

Canadian Undergraduate Degree

Choosing an undergraduate degree is an important decision, and many students are understandably unsure about what they want to study. A sensible starting point is to consider your academic strengths, the subjects you genuinely enjoy and the career opportunities that may follow from your degree.

Start with your academic strengths

Your high school results can provide a useful indication of your academic strengths. Strong performance in chemistry, mathematics and physics may point towards scientific or technical subjects, while strengths in English, history and geography may suggest humanities or social sciences.

Creative ability is equally important. Students with artistic, design or conceptual strengths should recognise these as valuable academic and professional abilities. Very few people excel in every subject, so the objective is to identify where your strengths and interests come together.

Choose a subject you will enjoy

Canadian undergraduate degrees commonly take four years to complete, although programme length varies. Genuine interest in the subject therefore matters. Students should not choose a degree simply because other people consider it prestigious or desirable.

Parents and others may encourage particular careers, but the central principle is to choose a subject that interests you and plays to your academic strengths.

Consider future careers

Career prospects should also form part of the decision. Students should investigate the employment opportunities connected with a proposed degree and consider how these may develop by the time they graduate. Creative, scientific, technical, humanities and social science subjects can all lead to a wide range of careers.

Consideration	What to think about
Academic strengths	Which subjects produce your strongest results?
Personal interest	What do you genuinely enjoy learning about?
Aptitude	Are your strengths scientific, technical, creative, humanities-based or in another area?
Career prospects	What employment opportunities could follow from the degree?
Career opportunities in Canada	What employment opportunities may be available in your chosen field?

Making your final choice

The best degree choice brings several factors together. Consider your academic profile, identify your strengths and choose something you will enjoy studying. At the same time,

investigate the careers connected with the subject and where future employment opportunities may exist.

WorldStudentAdvisors can help students consider their course and university options, manage the university application process and provide guidance on English language and Canadian study permit requirements, where applicable.

The Key Message

Choose a Canadian undergraduate degree that reflects your academic strengths, interests and abilities while also considering future career opportunities. Do not choose a subject simply because others expect you to study it.

A degree is a major commitment. The right choice should balance what you are good at, what genuinely interests you and where the qualification could lead after graduation.

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