

A WORLD OF POSSIBILITY

Ryerson University International Admissions Handbook 2022



**Ryerson
University**

Toronto, Canada





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VISIT RYERSON

Ryerson University is where **a world of possibilities** collide. It starts with our location in the heart of a global city and runs through every aspect of campus life.

Here, you'll experience a diverse and creative community enriched by a multitude of perspectives. You'll contribute to an **entrepreneurial culture** where learning is amplified by experience. Above all, you'll explore the opportunities that abound when you're invited to challenge convention and **redefine what's possible**.

This is Ryerson

We are a distinctly urban university driven to apply our knowledge to improve lives in Toronto and across the globe.

From our commitment to experience-based learning to our entrepreneurial spirit to our deeply creative culture, innovation defines all that we do.

We think differently about what's possible and invite you to do the same.

The Ryerson Urban Farm grows 9,000 pounds of produce annually and offers students a practical opportunity to address food security issues.



By the numbers

39,000+

undergraduate students

2,700

graduate students

225,000

alumni worldwide



146

countries our students call home

220

international partnerships around the world with universities in 59 countries

80+

languages spoken by Ryerson students and faculty

60+

undergraduate programs with 60 minors

60+

graduate programs

87

career-related certificate programs



10

zones where you can get involved in real-world projects

125+

research centres, institutes and labs



Top 10

Canadian comprehensive university for student satisfaction*

*According to Maclean's magazine, 2020





Undergraduate programs

Faculty of Arts

- Arts and Contemporary Studies [BA (Hons)]
- Criminology [BA (Hons)]
- English [BA (Hons)][†]
- Environment and Urban Sustainability [BA (Hons)]
- Geographic Analysis [BA (Hons)]
- History [BA (Hons)][†]
- International Economics and Finance (BA)
- Language and Intercultural Relations [BA (Hons)]
- Philosophy [BA (Hons)]
- Politics and Governance [BA (Hons)][†]
- Psychology (BA)
- Sociology [BA (Hons)][†]
- Undeclared Arts (first-year studies only)

Faculty of Community Services

- Child and Youth Care (BA)
- Early Childhood Studies (BA)
- Midwifery (BHSc) ♦
- Nursing (BScN)
- Nursing Post-Diploma (BScN)
- Nutrition and Food (BASc)
- Occupational Health and Safety (BASc)[†]
- Public Health (BASc)[†]
- Social Work (BSW)
- Urban and Regional Planning (BURPI)

Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science

- Aerospace Engineering (BEng)*
- Architectural Science (BArchSc)[†]
- Biomedical Engineering (BEng)*
- Chemical Engineering Co-op (BEng)‡
- Civil Engineering (BEng)*
- Computer Engineering (BEng)*
- Electrical Engineering (BEng)*
- Industrial Engineering (BEng)*
- Mechanical Engineering (BEng)*
- Undeclared Engineering (first-semester studies only)

Faculty of Science

- Biology [BSc (Hons)][†]
- Biomedical Sciences [BSc (Hons)][†]
- Chemistry [BSc (Hons)][†]
- Computer Science [BSc (Hons)][†]
- Financial Mathematics [BSc (Hons)][†]
- Mathematics and its Applications [BSc (Hons)][†]
- Medical Physics [BSc (Hons)][†]
- Undeclared Science (first-year studies only)

Ted Rogers School of Management

- Accounting & Finance [BComm (Hons)][†]
- Business Management [BComm (Hons)][†]
- Business Technology Management (BComm)[†]
- Hospitality and Tourism Management [BComm (Hons)][†]
- Retail Management [BComm (Hons)][†]

The Creative School

- Creative Industries (BA)
- Fashion (BDes)
- Graphic Communications Management (BTech)
- Image Arts: Film Studies (BFA)
- Image Arts: Photography Studies (BFA)
- Interior Design (BID)
- Journalism (BJourn)
- Media Production (BA)
- New Media (BFA)
- Performance Acting (BFA)
- Performance Dance (BFA)
- Performance Production (BFA)
- Professional Communication [BA (Hons)]
- Professional Music [BFA (Hons)]
- Sport Media (BA)

English Language Pathway Programs

- English Boost
- Ryerson ESL Foundation Program

All programs are offered on a full-time basis unless noted.

