



SOUTHERN ONTARIO COLLEGIATE

Guidance Update – May 17, 2021

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Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you are well. As we near the mid point of semester 3, this is a chance to focus on next steps and next stages around universities and acceptances. Please continue to keep working hard, to participate in classes, complete assignments and to communicate regularly with teachers. This year has presented unique challenges; the SOC team is here to support and assist you. Our best advice as you apply to university is: always check your email and university accounts daily; read all correspondence carefully; pay attention to deadlines; ask questions if you are unsure.

KEY DATES

May 27 is the date all high school applicants who submitted their application by the January application deadline can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes: an offer of admission; a refusal or a deferral. Students who applied after January should contact the universities to which they have applied if they have not received a response.

June 1 is the earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.).

All other admissions-related elements, including scholarships, and offers of residence are considered part of the offer of admission. Therefore, a student may accept these other offers before June 1, 2021, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision earlier than this date.

If you have not received an offer by June 1st, there are still opportunities to apply. We will be forwarding you access to the OUAC's AIS (Admissions Information Service) which identifies universities and programs which are still open. The AIS service does not open, and is therefore not available, until **June 4**.

Colleges continue to accept applications and consider offers on an individual basis. Please check with the specific college you may be interested in.

ACCEPTING OFFERS

Offers can be accepted through your own account with the university OR through your OUAC account. Deposits and applications for residence must be made by each student through their university accounts. Be aware of any time constraints in remitting payment.

Remember, students may only accept one (1) offer of admission. If you accept a second, the first is automatically cancelled by OUAC. Accepted offers are visible to all universities on the OUAC website. We usually advise students who are waiting for a specific offer to wait until May 27 before they accept another offer – as some universities, but definitely not all, will not make an offer if a student has previously accepted a place at another university.

When you receive offers of admission, please read them carefully. **Some offers are conditional:** they may require that your final average reaches a specific level; they may require a specific mark in specific courses. If a student does not meet these conditions by the end of the semester, the university will withdraw the offer.

In addition, some universities may offer you a place in an alternate program, that is, they are offering you a place but not in the program(s) to which you applied. We suggest you discuss this option with your family and the university.

Universities will also provide you with information/documentation required for your application for a study permit for post secondary education. Questions regarding this process can be made to admin@mysoc.ca as well as to the university in question.

MARKS

Mid-term marks will be submitted as soon as they are available, as will final marks. A few programs at some universities may wait until they receive final marks before they make an offer.

Please contact office@mysoc.ca if you require a transcript sent to an out of province university, or if you require a copy to upload to your university or college account.

WHAT WILL NEXT YEAR LOOK LIKE?

We still don't know if all universities and all programs will return to pre-Covid operations. Some may offer onsite learning; some may still offer remote learning; some may be a mix of onsite and remote. Please keep in touch with the universities and check your email and accounts daily.

Reports suggest that some universities may request vaccination for students who wish to stay in residences. Please discuss this with the university/college you plan to attend.

COVID 19 VACCINATIONS:

Vaccinations are available in Ontario at no cost. SOC will update students regularly regarding options for vaccination in Hamilton as information becomes available. You may also wish to contact the university regarding vaccine clinics on campus.

CONTACT US AT SOC

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INFORMATION AND UPDATES FROM UNIVERSITIES

BROCK UNIVERSITY

Let your students prepare for their degree program in the sciences with **Science Start!**

This 5-week preparation course is offered by the Department of Biological Sciences, and is designed for first-year students entering a degree program at Brock University with a biology component.

This program aims to ensure that students have a strong understanding of biology fundamentals and the skills needed to be successful in future university courses. The program is available **in both an online and hybrid (in-person*/online) version**. Science Start will take place **July 19, 2021 – August 20, 2021**.

For more information, please visit: brocku.ca/mathematics-science/biology/science-start or contact **Alysha Johnson** at ajohnson4@brocku.ca.

Register before June 1, 2021 to be entered to win a \$100 Brock University Campus Store gift voucher.

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

Course enrolment help sessions

Course enrolment is an important step in starting your studies at the University of Ottawa. We would therefore be delighted if you could join us for an online Zoom session on how to enroll. Offered between May 17 and May 27, our **course enrolment help sessions** will let you to learn the best way to enroll in your courses, while giving you a chance to ask our representatives your questions in real time.

During the session, we'll show you how to use the **Enroll** application in [uoZone](#), after which you'll have time to get used to it. Starting May 25, you can even enroll in courses with our mentors and other representatives there to help you. **Important!** To take part, you must have accepted your offer of admission at least **three business days** before the session.

UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR

International Open Day on June 4, 2021. Register in advance for this special event for international students!

It is an opportunity to learn more about UWindsor programs, explore the campus through virtual tours with our current students, and find out about scholarships and student services for international students. If you are interested in an undergraduate program, our international admission specialists will review your transcripts and documents and provide on-the-spot eligibility assessment during this event. Register Here: <https://future.uwindsor.ca/international-open-day>