



International Admission Requirements for Undergraduate Programs

Nipissing University welcomes applications from qualified international students. Please view the admission requirements below or contact us at admissions@nipissingu.ca

The following qualifications are the minimum required for admission consideration to Nipissing University. Applicants are required to achieve a high overall standing in their studies and must include the appropriate [program specific prerequisites](#) depending on the degree program to which they have applied. Please note that possession of the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission to an applicant's program of interest and/or Nipissing University.

International applicants are not eligible for consideration under Nipissing University's Mature Student Admission Policy.

Applicants must send original official documents for admission consideration.

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of qualifications or certificates not mentioned below must submit original official documents to the Office of the Registrar for evaluation. Applicants seeking admission based on postsecondary studies outside of North America MUST have their transcripts/documents assessed by World Education Services (WES) www.wes.org/ca. A WES Credential Evaluation Report, including a Course-By-Course Analysis, must be sent directly to Nipissing University. Applicants are responsible for the costs associated with the WES evaluation and any translation required. Note that it can take upwards of six weeks for WES to receive official transcripts from a foreign academic institution, after which point the WES evaluation can take a week or longer to complete. Applicants should begin the evaluation process as early as possible.

Certificates not written in English must be accompanied by original notarized English translations from recognized sources.

All Student Visa applicants from countries where the dominant language of instruction is other than English, are required to supply proof of proficiency in English. Acceptable proof of English proficiency can be found at <http://webcal.nipissingu.ca/Chapter127.html#English>.

Applicants will apply for admission through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) at <http://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-105/>. Applications, fees and official required documents must be received by the Office of the Registrar by April 1 for September admissions consideration.

Once an admission offer has been made, it is the applicants' responsibility to obtain the necessary documents required to study in Canada. A Study Permit is required to study at a Canadian university for periods of six months or longer. Please note that citizens from some countries are also required to obtain a Temporary Resident Visa to enter Canada. For further information and application forms, international applicants should contact the nearest Canadian Embassy or Consular office or refer to the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study.asp>.

Common Credentials

British Patterned Education - *General Certificate of Education (GCE)* with satisfactory standing in at least five subjects, two of which must be at the advanced level, or satisfactory standing in at least four subjects, three of which must be at the advanced level. Two Advanced Supplementary/Advanced Subsidiary (AS) subjects are considered equal to one Advanced Level subject for admissions purposes. Advanced standing credit may be awarded for A level results. *Cambridge Pre-U Diploma* with a minimum of M3 in at least 3 principal subjects. Pre-U certificates may be presented in lieu of A levels. Pre-U Principal Subject courses may be considered for advanced standing credit.

CAPE (Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations) - The Caribbean Examinations (CXC) Caribbean Secondary School Education Certificate (CSEC) and the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE). The completed CAPE Diploma must include a total of at least six units with grades 1, 2 or 3. All program specific prerequisites must be included at either the CSEC/O Level or at the CAPE/A Level. CXC papers must be at the General Proficiency Level with grades 1, 2 or 3. Advanced Standing credit may be awarded for A level results. Completion of a preliminary year at the University of the West Indies, Barbados Community College or equivalent may also be considered in lieu of a CAPE diploma.

French Patterned Education - Baccalauréat/Baccalauréat Général/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré/Option Internationale du Baccalauréat. Baccalauréat Technologique from France will also be considered if required subjects are included. Advanced standing may be awarded for subjects completed with a final co-efficient of 10 or higher.

International Baccalaureate (IB) - Completion of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma with at least six subjects, including three at the higher level, with a minimum final grade total of 24. Advanced standing, to a maximum of 30 credits, may be granted for courses completed at the higher level. Applicants need to present courses appropriate to the proposed area of study as outlined on the Admissions Chart for IB Applicants at <http://www.nipissingu.ca/departments/admissions-registrar/admission-requirements/Pages/IBAP-Students.aspx>.