* Co-operative internship program option – five years in length
† Co-operative program option – five years in length
‡ Co-operative basis only – five years in length
♦ Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents to be eligible for admission to this program

Experiential learning

Start your career at Ryerson, where education and experience go hand in hand. There is a strong connection between our downtown campus and collaborative opportunities with many leading organizations and companies.

Learning extends beyond the classroom through co-ops, internships, field placements, industry projects and our Zone Learning programs. Put your studies into practice and emerge with the academic foundation necessary for your chosen career path and the experience to stand out from the crowd.

ryerson.ca/career-coop

95%

of programs with formal experiential component in curriculum

95%

of graduates employed two years after graduation

Partnerships

Ryerson has many co-op, internship and research partnerships with prominent companies and organizations, including the following:

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| - Adidas | - Parks Canada |
| - Apple | - PwC |
| - Audible | - Rockwell Automation |
| - Bombardier | - Canada |
| - Coca-Cola | - Rogers Communications |
| - Deloitte | - Scotiabank |
| - Google | - Siemens Canada |
| - Holt Renfrew | - St. Michael's Hospital |
| - KPMG | - The Walt Disney Company |
| - IBM | - Toronto Stock Exchange |
| - Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment | - Universal Music Group |
| - Microsoft | |
| - National Ballet of Canada | |
| - National Circus School | |
| - Ogilvy | |



Zone Learning

Ryerson has built a unique model of experiential education we call Zone Learning. The zones we've created span various disciplines and enable students to apply their degree coursework toward creative and socially engaged projects.

- Add to your resumé or portfolio with an internship, work experience or your own venture.
- Access workshops, boot camps, mentorships, labs and workspaces, grants, awards and competitions.
- Collaborate with people from multiple disciplines across campus and network with industry leaders and community partners.
- Develop career-ready skills desired by employers such as teamwork, communication, perseverance, risk-taking and project management.

Above: Students in the Design Fabrication Zone work with state-of-the-art robotics and aerial vehicle technologies.



Zones

Ryerson is home to 10 zones – including the DMZ, the top ranked Incubator in the world (UBI Global 2019-20) – that provide opportunities to shape initiatives from the ground up and gain real-world experience.

- Biomedical Zone
- Clean Energy Zone
- Design Fabrication Zone
- DMZ
- Fashion Zone
- Innovation Boost Zone
- Legal Innovation Zone
- Science Discovery Zone
- Social Ventures Zone
- Transmedia Zone

450+ 4,000+ \$1B+

startups incubated in 2019

jobs created by startups in Ryerson's zones

funding raised by zones and startups

“Building connections with industry professionals filled me with motivation for what I want my future to look like. I can confidently say that as an international student, co-op has given me the advantage I need and I would highly recommend it to international students.”

Oyinde Akinwumi,
Chemical Engineering Co-op,
International student from Nigeria





6.4M **Top 10** **180+**

people in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) most youthful city in Canada languages spoken

A city of possibilities

University life is different in the heart of Canada’s most dynamic city. When you step out of the classroom, there’s an array of activities and opportunities that await you.

From Toronto’s diverse neighbourhoods to its globally renowned food scene, the city is a hub for cultural exploration and discovery. It’s also the economic capital of Canada. When you study here, you’ll find countless internship options and local partners to launch your big idea, and you’ll have access to a robust job market to help you kick-start your career.

From here, you can go anywhere.

Above: Take a ferry and visit the Toronto Islands for a full view of the city skyline.

Below: Study at the heart of it all with campus located at the intersection of Yonge St. and Dundas St.



AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Toronto has four distinct seasons.

Fall
5 to 15 C
Wear a light sweater.
Winter
-10 to -5 C
Wear a hat, gloves and a warm jacket.
Spring
5 to 12 C
Wear a light jacket.
Summer
15 to 25 C
Wear light, breathable fabrics and sunscreen.

