



UPPER SCHOOL GRADE PLACEMENT

When it comes to university preparedness, there's no doubt Upper Canada College graduates have an edge over their peers at other schools. Much of that success can be attributed to UCC's unique five-year high school program.

How grade placement works

Grade placement at the Upper School for students who are new to UCC depends on a combination of factors. Generally, we use the chart below to determine the entry year for new students.

Born*	Grade equivalent at UCC	Curriculum level	# Admitted Day	# Admitted Boarding
2003	Year 1	Grade 9	0-4	30
2002	Year 2 Fast Track	Grade 10	12-15	
2001	Year 2			
2000	Foundation Year	Grade 11	0-4	
1999	IB1	Grade 12/ IB Diploma Year 1	0-2	
1998	IB2	Grade 12/ IB Diploma Year 2	No students admitted directly into IB2	

* Some exceptions may apply to students residing outside Ontario.

Benefits of our five-year program

UCC's Upper School program offers a high degree of academic challenge, a broad range of subject choices, abundant time to take advantage of both academic and co-curricular opportunities, and promotes success in both the International Baccalaureate (IB) and Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). While some students entering the program from outside UCC may require an additional year of study, we see the benefits every year. Our IB scores are between 2 and 5 points higher than the world average, giving our graduates a competitive advantage when vying for spots at top universities.

Students from Ontario

Students entering from a Grade 8 Ontario school are moving into a Grade 10 curriculum, so we've developed the "Year 2 Fast Track" stream to bring them up to speed without requiring an additional year of study (details outlined on the overleaf). All Ontario students entering from a Grade 9 or higher program will be placed in the appropriate grade according to the entry chart. In most cases an additional year of study is required.

Students from other provinces/countries

Every applicant is individually assessed to determine his academic background and performance. Many students require – and in fact benefit from – an additional year of study. Factors considered when evaluating applicants from outside Ontario include:

- Academic achievement and learning skills
- Current grade level and program
- Credits and equivalencies



"The benefit of the IB program is that it's one of the few international 'yardsticks' in education, not to mention one of the most well respected. To complete the program at UCC is a privilege considering the amount of resources, both academic and co-curricular, available to students." **Marco Cianflone '09**

Marco arrived into IB1 at UCC after completing Grade 11 in Montreal. He earned his BA Economics at Harvard College in 2013, and was awarded Magna Cum Laude from the Harvard Economics Department for his senior thesis. He is currently a Financial Analyst at Sectoral Asset Management in Montreal.

The Fast Track Program

To make the transition as seamless and supportive as possible, we've developed the Year 2 Fast Track Program for boys entering UCC Year 2 from Grade 8 at an Ontario school. Credit requirements will be reviewed annually as the students choose their courses for the following year. In addition to the usual credits earned, the diagram below is an overview of the Fast Track program.



Contact Information:

UCC is committed to advising all students and parents of their credit options and providing course counselling to ensure students earn the necessary credits through to graduation. For more information regarding grade placement and/or credits, contact our Office of Admission at 418-488-1125, ext. 2221.