Country Specific Requirements

Country	Admission Requirements
A	
Afghanistan	Baccalauria
Albania	Certificate of Maturity/Secondary School Leaving Certificate
Algeria	See French Patterned Education
Angola	Ensino Geral Certificado de Habilitações (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
Anguilla	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies
Antigua and Barbuda	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies
Argentina	Bachillerato/Bachiller and University Entrance Exam (if written)
Aruba	VWO Certificate (Gymnasium A/B and Atheneum A/B)
Armenia	Attestat o Srednem (Polnom) Obshcem Obrazovanii
Australia	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i> Year 12 Certificate and Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) rank/score, Tertiary Entrance Statement (TES) or University Admission Index (UAI) <i>New South Wales</i> Higher School Certificate (HSC) and Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) rank/score, Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER), Tertiary Entrance Score (TES) or Universities Admission Index(UAI) <i>Northern Territory</i> Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) and ATAR rank/score or Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) <i>Queensland</i> Senior Certificate and Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) rank/score or Tertiary Education Statement showing Overall Position (OP) and Field Position (FP)

	<i>South Australia</i>
	South Australia Certificate of Education (SACE) and Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) rank/score or Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER)
	<i>Tasmania</i>
	Tasmania Certificate of Education (TCE) and Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) rank/score or Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER)
	<i>Victoria</i>
	Victoria Certificate of Education (VCE) and ATAR rank/score
	<i>Western Australia</i>
	Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE) and Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) rank/score or Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER)
Austria	Reifeprüfungzeugnis (Matura)/Reifezeugnis
Azerbaijan	Attestat o Srednem (Polnom) Obshcem Obrazovanii
B	
Bahamas	Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) and GCE Advanced (A) levels or equivalent; or One year at the College of the Bahamas along with CSEC or BGCSE O Level examinations; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies; or See British Patterned Education
Bahrain	Tawjahiya (Secondary School Certificate)
Bangladesh	Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)
Barbados	See British Patterned Education; or One year at Barbados Community College; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies
Belarus	Attestat o Srednem (Polnom) Obshcem Obrazovanii
Belgium	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur (Academic Stream)/Diploma Secundair Onderwijs/Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts
Belize	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education
Benin	See French Patterned Education
Bermuda	Bermuda Secondary School Certificate (12 years) with SAT/ACT results. Applicants must present high scores in SAT Reasoning or ACT (minimum composite score of 24) examinations including the Writing Test component. SAT written before March 2016 requires a minimum score of 500 in any part of the SAT Reasoning or SAT Subject Tests. SAT written after March 2016 requires a minimum score of 1100; or Bermuda Secondary School Certificate with post-graduate year(s) at Saltus Grammar School; or See British Patterned Education; or One year at Bermuda College
Bhutan	Bhutan Higher Secondary Education Certificate
Bolivia	Bachillerato Humanistico
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Matura(Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
Botswana	Botswana GCSE and GCE A Levels; or First year standing at a recognized university; or See British Patterned Education
Brazil	Certificado de Conclusao de Ensino Medio (Segundo Grau before 1977) plus Vestibular (University Entrance Exam)/ENEM (Middle Education National Examination)
British Virgin Islands	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies
Brunei	Brunei-Cambridge General Certificate of Education; or See British Patterned Education
Bulgaria	Diploma Za Zavurcheno Sredno Obrazovanie (Diploma of Completion of Secondary Education)
Burkina Faso	See French Patterned Education
Burma	See Myanmar

Burundi	Diplôme d'Etat (with Homologation) or Certificat des Humanités Completes (with Homologation)
C	
Cambodia	Upper Secondary School Certificate of Completion (12 years of study)
Cameroon	Cameroonian GCSE O Levels and GCE A Levels (see British Patterned Education); or Cameroonian Baccalauréat
Cayman Islands	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies
Central African Republic	See French Patterned Education
Chad	See French Patterned Education
Chile	Licencia de Educación Media plus Prueba de Selección Universitaria (PSU)/Prueba de Aptitud Académica (PAA) before December 2003
China, People's Republic of (PRC)	Senior High School Graduation Diploma (Upper Middle School) and Academic Proficiency Test/Upper Middle School Graduation (Hui Kao) and Chinese National University Entrance Examinations (Gao Kao); or First year completed at a recognized university
Colombia	First year standing at a recognized university
Comoros	See French Patterned Education
Congo, Republic of	See French Patterned Education
Congo, Democratic Republic	See French Patterned Education
Costa Rica	First year standing at a recognized university
Cote d'Ivoire	See French Patterned Education
Croatia	Matura (Secondary School Leaving Diploma)
Cuba	Bachillerato/Pre-university course and national competitive exam
Curacao	VWO Certificate (Gymnasium A/B and Atheneum A/B)
Cyprus	Apolytirio Eniaiou of Lykeion; or Lise Bitirme Diploması; or Devlet Lise Diploması
Czech Republic	Vysvědčení o Maturitní Zkoušce/Maturita
D	
Denmark	Studentereksamen/Højere Forberedelseseksamen/Højere Handelseksamen/Højere Teknisk Eksamen
Djibouti	See French Patterned Education
Dominica	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies
Dominican Republic	Bachillerato/Bachiller and University Entrance Exam (if written)
E	
East Timor	Ensino Secundario Diploma
Ecuador	Bachillerato/Bachiller and University Entrance Exam (if written)
Egypt	Thanaweya A'ama (General Secondary Education Certificate)
El Salvador	Bachillerato General and University Entrance Exam (if written)
Eritrea	First year standing at a recognized university
Estonia	Gumnaasiumi Loputunnistus (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
Ethiopia	General Education Certificate Examination and Ethiopian Higher Education (University) Entrance Examination
European Baccalaureate	The completed European Baccalaureate diploma. Prerequisite courses must be presented in the final year.