Global learning

Take advantage of one of the many global learning opportunities Ryerson offers. By connecting your education to the global community, you’ll develop your network, build intercultural skills and perspectives, and challenge your worldview in ways you never imagined.

What does this look like? Study for a semester or year at one of our 80 partner institutions around the world. Take part in a short-term international course and travel with your classmates and professor (in person or virtually) to meet with local experts and students in your field. Looking to build your resume? Our students have conducted research and completed co-ops, internships and field placements across the globe.

From a few weeks to a few months, on campus, at home or abroad, there is a global learning program that can meet your needs.



Above: Roy Luo (Fashion Design) participated in an academic exchange for a semester at Hogeschool van Amsterdam (AMFI) in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. This photo was taken during his orientation week, in front of Amsterdam’s famous canals.

Below: Ryerson students on a field research trip shifted their focus to disaster relief during the worst flooding to hit Kerala, India in 100 years.





Student support

At Ryerson, we are committed to your success, with services dedicated to helping you be your personal and academic best. We provide opportunities for you to discover your talents, explore career options, build your skills, grow your learning success tool kit, express your identities and create meaningful friendships and connections.



International Student Support (ISS)

Coming to Canada is a big step, and ISS will assist you as you transition to life in Canada and at Ryerson through immigration, cultural and social support.



Health and Wellness

Your well-being is important to us. With programs like ThriveRU, we'll teach you the skills associated with resilience and well-being in an academic and personal context.



Learning

We offer comprehensive services and programs designed to help you engage in your academic studies, like academic accommodation, math, writing and language support. You'll also have access to a variety of spaces on campus that are suitable for academic and co-curricular work.



Career & Co-op

Your career starts on campus. Ryerson's Career and Co-op Centre will help you through nationally recognized resources that provide career planning, networking tips and more.



Mentorship and guidance

Offering peer-to-peer, career and group mentoring, the Tri-Mentoring Program provides students from all backgrounds and faculties the opportunity to be supported in several ways.

Your home away from home

Live on campus in residence and immerse yourself in the Ryerson experience. Dedicated professionals and student leaders will help you transition to living independently while you work toward academic success. You'll live in a community of your peers with opportunities to meet people and make new friends. And we'll provide you with a safe and supportive space to connect with the neighbourhood and explore all the excitement Toronto has to offer.

Ryerson has three on-campus residence buildings with approximately 1,144 beds. There are a range of room styles, including two- to four-bedroom apartments, single bedrooms with shared hallway washrooms and some individual rooms with private washrooms. You'll have an opportunity to identify your preferred room style in your residence application. Visit our website for full details on how to apply, room style layouts, fees and meal plans.

THINKING OF APPLYING?

Before applying, ensure you have received a full or conditional undergraduate Offer of Admission. Applications are submitted online through eRez and will not be considered complete until the \$50 CAD application fee (non-refundable) is paid.

ryerson.ca/housing/future-students/applying



- 1. Pitman Hall features a newly updated dining hall where meal plan holders get all-you-care-to-eat access to wholesome and delicious food.
- 2. The International Living/Learning Centre (ILC) primarily features single bedrooms with ensuite washrooms.
- 3. Our newest residence, the Daphne Cockwell Health Sciences Complex, includes two- or four-bedroom apartments.

“I was really grateful to win the President’s Entrance Scholarship. It really took off a lot of burden, as it helped me focus more on my school work rather than how I was going to pay for my tuition.”

Zahra Saeed, Electrical Engineering
President’s Entrance Scholarship recipient



Scholarships and awards

Support your education with generous entrance scholarships and prestigious industry-sponsored awards.

International students may qualify for entrance scholarships and distinguished awards, such as the President’s Entrance Scholarship (up to \$40,000) or the International Secondary School Merit Scholarship (\$5,000 entrance only, non-renewable). Applications are available online via AwardSpring.

International students (on a study visa) attending and completing studies at a Canadian secondary school may qualify for the Guaranteed and Renewable Scholarship.

Costs to consider

Average costs are based on eight months of full-time study in an undergraduate program for the fall and winter terms. All amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars.*

Budget breakdown



Tuition fees†

From \$29,945 to \$38,457‡ for the 2021-2022 academic year, depending on program of study.



