, admission is dependent on changes in enrolment. Approximately 30 Boarding students are admitted annually beginning in Year 1. For limited-entry levels, selected applicants will be contacted as space permits. At limited entry levels, selected applicants will be contacted as space permits to schedule testing and interviews.

Grade	Born	Intake	Grade	Born	Intake
SK	2009	18	Grade 7	2002	40-50
Grade 1	2008	0-2	Year 1	2001	0-5
Grade 2	2007	0-2	Year 2	2000	10-15
Grade 3	2006	20-22	Foundation Year	1999	0-2
Grade 4	2005	0-4	IB1	1998	0-2
Grade 5	2004	22-24	IB2	1997	0
Grade 6	2003	18-22	Boarding	1998-2001	25-30

Financial Assistance

UCC is committed to attracting the very best students. To this end, we will award \$3.7 million in financial assistance to new and returning families (Grade 5 and above) for the 2014-2015 school year. Awards are allocated yearly, based on family need, and range from \$5,000 to full tuition. The deadline to apply for financial assistance for the 2014-2015 academic year is December 31, 2013.

Tuition & Fees

Application Fee – Day Students

Before November 1: \$150

November 1 - December 6: \$200

After December 6: applications are accepted on an individual basis and are subject to a late fee of \$300.

Application Fee - Boarding Students

\$200 CAD

The information below reflects fees for 2013–2014. Tuition fees for 2014-2015 will be available in January, 2014.

Initial Registration Fee

New Day Students: \$8,500

New Boarding Students: \$5,000

Tuition Fees – Day Students

Senior Kindergarten - Foundation Year: \$29,150

IB1 and IB2: \$32,150

Tuition and Boarding Fees – Boarding Students

Pre-IB: \$52,010 (Canadian citizens)

IB1 and IB2: \$55,010 (Canadian citizens)

Pre-IB: \$55,510 (non-Canadian citizens)

IB1 and IB2: \$58,510 (non-Canadian citizens)

Incidental Charges

Tuition fees cover instruction and the student's participation in the basic school program. Additional charges will be incurred for special events, trips, athletics, transportation costs, books, uniforms and other items or services. An outline of these charges can be found online under Tuition & Fees.

Admission Process

STEP 1 – Submit the Inquiry Form & Stay Connected

All interested families should visit the Request Information page online to order a copy of our UCC Viewbook. We also encourage you to sign up for *Blues News*, our bi-weekly admission e-newsletter so that we can keep you informed about important admission information and what's happening at UCC.

STEP 2 – Plan a Visit

A campus tour is the best way to determine whether UCC feels like the right fit for your son. As such, we invite you to join us during one of our Open Houses on October 24 and 25, 2013.

Student-led tours are also available Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 1:00 p.m. for the Upper School (Grade 8+) and 2:00 p.m. for the Prep School (SK – Grade 7) from late October to May. Register online at the Visit Us page for both Open Houses and tours.

Boarding candidates are invited to experience UCC by scheduling an overnight stay. Visits can be arranged by contacting trankin@ucc.on.ca or by calling Tricia Rankin at 416-488-1125 ext. 2221.

STEP 3 – Submit Application & Required Documents Online

The deadline to apply as a Day student for September 2014 entry is December 6, 2013. Boarding applications are accepted on a rolling basis with the first round of offers being made in early December.

The application process at UCC is managed through the website. Register online at www.ucc.on.ca/apply to create a GoUCC! online admission account. Submit an online application form and upload PDF copies of 2012 and 2013 final school reports and birth certificate or passport. Day applicants are required to submit these documents by December 6, 2013. We also ask that you upload a copy of your son's school report from the current year as soon as it becomes available. Please use the Candidate Document Submission Form available by accessing your GoUCC! account.

Please note that in some cases we may request additional documents in order to supplement a candidate's file. These materials may include teacher recommendations, copies of graded schoolwork, and proof of English Language proficiency.

STEP 4 – Apply for Financial Assistance (if applicable)

All interested candidates for Grade 5 and above are encouraged to apply for financial assistance. The deadline is December 31, 2013.

STEP 5 – Complete the Entrance Test / Assessment

Grade 7 and above: All candidates are required to register for and write the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) as early as possible and no later than December 31, 2013 for day applicants. Visit www.ssat.org/test/ontario for more information. Boarding applicants should visit www.ssat.org for details and a list of locations. If the SSAT is not available in your area, please contact Tricia Rankin at trankin@ucc.on.ca or 416-488-1125 ext. 2221 to make alternate arrangements. Please include UCC as a score recipient (Test Centre code 7858) when you register for the SSAT.

Grade 3, 5 and 6: Applicants are required to write an entrance test at UCC either in December or January. Further details will be provided closer to the test date.

Senior Kindergarten: We will contact you in early March regarding your son's assessment time.

STEP 6 – Schedule an Interview

Grade 3, 5, 6, 7 and above: Upon receipt of all required documents, selected candidates will be contacted to arrange an interview. Interviews take place from November through mid-February for Day applicants and through spring for Boarding candidates. Boarding interviews may take place via Skype for international students. Please note that in some cases interviews will not be scheduled until test results have been received (We request that at least one parent participate in the interview process).

