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6.1.3 Mature Students – Amended May 2, 2025

At a special asynchronous meeting held April 29 to May 2, 2025, the Academic Council of Yorkville University approved an amended policy governing admission of mature applicants to Yorkville University's undergraduate programs. The policy is effective for individuals applying to begin undergraduate degree programs in July 2025.

Old calendar entry:

6.1.3. Mature Students

A mature student is an applicant who has not achieved the Ontario Secondary School Diploma or its equivalent and who is at least 19 years of age on or before the commencement of the program in which he/she intends to enroll. Consistent with Ministry guidelines, Yorkville University's admissions policy for mature students creates a pathway for applicants who can demonstrate abilities equivalent to those of Ontario high school graduates through the successful completion of courses at the postsecondary level or through proficiency assessments.

New calendar entry:

6.1.3. Mature Students

To broaden accessibility to its degree programs and recognize skills and abilities developed outside formal educational settings, Yorkville University creates admission pathways for mature applicants.

A mature applicant is any applicant who:

- Is at least twenty (20) years of age before the commencement of the program to which they seek admission, and
- Has been out of high school for at least twelve (12) months before the commencement of the program to which they seek admission, and
- Does not meet the normal academic requirements for admission to the program in which they want to enroll, either because:
 - They did not graduate from high school*, or
 - They graduated from high school but lack the required graduating average grade, or
 - They graduated from high school but lack the specific high school courses or types of high school courses required by the program to which they seek admission.

To be admitted, mature applicants must:

1. Qualify by meeting the definition of a mature applicant, above.
2. Meet the English Language Proficiency requirements for admission to undergraduate programs. (See *Academic Calendar*, Section 6.1, "English Language Proficiency.") When the applicant attended but did not graduate from high school* where English was the language of instruction, the applicant will be required to demonstrate English language abilities equivalent to high school graduation[‡]. (Note that the Admissions Committee

reserves the right to require further proof of language proficiency before permission will be granted to register in academic courses.) And

3. Meet the mathematics proficiency requirements of the program in which the applicant wishes to enroll. Where a program has not established distinct math proficiency requirements, applicants may still be required to demonstrate abilities equivalent to high school graduation[‡]. And
4. Meet any discipline-specific knowledge or skills requirements established by the program to which the applicant seeks admission.

Mature applicants who have not previously completed any post-secondary education will be required to demonstrate abilities equivalent to high school graduation[‡].

Mature applicants who have previously completed some post-secondary education will be assessed by the Admission Committee of the relevant degree program in light of the post-secondary education completed.

- a. Applicants who have successfully completed at least twelve credit hours of post-secondary education where English is the language of instruction have met the English language proficiency requirement for admission. (See *Academic Calendar*, Section 6.1, “English Language Proficiency”)
- b. Applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether
 - i. Program-specific math proficiency requirements have been met.
 - ii. Discipline-specific knowledge or skills requirements established by the program to which the applicant seeks admission have been met.
 - iii. The applicant needs to demonstrate abilities equivalent to high school graduation[‡].

All applications for admission as a mature student are reviewed by the Admissions Committee of the program to which the applicant seeks admission. Decisions of the Admissions Committee are final.

* *Graduation from high school* means successful completion of a high school program leading to the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, British Columbia Certificate of Graduation, or equivalent credential from another jurisdiction.

‡ *Demonstration of abilities equivalent to high school graduation* means competing a test or tests that assess basic skills in a specific competency (such as the Wonderlic Advanced Skills Test in English or Mathematics) or that assess the overall scholastic ability of the applicant (such as the Wonderlic Scholastic Level Exam). The Admissions Committee of each degree program identifies the tests and the scores on tests required to demonstrate abilities equivalent to high school graduation.

The full policy on *Admission of Mature Students – Undergraduate Programs* is available here: [Resources | Yorkville University](#).