Books and supplies

From \$1,400 to \$8,000, depending on program of study.



Food

From \$4,384 to \$5,949 (five- and seven-day unlimited access meal plan options), depending on living arrangements.



Personal expenses

From \$3,200 to \$5,600 (approximately \$400 to \$700 per month).



Accommodation

On campus:

From \$9,289 to \$12,945, plus meal plan, for the 2021-2022 academic year. Visit ryerson.ca/housing for more information on fees and options.

Off campus:

From \$12,000 to \$21,600 for 12 months' rent (or \$1,000 to \$1,800 per month).



Transportation

\$128 within the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) for a post-secondary TTC monthly pass.

* The estimated costs included are considered realistic by Ryerson University. These estimates are higher than the weekly living allowance the Ontario Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development uses to calculate the living costs portion of student loan funding. The ministry's financial information is used by the university to assess unmet need that is issued via university-wide bursaries and work study programs.
† Tuition fees include applicable ancillary fees.
‡ Fees range inclusive of the Ryerson ESL Foundation Program.



English language pathway programs

Ryerson University’s Real Institute is a leader in high-quality language education, providing ESL programs for learners from different backgrounds and levels of proficiency. The Real Institute’s mission is to help students achieve academic and personal success while building a pathway to Ryerson’s undergraduate programs.

Ryerson ESL Foundation Program

The ESL Foundation Program is designed for students who are academically qualified but do not meet the minimum English proficiency requirements to study at Ryerson. The program offers English language and academic skills instruction combined with undergraduate coursework. Students who complete the program successfully will be admitted to the Ryerson degree program of their choice with up to four undergraduate course credits and a strong foundation for academic success.

PROGRAM LENGTH	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	START DATES
1 term	IELTS 6.0	September, January, May
2 terms	IELTS 5.0	

English Boost (eBoost) and Bridging Programs

English Boost is an eight-week intensive program designed for students who are academically qualified for an undergraduate degree program but need a “boost” to meet the university’s language requirements.

Bridging programs are eight-week intensive internal pathway programs to Real’s ESL Foundation program and eBoost. These programs enables students to improve their written and verbal English skills to ensure they’re prepared to succeed in their university studies.*

PROGRAM LENGTH	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	START DATES
8 weeks (eBoost)	IELTS 6.0	July, October
8 weeks (Bridging)	IELTS 5.5	May, September
8 weeks (Bridging)	IELTS 5.0	January, March, May, July, September, November
8 weeks (Bridging)	IELTS 4.5	January, March, May, July, September, November

*Some program exclusions apply.

To help you transition to Ryerson, you will have access to all services offered on campus and your tuition fee will include all textbooks, course-related materials, academic and career advising, peer mentorship, health insurance and numerous cultural immersion events.



Admission requirements for all entry-level programs



Admission is based on competitive overall admission averages, competitive grades in program-specific subject requirements and, where applicable, non-academic requirements (e.g., portfolio, essay, interview, audition, etc.). Applicants educated outside of Ontario must submit evidence of education equivalent to the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) with six Grade 12 U or M courses.

Your complete academic record, including secondary school and all post-secondary studies (e.g., college, university or other post-secondary institutions), will be reviewed and considered as part of the competitive selection process. You must have completed, or be currently completing, your program’s admission requirements at the time you apply.

SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

It is essential that subject prerequisite requirements and grades for specific Ryerson programs form part of the academic background of applicants from outside Ontario, especially in the last two years of secondary school studies.

TRANSFER CREDITS

Transfer credits are assessed, and when granted, may be used toward Ryerson University degree requirements. Students may apply for transfer credit for the following:

- AP subject examination with a score of 4 or higher
- GCE A Levels with grades of C or higher (AS Levels will not be considered for transfer credit)
- CAPE units with grades of III or better
- French Baccalauréat subjects with a final result of 10 or higher
- IB Higher Levels with grades of 5 or higher

Engineering students are not eligible for transfer credits for core professional engineering courses.

