

ESP to Degree

Below are the guidelines for students transferring from ESP to a degree program. Please note that students with previous university experience (including returning ESP students) will have different admissions requirements than what is indicated here. These students should [consult](#) with an ESP Academic Advisor for details.

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Students Starting ESP in the Fall Term

ESP Arts & Social Sciences Stream

ESP's Arts and Social Sciences Stream can help you to qualify for a variety of Carleton's programs. Students in the ESP Arts & Social Science Stream enroll in a First-Year Seminar (FYSM 1900) course and two electives of their choosing each semester.

Bachelor of Arts Programs

An average of C+ (6.0) across 3.0 successfully completed credits in the ESP will meet requirements for admission to a Bachelor of Arts program at Carleton, including:

African Studies	Film Studies	Linguistics
Anthropology	French	Music
Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies	Geography	Philosophy
Art History	Geomatics	Political Science
Biology (4U Chemistry required)	Greek and Roman Studies	Psychology
Childhood and Youth Studies	History	Religion
Criminology and Criminal Justice	History and Theory of Architecture	Social Work
English	Human Rights and Social Justice	Sociology
Environmental Studies	Indigenous Studies	Women's and Gender Studies
European and Russian Studies	Law	

Bachelor of Cognitive Science

A minimum average of C+ (6.0) across 3.0 credits in the ESP.

Bachelor of Communication & Media Studies

A minimum average of C+ (6.0) across 3.0 credits in the ESP.

Bachelor of Economics

A minimum average of C+ (6.0) across 3.0 credits in the ESP, and grade 12 Advanced Functions (MHF4U) with a minimum grade of 65% is required.

Bachelor of Global & International Studies

A minimum average of C+ (6.0) across 3.0 credits in the ESP.

Bachelor of Media Production and Design

A minimum average of C+ (6.0) across 3.0 credits in the ESP, and one grade 12 university level math credit with a minimum 70% (MDM4U, MHF4U or MCV4U). BMPD is a limited enrolment program and meeting the minimum requirement does not guarantee admission.

Bachelor of Music

A minimum average of C+ (6.0) across 3.0 credits in the ESP will satisfy the academic requirement. Candidates must also audition and be selected by the program.

ESP Business Stream

Students in the ESP Business Stream enroll in a first-year Math course (MATH 1009), first-year Economics (ECON 1001/ECON 1002), Introduction to Business (BUSI 1800) and a First-Year Seminar (FYSM 1900) course.

To earn admission to a Bachelor of Commerce or Bachelor of International Business, students must:

- Complete the ESP Business stream with an overall minimum average of B- (7.0), **and**
- Earn a minimum of C+ in 3 of the following 4 courses: ECON 1001, ECON 1002, MATH 1009 and BUSI 1800, with no grade lower than C-.

ESP Computer Science Stream

Students in the ESP Computer Science Stream enroll in first-year Math courses (MATH 1007/1104), first-year Computer Science courses (COMP1005/1006) and a First-Year Seminar (FYSM 1900) course.

To earn admission to a Computer Science, Cybersecurity, or Data Science, students must:

- Complete the ESP Computer Science stream with an overall minimum average of B- (7.0), and
- Earn a minimum grade of C- in each of: MATH 1007, MATH 1104 and COMP 1006.

ESP Engineering Stream

Students in the ESP Engineering stream enroll in first-year Math (MATH 1004/1104) and first-year Chemistry (CHEM 1001/1002) as well as a First-Year Seminar course. Students must successfully complete the ESP Engineering Stream with:

- An **overall** minimum average of B- (7.0)* or higher, *and*
- A minimum **core** average of B- (7.0) in core subjects: CHEM 1001/1002, MATH 1004/1104 and Grade 12 Advanced Physics (prerequisite subject: minimum of 60%), with no grade lower than D+.

* Minimum overall and core GPA requirements (by major) are normally:

Aerospace Engineering (A-)
Biomedical and Electrical Engineering (B-)
Civil Engineering (B-)
Computer Systems Engineering (B-)
Engineering Physics (A-)
Mechanical Engineering (A-)
Software Engineering (B+)

Architectural Conservation and Sustainability(B-)
Biomedical and Mechanical Engineering (A-)
Communications Engineering (B-)
Electrical Engineering (B-)
Environmental Engineering (B-)
Mechatronics Engineering (A-)
Sustainable & Renewable Energy(A-)

ESP Science Stream

Students in the ESP Science Stream enroll in a First-Year Seminar (FYSM 1900) course, first-year Math courses (MATH 1007/1107), first-year Chemistry (CHEM 1001) in the fall and choose between CHEM 1002 or NEUR 1203 in the winter.