Senior Kindergarten: Applicants will be contacted in late February to schedule their family visit.

Admission Decisions

Grades 3, 5, 6, 7 and Year 2 (Day): Admission decisions will be sent on February 25, 2014.

Boarding: Decisions begin in early December and continue on a rolling basis.

Senior Kindergarten: Admission decisions will be sent on April 2, 2014.

Limited-entry: Should space permit, selected candidates will be contacted the week of April 14-17, 2014 for assessments and interviews and any decisions will be made shortly thereafter.

Application FAQ

What do you look for in an applicant?

The Admission Team considers many factors when establishing a good fit. A successful candidate is intellectually curious, enjoys challenges, takes them on and generally performs well in various disciplines (academics, arts and athletics). Through his application to the school, he will have demonstrated scholastic achievement as well as the potential for further development. We are not necessarily looking for straight “A”s or an impressive collection of awards and trophies. Rather, our goal is to form a community of dedicated learners who promise to work together and help one another to be their best selves.

How do I know which grade to apply for?

UCC uses guidelines set out by the IB program to place applicants accordingly. Grade level is determined by birth year (see entry level chart on page 1). Our Grade 8 is called Year 1, Grade 9 is Year 2, Grade 10 is Foundation Year, Grade 11 is IB1 and Grade 12 is IB2.

Can I apply for a different grade level other than the one determined by birth year?

You can indicate which grade you wish to apply for on the application form; however, we will not advance a student to another level under any circumstances.

What if I went to school where the grading system is different, or I skipped a grade?

Grade placement is done by age for all applicants. In our experience, boys have usually been appropriately placed using birth year. With their peers and accelerated curriculum at UCC, learning is still challenging and fun.

What are the chances of getting into an entry year?

The typical application ratio for our entry years is 3:1, so for every three applications we receive we only have room to admit one student.

What are the chances of getting into a limited-entry year?

Opportunities for admission outside our entry years are limited. Interviews and assessments for selected candidates are held in the late winter or early spring once re-enrolment of current students is complete. If your son is not offered admission in a limited-entry year, you can reapply the following year and no application fee will be required.

Can I reapply if I wasn't successful in a previous year?

Absolutely. There are many examples of students who weren't successful on the first try but who reapplied successfully the next year or even years later.

How and when do I reapply?

If you applied last year and would like to re-apply this year, you need to resubmit the online application form and include any updated information. Your application fee from last year will be carried over – please follow the instructions on the form to avoid paying an additional application fee.

What if I need a student visa?

Students without Canadian citizenship or Canadian residency must obtain a student visa to enter Canada. Proof of legal guardianship and enrolment are required. Please contact trankin@ucc.on.ca for more details.

How do I know my son's application is complete?

Once you submit your online registration, you can log back into your GoUCC! account to view the status of required materials. Please allow at least 3 business days for your materials to be processed and marked as received on your checklist.

Is everyone contacted for an interview?

Only selected candidates will be contacted for interviews. Please refer to Step 6 of the Admission Process for full details.

Where do UCC students come from?

Our student population comes from Canada, the United States, and over 20 countries world wide. For September 2013, 43 per cent our newly accepted Day boys came to UCC from local public schools, 51 per cent from local independent schools, and 6 per cent from other schools including separate school boards.

Are families with a connection to UCC given preference?

The College is committed to honouring relationships with legacy families and applicants with siblings attending the school. Sons, grandsons and nephews of alumni (whom we call Old Boys) and siblings will be granted an interview upon application but will go through the same process as all other applicants. While admission is based on many factors, only when all factors are considered equal do legacy applicants receive preference.

All information about the admission process — including how to inquire, apply, register for events and stay connected — is available online at ucc.on.ca/admission

Admission Calendar

SK	Grade 3	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7 + (Day)	Boarding
OPEN HOUSE Thursday October 24, 2013 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. and 4:30–6:00 p.m. Friday October 25, 2013 from 9:30–11:30 a.m.					
Early Application Fee Deadline Friday, November 1, 2013					Early Decision Application Deadline Fri., Nov. 1, 2013
Deadline for all Day Applications December 6, 2013					
		Entrance Test – Session 1 9:00–11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 11, 2013			
				SSAT at UCC 9:00 a.m. Sat., Dec. 14, 2013	
					Early Decisions Tues., Dec. 3, 2013
Financial Assistance Application Deadline Tuesday, December 31, 2013					
		Entrance Test – Session 2 9:00–11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 18, 2014			
	Entrance Assessment 9:00–11:00 a.m. Wed., Jan. 22, 2014				
Admission Decisions for all Grade 3, 5, 6, 7 and Year 2 Day applicants Tuesday, February 25, 2014 (Responses due March 4, 2014 at noon)					
Family Visits March 24 – 28, 2014					
Assessments 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Sat. March 29, 2014					
Admission Decisions Wed., April 2, 2014 Responses April 9					
Limited Entry Interviews / Assessments / Offers April 14 – 17, 2014					

Contact us

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Upper School and Boarding

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