

Fall Counsellors' Seminar: Counsellor Q&A
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Q: What are the current course requirements for entrance scholarships? Does UM plan to make any changes to these requirements?

A: This year, there are no changes to the courses considered for entrance scholarships. The full list of 40S courses considered for entrance scholarships can be found in the [Academic 40S Course Guide](#) and on our [entrance scholarships page](#).

Q: Family Studies and Foods appear in the 40S course guide but the Viewbook lists Human Ecology. Can both of these courses count towards a student's scholarship evaluation, or just one?

A: Foods and Family Studies are both within the Human Ecology subject area, but only one of these courses can be used towards the entrance scholarship evaluation.

Q: Can a student ask for a deferral of their admission and entrance scholarship?

A: If a student would like to start in winter term (January) instead of fall term (September), they can simply choose not to register for fall term courses and register for winter term courses instead. However, this option only applies to the next available term. If the student wishes to delay their studies beyond that, they would need to submit a new application. For entrance scholarships, students can email Financial Aid and Awards to confirm the conditions of the scholarship: awards@umanitoba.ca

Q: Are students who take a gap year still eligible to receive an entrance scholarship?

A: Taking a gap year will not affect a student's eligibility for admission or a general entrance scholarship. As long as they have not completed any post-secondary studies during that time and are applying to a Direct Entry program (including U1) by the appropriate deadline, they will still be considered based on their high school qualifications.

Q: What happens to a student's application if they don't accept the conditional offer by their given deadline?

A: If a student does not accept their conditional offer by the stated deadline, they will have another opportunity to accept their admission when they receive their final offer. As long as they continue to meet the admission requirements, they can review and respond to the final offer at that time.

Q: If a student's average changes after they accept an entrance scholarship, do the values change according to their final marks?

A: Entrance scholarship decisions are based on a student's interim grades, using the best five eligible courses from five different subject groups. Scholarship offers are finalized based on these interim grades and will not be revised once final grades are received.

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Q: What are the benefits of early admission?

A: Students who apply before December 1 are automatically entered into the Early Application Tuition Draw. The benefit of the early offer is the peace of mind that comes with knowing they are a competitive applicant. There is usually nothing further they need to do other than continue working hard and maintaining strong grades in their interims. Students who apply before March 1 are also automatically considered for general entrance scholarships.

Q: Are students still able to declare that they are Indigenous without documentation if they don't apply for Indigenous-only scholarships and grants?

A: Currently, yes -- but as of 2027 and moving forward, all Indigenous students and staff at UM will be required to provide documentation and proof of Indigenous identity. See the presentation on this topic at today's seminar for details.

Q: Does Francais 40S count as a course in addition to ELA 40S for the entrance scholarship calculation? Or can it count in the 'any language' category?

A: Both courses (Francais 40S and ELA 40S) can count towards the 5 courses used for scholarship consideration. Please note for any of your students who are taking both Anglais and Francais, we can only use one of those two, in addition to an ELA course. We understand that this can be a bit complicated, so if you have questions, please contact: AwardsSelection@umanitoba.ca

Q: Can students considering UM make appointments for 1 on 1 advising sessions?

A: Yes, prospective students can absolutely meet with our student recruitment team in person or online. Many UM faculties also provide advising sessions for future students. Please contact our team for details or to book a session at: student.recruitment@umanitoba.ca

Q: For students taking dual-credit course work, the UM transfer credit website seems to have end dates for transfer credits. What do these dates mean?

A: Transfer credit has a validity date, so every 5 years Admissions must reassess the course outlines to make sure nothing substantial has changed.

Q: At what age is a student able to apply as a mature student?

A: You can apply to UM as a mature student if you meet all of the following conditions: 1) You do not meet the regular academic requirements for your program of interest; and 2) You are at least 21 years of age.

Q: Do grade 12 vocational credits from a program like carpentry or electrical count as any of the 40 level electives needed for admission?

A: We do not consider vocational courses for the 40S academic courses used for the program-specific Direct Entry requirements, but any course that is a 40 S, G, U, or C course can be used as the 5th course for the overall admission requirement that students must meet in addition to their program-specific requirements.