The University of Western Ontario

SCUP's Subcommittee on Enrolment Planning and Policy (SUEPP)

Fall 2012 Entrance Standards for First-Year Undergraduate Admissions

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A. Constituent University

At its November 2010 meeting, Senate approved SUEPP's recommendation on Western's enrolment strategy for the coming years. The specifics of the recommendations were as follows:

1. Western maintain the current (i.e. fall 2010) minimum entrance requirement for first-year admission at 83% mid-year grade (and 81% final grade). For selected limited-enrolment programs, based on annual reviews by the Provost and the Deans, the entrance requirements could be higher.

2. The approach of using the common entrance requirement be continued. The result of this approach is that student demand/choice drives program-specific enrolments.

3. By the end of the upcoming 4-year planning period, we work to increase our first-year international enrolment to 400 from the current level of 150.

4. We continue to monitor the gap in entrance requirements between Western and the Ontario average -- with the objective of maintaining the current gap.

5. We continue to monitor the size of our overall first-year class -- in order to ensure that the undergraduate population does not reach a level that cannot be accommodated within our current physical infrastructure.

6. We continue with our First-Year Residence Guarantee initiative -- with the understanding that we may need to expand our residence capacity.

7. The Provost encourage the Faculties (through the Deans) to develop upper-year entry niche undergraduate programs, including 2+2 programs and partnership arrangements.

8. Western continue with the graduate enrolment aspirations outlined in *Engaging the Future*, and continue the doctoral expansion trends of the past decade. In 2009-10, full-time graduate enrolments comprised of 17% of the total full-time enrolment at Western.

9. As a research-intensive institution, enrolment planning will include the objective of maintaining or increasing the relative proportion of graduate student enrolments (currently 17%).

Update on Fall 2011 Admissions
The minimum entrance requirement was 83% (mid-year) and 82% (final).
First-year international enrolment totaled 347 students.

Plans For Fall 2012 Admissions
For the fall 2012 admissions cycle, the above recommendations will be followed for the Constituent University and it is expected that the entrance requirement will be no less than 83% mid-year grade and 82% final grade. The Constituent University's 2012-13 first-year class is planned to be 4,800 students, with an international student target of 450 students.

B. <u>Affiliated University Colleges</u>

For fall 2011, entrance requirements (final grades) at the Affiliated University Colleges were as follows:

Brescia	76%
Huron	76%
King's	76%

As a follow-up to the Constituent University's strategy on enrolment planning, the Affiliated University Colleges have committed to narrowing the gap in entrance requirements between the Colleges and the Constituent University. The specifics of the Colleges' strategy are as follows:

1. For 2012-13, the entrance requirement (final grades) at each Affiliated University College will be 77.0% at Huron and King's, 76.0% at Brescia.

2. By 2014-15, the Colleges will increase their entrance requirements (final grades) to 78%, as follows:

	Brescia	Huron	King's
2013-14	tbd	77.0%	77.0%
2014-15	78.0%	78.0%	78.0%

3. As is the case at present, in situations where additional assessment is required (for students with exceptional/unusual circumstances), the Colleges may admit students with grades below the minimum requirement. The proportion of the entering class with final averages below the minimum requirement (e.g. 78% in 2014-15) shall not exceed 2%.

4. The 2012-13 first-year targets for the Affiliated University Colleges are as follows:

Brescia	308
Huron	405
King's	860

5. The Affiliated University Colleges will be bound to the minimum entrance requirements established by the Constituent University for limited-enrolment programs, where applicable, including BHSc and Kinesiology.