

ADMISSIONS POLICIES

OVERVIEW

This document sets out the principles and policy which govern the admission of international students to all FIC programs.

An international applicant is one who does not hold citizenship or Permanent Resident status in Canada, or one who has provided a completed and signed Non-Resident Declaration Form.

The language of instruction at FIC is English. International students must demonstrate a suitable level of English proficiency before being admitted to a program.

Admission Criteria

Age

The minimum age requirement at FIC is 17 years old.

Academic

In order to gain entry into FIC students must demonstrate that they have the appropriate qualifications.

A guide to appropriate country specific equivalents can be found here:

<https://www.fraseric.ca/admission-requirements>. *Meeting minimum admissions requirements as listed does not guarantee admission. This information is a guide only and is subject to change without notice.

Please note that FIC may only accept students who have met academic requirements and who have never enrolled in any credit-bearing post-secondary study. Applicants must start their FIC program following a maximum study gap of 4 terms since completing high school, counting from the first intake following the completion of high school studies. For example:

| Student Finishes High School | Latest Intake They Can Join FIC | Explanation |
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| June 2018 | January 2020 | Sept 2018 is the first intake following completion of high school. Sept 2018, Jan 2019, May 2019 and Sept 2019 are the 4 terms that make up the maximum 4 term study gap |

Exceptions for students with study gaps of 5 or 6 terms will be considered if the students are qualified for an unconditional Integrated or Direct entry offer (not Cornerstone), and they can provide a satisfactory explanation of their activities following graduation from high school (i.e. that does not include other credit bearing, post – secondary studies).

Those students who will not meet FIC's minimum age requirement (must be 17 years old by the first day of classes) within the proposed 4 term gap limit, will be eligible for an offer for the first term in which they meet the minimum age requirement under the following conditions:

1. The student has not done any credit-bearing post-secondary studies
2. Gap documentation is provided
3. Integrated or Direct entry English requirement is met at the time of application

English Language

International students must demonstrate a suitable level of English language proficiency before being admitted to all FIC programs, through provision of evidence of achieving an IELTS score of 6.0 with Reading and Writing 6.0 and no band less than 5.5 for Direct entry. Other entry levels and acceptable forms of evidence of English proficiency can be accessed through the FIC Website. Please note that students who exceed the direct-entry English requirement may be exempt from the Academic Literacy course, mandatory for all direct-entry students. It is acknowledged that the Canadian High Commission may, from time to time in accordance with visa assessment level guidelines, place additional English language proficiency requirements on students from particular nations or require students to undertake additional English language instruction onshore before commencing the FIC program. Students must demonstrate a satisfactory level of English language proficiency before being admitted to the Integrated UTP Stage I and Integrated UTP Stage II Programs through provision of evidence of achieving an IELTS score of 5.5 (with Reading and Writing bands also at 5.5 with no band less than 5.0. Other acceptable forms of evidence of English proficiency can be accessed through the FIC Website.

Verification of Qualifications

All applications are required to be accompanied by true and certified copies of documents verifying academic qualifications and results. All documents are verified online where the service is available. All international qualifications are checked against the National Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom (UK NARIC), which is the UK National Agency providing official source of comparison information and advice on international education and training systems and overseas skills qualifications. Additional information may be obtained from the NAFSA: Association of International Educators website and other web sources.

Offers of Admission

Offers of admission articulate the program, campus, duration, fees, and enrolment terms and conditions.

Deferral

An applicant may seek to defer commencement of studies until a subsequent semester if conditions on the most current offer have not been met, or visa not yet obtained. Students wishing to defer their FIC

programs must complete a Deferral Request Form to be submitted for assessment by FIC Admissions. In most cases, initial deferrals will be granted upon submission of the completed form. A second deferral request will in most cases be granted for the reasons of lack of meeting English requirements or pending visa applications. No deferrals to exceed three.

Readmission

Former FIC students who transferred successfully to SFU may be granted readmission under the following circumstances:

1. A SFU transcript indicating the student is Required to Withdraw (RTW) is provided to FIC Admissions together with a completed FIC application form and valid study permit. RTW students are not expected to complete the UTPII program as condition of readmission, nor of transfer to SFU.
2. A completed FIC application is provided along with a complete photocopy of all passport pages and valid study permit with minimum 6 months remaining before expiry.

Readmission Policy and Procedures* for non-RTW students:

- 1) A completed FIC application is provided along with a complete photocopy of all passport pages and valid study permit with minimum 6 months remaining before expiry.
- 2) Student must have a FIC CGPA minimum of 2.5
- 3) Student must not have attended ANY credit-bearing post-secondary institution other than FIC and be within gap limitations as outlined above
- 4) Students who were admitted to FIC with an IELTS or equivalent result below Direct-entry and who withdrew prior to completing ALC are required to provide an IELTS score from a Canadian Test Centre for program placement.
- 5) Non-RTW students must complete FIC program before they are eligible to transfer to SFU.
- 6) FIC program admission decisions do not constitute a guarantee of SFU admission. SFU decisions are made by SFU based on all available applicant information. Failure to disclose or provide all transcripts is academic fraud and may result in cancellation of studies.

*L and P status students with only one semester of non-enrolment at FIC are not required to apply for readmission.