Bachelor of Science

- A minimum average of C+ (6.0) across 3.0 ESP science stream credits.

Bachelor of Science Honours

- An overall average of B- (7.0) in ESP science stream credits, and to present an additional high school grade 12 advanced class (with a minimum grade of 60%) in one of 4U Biology, 4U Earth and Space Science or 4U Physics, **and**
- A prerequisite core average of B- (7.0) calculated using: MATH 1007 and one of CHEM 1001 or CHEM 1002, as well as the additional high school prerequisite. A minimum grade of a D+ is required in all prerequisite core courses.

Bachelor of Science majors include:

Biochemistry	Earth Sciences	Linguistics (BSc)
Bioinformatics	Environmental Science	Nanoscience
Biology (BSc)	Food Science and Nutrition	Neuroscience
Biotechnology	Geography (BSc)	Physics
Chemistry	Geomatics (BSc)	Psychology (BSc)
Computational Biochemistry	Interdisciplinary Sci. & Practice	

Bachelor of Health Sciences

- An overall average of B+ (9.0) in ESP science stream credits and to present an additional high school grade 12 advanced class (with a minimum grade of 60%) in one of 4U Biology, 4U Earth and Space Science or 4U Physics, **and**
- A prerequisite core average of B (8.0) calculated using: MATH 1007, one of CHEM 1001 or CHEM 1002, and the additional high school prerequisite of 4U Biology, Earth and Space Science or Physics. A minimum grade of a D+ is required in all prerequisite core Carleton courses.

Bachelor of Mathematics

Students interested in a B.Math should enroll in a First-Year Seminar (FYSM 1900) course, first-year Math courses (MATH 1007/1107), and additional credit to be chosen in consultation with an ESP advisor.

- **Bachelor of Mathematics** (15 credit) programs, students must successfully complete ESP with an overall minimum GPA of 6.0 or C+ (67-69%) for admission to a Math degree (15 credit program) and earn a minimum grade of C- in each of MATH 1007 and MATH 1107
- **Bachelor of Mathematics Honours** (20 credit) programs, students must successfully complete ESP with an overall GPA of 7.0 or B- (70-72%) and earn a minimum grade of C- in each of MATH 1007 and MATH 1107.

Other Programs

To qualify for other programs through ESP, such as **Architecture, Industrial Design, Information Technology, Humanities, Journalism, Public Affairs & Policy Management, and Social Work**, please consult with Admissions Services 613-520-3609 or admissions@carleton.ca or reach out to an ESP Advisor esp.advising@carleton.ca.

Students starting ESP in the Winter Term

ESP Arts & Social Science Stream

Students who begin ESP in January can earn up to **1.5 credits** (3 half-credit courses and two non-credit workshops).

Normally, ESP students, unless they qualify as a mature student (see below), must complete at least **3.0 credits** before being considered for admission to a degree program. This means that you will be continuing ESP in the subsequent summer or fall/winter terms before you can be considered for admission to a degree program.

Degree requirements

- After successful completion of 2.0 credits, you may be admitted to a B.A. program with a B average (8.0 on Carleton's 12 point scale)
- After successful completion of 2.5 credits, you may be admitted to a B.A. program with a B- average (7.0 on Carleton's 12 point scale)
- After successful completion of 3.0 credits, you may be admitted to a B.A. program with a C+ average (6.0 on Carleton's 12 point scale)
- After successful completion of 4.0 or more credits, you may be [admitted](#) to a B.A. program as long as you would be in "eligible to continue" under the degree's [Academic Continuation Evaluation](#) rules (normally a minimum CGPA of C-)

Students who meet the criteria above are eligible for admission to most of Carleton's Bachelor of Arts Programs. Please note that some B.A. programs may require completion of high school prerequisite subjects (BA Biology, B. Economics).

Mature Students

Mature students may qualify for admission to a B.A. program after having completed a minimum of 1.0 credit with at least a C- or better standing in the first attempt (i.e. your first university credit(s)), provided they meet the university's formal definition of "Mature" applicants; that is they:

- are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- have not attended a college or university as full-time students;
- have been away from full-time studies for at least two calendar years;
- do not meet the normal admission requirements (as published in the Undergraduate Calendar).
- have completed any required prerequisite subjects (for example: an applicant to a B.A. Biology must have completed grade 12 advanced Chemistry with a minimum of 60% or higher).

How does Carleton calculate your ESP average?

Carleton uses the following 12-point grade system to calculate cumulative grade point averages (CGPA).

Letter grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
% grade	90-100	85-89	80-84	77-79	73-76	70-72	67-69	63-66	60-62	57-59	53-56	50-52	0-49
Grade point	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Your ESP Academic Advisor will help you to calculate your CGPA while you study in the program.