F

Fiji	Form 7/Year 13 Examinations (5 subjects)/University of the South Pacific Foundation Year
Finland	Ylioppilastutkintodistust/Studentexamensbetyg
France	Baccalauréat/Baccalauréat Général/Diplôme de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degré/Option Internationale du Baccalauréat. Baccalauréat Technologique will also be considered if required subjects are included.
French Guiana	See French Patterned Education

G

Gabon	See French Patterned Education
Gambia	West African Examinations Council Senior Secondary School Leaving Certificate. Please submit all the information required on http://www.waecdirect.org/ including pin number with your application; or See British Patterned Education
Georgia	Sashualo Skolis Atestati (Secondary School Certificate)
Germany	Abitur/Zeugnis de Allgemeinen Hochschulreife//Reifezeugnis
Ghana	Senior Secondary Certificate Examination (SSCE) administered by the West African Examinations Council. Please submit all the information required on http://www.waecdirect.org/ including pin number with your application; or See British Patterned Education
Gibraltar	See British Patterned Education
Greece	Apolytirio Geniko Lykeio
Grenada	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies
Guatemala	First year standing at a recognized university
Guinea	Bacclauréat 2eme Partie and the University Entrance Exam
Guyana	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies

H

Haiti	Baccalauréat 2e partie/Diplôme d'Enseignement Secondaire; or See French Patterned Education
Honduras	First year standing at a recognized university
Hong Kong	Successful completion of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examinations with passes in the four core subjects plus 2 elective (Category A or C) subjects. Extended Math (Module 2) is required for all programs where Calculus is a prerequisite; or See British Patterned Education
Hungary	Gimnaziumi Erettsegi Bizonyitvány (Matura)

I

Iceland	Studentsprof (from a Gymnasium)
India	All India Senior School Certificate awarded by CBSE/Indian School Certificate (Awarded by CISCE) (Year 12 State Board Exams with excellent results will also be considered individually)
Indonesia	Ijazah Sekolah Menengah Atas (Diploma awarded by Upper Secondary School) including Ujian Nasional (National Exam) results
Iran	Diploma Metevaseth and Pre-University Year Certificate
Iraq	Sixth Form Baccalauréat
Ireland, Northern	Northern Ireland General Certificate of Education; or See British Patterned Education
Ireland, Republic of	Ardteistiméireacht (Leaving Certificate) with passes in at least two higher level academic subjects