Minimum English language proficiency results (subject to change)

Visit ryerson.ca/international/admissions/how-to-apply/english-language for details.

RYERSON PROGRAM	IELTS	TOEFL iBT	DUOLINGO ENGLISH TEST	CAEL	PTE	CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH
All Engineering programs and all Science programs, except Architectural Science and Computer Science	6.5	83-87	115	60	60	180 and above on C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency
All other Ryerson programs, including Architectural Science and Computer Science	6.5	92-93	115	70	60	180 and above on C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency
English Boost and Ryerson ESL Foundation Program	Please visit ryerson.ca/realinstitute for program details and requirements.					

Note: The information provided here is an overview and subject to change. Admission requirements vary by program and faculty, and program-specific requirements apply. Possession of the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Due to competition, higher results may be required.

How to apply

Step 1: submit your application

Grades-Only programs select students on the basis of academic performance.

Grades-Plus programs select students on the basis of academic performance plus non-academic requirements, such as auditions, interviews, portfolios and essays. For further information about specific non-academic requirements, including submission deadline dates, procedures and applicable fees,

Subject to space availability in programs, applications, amendments and supporting documents may continue to be reviewed after the Guaranteed Consideration Dates.

WINTER ADMISSION (JANUARY 2022)

Select programs will consider applications for the winter term. Applications should be submitted by October 15, 2021.

FALL ADMISSION (SEPTEMBER 2022)

The Guaranteed Consideration Date for applications to all programs (Grades-Plus and Grades-Only) is February 1, 2022.

Ryerson encourages submission of the application, required documents and the appropriate application fee well in advance of the posted deadlines.



Step 2: submit/upload required documents

You can begin the document upload/submission process, if applicable, after you have received the email acknowledgement of your application from Ryerson and have set up your Ryerson Online Identity.

determine what documents are required and how to submit them by all noted deadline dates. Documents may include:

- Academic transcripts. You are personally responsible for the submission of both secondary and all post-secondary school academic transcripts, regardless of the date of completion and the country of origin.
- Non-academic requirements (for Grades-Plus programs).
- Ryerson Supplementary Form (optional).
- Proof of English language proficiency.

Step 3: track your application status

Your Choose>Ryerson Applicant Portal at **choose.ryerson.ca** is our primary way of communicating with you, so check your portal often. It is your responsibility to read all of the letters we post to your My Communications page. It is also your responsibility to track your application status under My Application Status.

STUDY PERMIT

If you are not a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident, you must indicate on your application that you have obtained or intend to obtain a study permit and a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV), if applicable. Visit **cic.gc.ca** for details. You should apply for a study permit as soon as you receive your Offer of Admission. If you are already in Canada on a study permit, you must submit a copy of your visa authorization form or immigration papers confirming your status.

Connect with us

Wherever you are, we're here to guide and support you through this important time in your life. We've created a number of virtual opportunities and experiences and will be updating our online resources frequently throughout the year. As we begin to increase on-campus activities, check back often to find in-person opportunities that interest you!



Attend a virtual event

Meet our International Recruitment Officers at high schools and education fairs globally. Tune in for webinars supporting you through the application process, including sessions on how to apply, what's next and immigration support.

Book a virtual meeting

Schedule a one-on-one virtual meeting with our international students and International Recruitment Officers to get answers to all your questions about Ryerson, from our undergraduate programs to co-op work opportunities and everything in between.

Take a virtual tour

Join current Ryerson students as we explore campus virtually! Ask questions and learn more about Ryerson's dynamic, urban campus and award-winning buildings and facilities – no matter where you are.

Future Student Events

including our Virtual Open Houses, Instagram Lives and Reddit AMAs.

Stay connected

Join us on social media @WhyRyerson for updates, takeovers and new content from our students and community.



Contact us

Connect with the International Enrolment Office for more resources and opportunities to learn about Ryerson.

Find answers to all your Ryerson admission questions. Available 24 hours a day, year round.

Follow @WhyRyerson





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Renaming in process.

In August 2021, the university announced that it would begin a renaming process to reconcile the legacy of Egerton Ryerson and build a more inclusive future. Let's write the next chapter together.