

# Enriched Support Program

## 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.
- ESP provides an opportunity to take first-year courses with academic support, helping students qualify for degree programs in Arts and Social Sciences, Business, Computer Science, Science, or Engineering
- Students who complete ESP with the necessary average are eligible for admission to a degree program at Carleton University and the credits they earned in ESP may be transferred to a degree.

## Admission

### How do I apply to ESP?

- The ESP application is separate from Carleton University's 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, transcripts, and letters of reference.
- Apply on our website: **carleton.ca/esp**.

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

- No. You must submit a separate application to be considered for ESP.
- Admission is competitive due to limited spaces.

### 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 assess applications holistically, considering your entire transcript, personal statement, and letters of reference.

### What are the minimum academic requirements?

#### High school applicants

- A high school diploma with at least three Grade 12 university-preparation (4U/4M) courses is recommended.
- Students with fewer than three 4U/M courses may be considered on a **case-by-case basis**.

#### College and mature applicants:

- Considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### Prerequisites: all applicants must meet prerequisite subject requirements:

- ESP Arts and Social Science Stream: Advanced English is recommended, but not required
- ESP Business Stream: Advanced Functions (min 60%), Calculus recommended
- ESP Computer Science Stream: Advanced Functions (min 60%), Calculus recommended
- ESP Engineering Stream: Chemistry (min 60%) and Advanced Functions (min 60%), 4U Physics (Physics may be taken concurrently, min 60%), Calculus recommended.
- ESP Science Stream: Chemistry (min 60%) and Advanced Functions (min 60). Calculus recommended.
- Please note that meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission.

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

- You can apply to ESP while waiting on a degree application decision.
- Your ESP application will not affect your degree application.

### What's the deadline to apply to ESP?

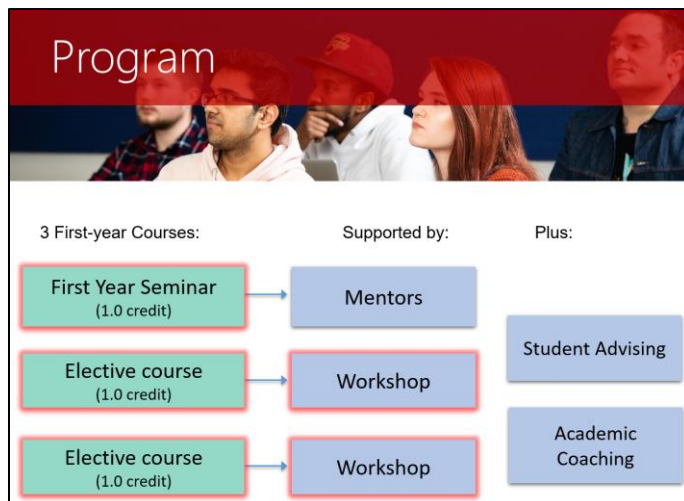
- **Fall:** June 15 **Winter:** November 15. Deadlines *may be extended- visit our website for updates.*

# Program

## What courses will I take in ESP?

As an ESP student, you will be enrolled in a combination of credit courses and academic support components:

- One **First-Year Seminar** (FYS): a small, first-year credit course designed to develop critical reading, writing, and thinking skills. Seminars are offered various subjects, and each class includes a peer mentor to help guide your transition to university.
- Two **Elective Courses**:
  - **Arts and Social Science Stream**: Choose two from Anthropology, Criminology, Cognitive Science, Communication & Media Studies, Environmental Studies, Geography, History, Human Rights, Law, Neuroscience, Political Science, Philosophy, Psychology, & Sociology.
  - **Business Stream**: Business, Calculus & Economics.
  - **Computer Science Stream**: Algebra, Calculus & Computer Science.
  - **Engineering or Science Stream**: Algebra, Calculus & Chemistry.
- Two **Academic Workshops**: Weekly, structured group study sessions designed to support your elective courses by helping you review course material while developing university-level study skills and habits.
  - Workshops provide structure to manage university expectations, stay on top of coursework, and receive support from your fellow students.
- **Academic Coaching**: One-on-one support in academic writing, reading, and research, as well as subject-specific help for math, computer science, and chemistry.
- **Student Advising**: Assistance with navigating the university's rules and regulations, registration, qualifying for and applying to your degree, and accessing campus resources.



## Do ESP courses count toward a degree?

- Yes, ESP courses are regular first-year university credits that may be transferred to a degree program upon successful completion of ESP with the required grade point average.
- Note: Some programs, such as Engineering and limited-enrollment degrees, may not accept all ESP credits. Consult an advisor for details.

## Is ESP a full-time program?

- Yes, ESP is a full-time program consisting of 3 credit courses and 2 non-credit workshops.
- For Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) purposes, ESP is considered a full-time course load.

## Is ESP a remedial program?

- No. ESP students take the same first-year university courses as other students and participate in the same orientation and campus activities.
- The program's workshops and support services help students develop effective study strategies and academic skills to succeed in university.

## Does it work?

- Yes! 80-90% of students who fully participate in ESP are admitted to a degree program.
- Hear from former students: [carleton.ca/esp/success](https://carleton.ca/esp/success).

# Costs

## How much does the program cost?

- The program fees include tuition for three credits, two workshops, and bus pass fees (excluding books, supplies, and living expenses). For detailed and up-to-date cost information, please refer to our website <https://carleton.ca/esp/costs-and-funding/>.

## Is financial aid available?

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