Israel	Bagrut/Mechina in which grades of seven or above in six subjects should be obtained
Italy	Diploma di Superamento Dell'Esame di Stato
Ivory Coast	See French Patterned Education
J	
Jamaica	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies
Japan	Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
Jordan	Tawjihi (General Secondary Education Certificate) (Grade 12 Comprehensive Secondary Education)
K	
Kazakhstan	Attestat o Srednem (Polnom) Obshchem Obrazovanii
Kenya	Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE); or See British Patterned Education
Korea, North	First Year standing at a recognized university
Korea, South	Immumgye Kodung Hakkyo Choeupchang (Academic Upper Secondary School Certificate) and College Scholastic Ability Test
Kuwait	Shahadat Al-Thanawiya-Al-A'ama (General Secondary School Certificate)
Kyrgyzstan	Attestat o Srednem (Polnom) Obshchem Obrazovanii
L	
Laos	First year standing at a recognized university
Latvia	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitibu (Attestation of General Secondary Education)
Lebanon	General Secondary Education Certificate; or Baccalauréat II; or First year standing at a recognized university
Lesotho	First year standing at a recognized university; or See British Patterned Education
Liberia	Senior High School Certificate Examination administered by the West African Examinations Council. Please submit all the information required on http://www.waecdirect.org/ including pin number with your application.
Libya	Secondary Education Certificate
Liechtenstein	Liechtenstein Maturazeugnis; or Berufsmaturitatszeugnis
Lithuania	Brandos Atestats (Maturity Certificate)
Luxembourg	Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires
M	
Macao	Senior Secondary Certificate (Form 6/Senior Three); or University of Macau's Pre-university program; or See British Patterned Education, Taiwan, Portugal or USA
Macedonia	Secondary School Leaving Diploma and the University Entrance Examinations
Madagascar	See French Patterned Education
Malawi	School Certificate of Education; or See British Patterned Education
Malaysia	Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia/Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM) (Malaysian High School Certificate) or Malaysian Independent Chinese Secondary School System (MICSS) Unified Examination Certificate; or See British Patterned Education
Mali	See French Patterned Education
Malta	Matriculation Certificate; or See British Patterned Education

Mauritania	See French Patterned Education
Mauritius	The Joint Examination for The School Certificate and The Higher School Certificate and General Certificate of Education; or French Baccaauréat; or See British Patterned Education
Mexico	Bachillerato
Moldova	Diploma de Bacalaureat
Monaco	Baccalaureat; or Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre
Mongolia	Certificate of Complete Secondary Education
Montenegro	Matura/Secondary School Leaving Certificate
Montserrat	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education
Morocco	See French Patterned Education
Mozambique	Certificado de Habilitacoes Literarias (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
Myanmar (Burma)	First year standing at a recognized university
N	
Namibia	Higher Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate from the National Examination Assessment and Certification Board; or See British Patterned Education
Nepal	Proficiency Certificate awarded by a recognized university/Higher Secondary Certificate at Grade 12 level
Netherlands	VWO-Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (Gymnasium A/B and Atheneum A/B) Certificate
New Zealand	National Certificate of Educational Achievement at Level 3 or higher and University Entrance Standard
Nicaragua	First year standing at a recognized university
Niger	See French Patterned Education
Nigeria	Senior School Certificate Examination administered by the West African Examinations Council. Please submit all the information required on http://www.waecdirect.org/ including pin number with your application.
North Korea	First Year standing at a recognized university
Norway	Vitnemål Videregående Opplaering
O	
Oman	Thanawiya Amma/General Certificate/ General Education Diploma
P	
Pakistan	Intermediate/Higher Secondary School Certificate
Palestine	First year standing at a recognized university
Panama	Bachillerato/Bachiller and University Entrance Exam (if written)
Papua New Guinea	Higher School Certificate
Paraguay	Bachillerato/Bachiller
Peru	First year standing at a recognized university
Philippines	Second year standing at a recognized university
Poland	Matura/Swiadectwo Dojrzalosci
Portugal	Diploma Nivel Secundario de Educacao/Diploma de 12 ano de escolaridad (Year 12 school certificate)/Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundarios
Puerto Rico	See USA
Q	
Qatar	Thanawayaa Aam Qatari (Qatari General Secondary Education Certificate)

R

Romania	Diploma de Bacalaureat
Russian Federation	Attestat o Srednem Obrazovanii (Certificate of Secondary Education)
Rwanda	Certificat des Humanités

