

Enriched Support Program

Winter Admission

Discover your potential

What is ESP?

- The **Enriched Support Program** (ESP) is a full-time first-year program designed for students who may not meet traditional entrance requirements.
- Our winter term program offers the opportunity to take first-year courses with academic support to qualify for a degree programs in Arts and Social Sciences.
- Students who complete our program with the necessary average are eligible for admission to a degree program at Carleton University and the credits they earned in ESP are eligible to transfer to a degree. Most students will need to study for at least two terms with ESP in order to qualify for a degree program.

Admission

How do I apply to ESP?

- The ESP admissions process is entirely separate from the degree program application.
- We are interested in more than simply your grade 12 average and/or college GPA; we ask you to put together an application that includes a personal statement and letters of reference.
- Apply at our **Winter Admission page** (carleton.ca/esp/january-admission).

If I already applied to Carleton University, will you automatically admit me to ESP?

- No; you must complete a separate ESP application in order to be considered for admission to the program

What average is required to be admitted to ESP?

- We do not set a minimum average, though typically we admit students with senior-year averages in the 60s.
- We look at your entire transcript, personal statement, and letters of reference in assessing your eligibility.

What are the minimum academic requirements?

- High school diploma with (recommended) three Grade 12 university-preparation (4U and/or 4M) courses. Students with fewer than three 4 U/M level courses may be considered on a case-by-case basis..
- Prerequisite subjects (grade 12 Advanced): English is recommended, but not required
- Please note that *meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission*. Candidates will be chosen based on their entire application package.

What if I haven't heard back about my application to a degree at Carleton?

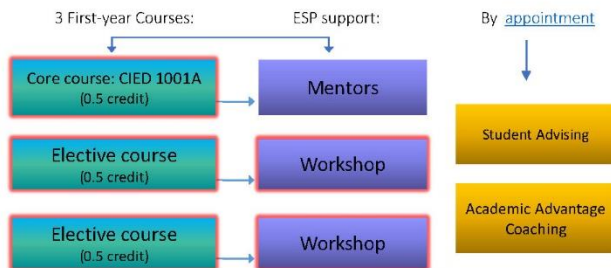
- You are encouraged to apply to ESP even if you are waiting on a degree application decision. One application will not affect the other.

What's the deadline to apply to ESP?

- **Winter:** November 15 *Deadlines are often extended; visit website for updates* (carleton.ca/esp/january-admission).

Program

What courses would I take in ESP?



- One **Core Course**: CIED 1001 Selected Topics in Popular Culture designed to help you to develop critical writing, thinking and reading skills while you learn the course material.
 - Peer mentors in the Core Course serve as guides to the transition to university.
- Two **Elective Courses**:
Arts and Social Science stream
Choose from courses such as: Anthropology, Criminology, Communication & Media Studies, Environmental Studies, Geography, Film, Law, Political Science, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology and Social Work.

- Two **Workshops** to help you succeed in your elective courses. Workshops are group study sessions designed to help you develop university level study skills and habits, while you review the material you are learning each week.
 - Workshops provide structure to help successfully manage the transition to university expectations, stay on top of the work, and get support from your fellow students.
- **Academic Coaching** services provide one-on-one support with academic writing, reading and research, subject-specific support for math and chemistry, and support for learning how to learn effectively.
- **Student Advisors** help you to navigate the university's rules and regulations, qualify and apply for your degree, and connect you with resources.

Do courses taken with ESP count toward a degree?

- Yes; you are enrolled in regular first-year university credits that may be transferred to a degree upon successful completion of ESP with the necessary grade point average. Please note: some limited enrollment programs may not transfer all credits earned to the degree. Consult an **advisor** for more information.

Is ESP a full-time program?

- Yes; as an ESP student, you are considered full time, enrolled in 3 courses and 2 non-credit workshops.
- For Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) purposes, you are considered to be in a full course load.

Is ESP a remedial program?

- No; as an ESP student, you are enrolled in the same first-year courses as other students and participate in the same orientation and campus activities. Our workshops complement the course activities, providing an opportunity to develop university-level study strategies, habits and skills.

Does it work?

- Yes! ESP students are very successful. On average, 80-90% of students who fully participate in the program are admitted to a degree.

Costs

How much does the program cost?

- Winter program costs for 2025 are approx. \$3460 (for domestic student-ON resident) in tuition, workshop and bus pass fees (books, supplies and living expenses, not included). Updates are posted to **our January admission page** as available.

Is bursary and/or loan support available?

- Ontario residents can apply for the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP).
- ESP students can apply for bursaries.