S

Saint Kitts and Nevis	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies
Saint Lucia	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies
Saint Martin	See French Patterned Education; or See also CAPE
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies
Samoa	National University of Samoa preparatory year; or University of the South Pacific Foundation Year
Saudi Arabia	Tawjihyah (General Secondary Education Certificate)
Scotland	Scottish National Qualifications offered by SQA with at least 4 Highers; Prior to 2000 Scottish Certificate of Education (SCE) in at least 4 academic subjects at the Higher Level; or See British Patterned Education
Senegal	See French Patterned Education
Serbia and Montenegro	Matura/Certificate of Completion of Secondary Education
Seychelles	See British Patterned Education
Sierra Leone	Senior School Certificate Examination administered by the West African Examinations Council. Please submit all the information required on http://www.waecdirect.org/ including pin number with your application. See also British Patterned Education
Singapore	Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Ordinary and Advanced Levels. See British Patterned Education
Sint Maarten	VWO-Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (Gymnasium A/B and Atheneum A/B) Certificate; or See also CAPE
Slovak Republic	Maturitnej Skúška/Maturita
Slovenia	Matura/Secondary School Leaving Certificate
Solomon Islands	University of the South Pacific Foundation Year; or First year completed at a recognized university
Somalia	First year standing at a recognized university. Individual consideration is also given to applicants with excellent results in secondary school graduation qualifications.
South Africa	Senior Certificate with Matriculation Endorsement
South Korea	Immungye Kodung Hakkyo Choeupchang (Academic Upper Secondary School Certificate) and College Scholastic Ability Test
Spain	Título de Bachiller and Prueba de Acceso a la Universidad (PAU/University Entrance Examination)
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka General Certificate of Education Advanced Level see British Patterned Education
Sudan	First year standing at a recognized university
Suriname	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO: University Preparatory Education); or See CAPE
Swaziland	First year standing at a recognized university
Sweden	Avgångsbetyg/Slutbetyg Fran Gymnasieskolan
Switzerland	Maturitätszeugnis/Certificat de Maturité/Baccalauréat/Attestato di Maturità/Federally recognized Cantonal Maturity Certificate
Syria	Al Shahada Al Thanawiya/Baccalauréat (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)

T

Taiwan	Senior High School Leaving Certificate and GSAT
Tajikistan	Attestat o Srednem (Polnum) Obshchem Obrazovanii
Tanzania	Certificate of Secondary Education and Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education; or See British Patterned Education
Thailand	Mathayom 6 (M6) and University Entrance Exam
Togo	See French Patterned Education
Tonga	Tonga National Form 7; or University of the South Pacific Foundation Year
Trinidad & Tobago	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies
Tunisia	See French Patterned Education
Turkey	Lise Bitirme Diploması/Devlet Lise Diploması
Turkmenistan	Attestat o Srednem Obrazovanii
Turks and Caicos Islands	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education; or Preliminary year at the University of the West Indies

U

Uganda	Ugandan Certificate of Education and Advanced Certificate of Education; or See British Patterned Education
Ukraine	Atestat Pro Povnu Zagal'nu Sersdnu Osbitu
United Arab Emirates	Tawjihyya (Secondary School Certificate)
United Kingdom	<i>General Certificate of Education (GCE)</i> with satisfactory standing in at least five subjects, two of which must be at the advanced level, or satisfactory standing in at least four subjects, three of which must be at the advanced level. Two Advanced Supplementary/Advanced Subsidiary (AS) subjects are considered equal to one Advanced Level subject for admissions purposes. Advanced standing credit may be awarded for A level results. <i>Cambridge Pre-U Diploma</i> with a minimum of M3 in at least 3 principal subjects. Pre-U certificates may be presented in lieu of A levels. Pre-U Principal Subject courses may be considered for advanced standing credit.
United States of America (USA)	Grade 12 completion with a "B" average at an accredited high school with high SAT/ACT scores in SAT Reasoning or ACT examinations (minimum composite score of 24) including the Writing Test component. SAT written before March 2016 requires a minimum score of 500 in any part of the SAT Reasoning or SAT Subject Tests. SAT written after March 2016 requires a minimum score of 1100. ; or Minimum of one school year 30 semester credits (45 quarter credits) at an accredited post-secondary institution. Applicants who have completed more than 30 semester credits at an accredited post-secondary institution will be assessed on an individual basis for potential transfer credit or advanced standing.
Uruguay	Bachillerato
Uzbekistan	Attestat o Srednem (Polnum) Obshchem Obrazovanii

V

Vanuatu	University of the South Pacific Foundation Year; or See Fiji or New Zealand
Venezuela	First year standing from a recognized university
Vietnam	Bằng Tốt Nghiệp Phó Thông Trung Học
Virgin Islands	See CAPE; or See British Patterned Education

W

West Bank and Gaza Tawjihi; or
First Year completed at a recognized university

Y

Yemen Al Thanawiya (General Secondary Education Certificate)

Yugoslavia Secondary School Leaving Diploma

Z

Zambia Zambia School Certificate

Zimbabwe Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate; or
See British Patterned Education