

DEFINITIONS

Academic Standing: Academic standing is a statement of a student's overall academic performance by term. It is calculated at the end of each term for every student.

Academic standing is determined by the term and program grade point averages as well as the student's academic standing in the previous term.

Honours Standing: A student is in 'honours' standing for any given term when they achieve a term grade point average (TGPA) equal to or above 3.50 (certificate, diploma, or advanced diploma program) or 3.70 (degree program).

Good Standing: A student is in 'good standing' for any given term when they pass all courses and have a TGPA equal to or above 1.70 (for certificate or diploma programs) and 2.30 (for degree programs).

Probationary Standing: A student is in 'probationary' standing for any given term if they failed one or more courses or obtained a TGPA of less than 1.70 (certificate or diploma program) or 2.30 (degree program) and were given permission by their Promotion Committee to continue in the program. A student is also in 'probationary' standing if they have transferred to another program at the college after a failed term.

Removed from Program: A student is 'removed from program' if in the previous term they obtained a TGPA of less than 1.70 (certificate or diploma program) and 2.30 (degree program) and were not given permission by their Promotion Committee to continue in the program. A student will also be removed if they fail two consecutive terms in their program (i.e., if they fail to meet the conditions of their Probationary Contract).

Alternate Offers: Applicants who do not meet the admission requirement or the current competition level for the program of choice, may receive an alternate offer of admission to a related program.

Applicant: An individual applying to a program(s) or course(s).

Awards: Combines both academic criteria, such as cumulative grade point average; and non-academic criteria, such as community service or demonstrated leadership within a program and/or financial need.

Award: A monetary amount or other value that may be presented to a person or persons based upon specific criteria and administered by the Awards Office.

Bursary: A monetary award allocated to a student on the basis of proven financial need. Recipients must be in good academic standing.

Scholarship: An award which recognizes exceptional talent/promise of academic excellence in a course or program which is sometimes combined with non-academic criteria (e.g., community service, leadership in the field), as well as financial need.

Divisional Award: Available to George Brown College students based on their program.

College-Wide Award: Not program specific, but may include other qualifying criteria (e.g., passion for field of study).

Internal Award: A generic term that encompasses all awards, bursaries, and scholarships that the College administers.

External Award: Awards available from external sources and not directly adjudicated by George Brown College. Awards are available and administered through external government, corporate, or community organizations.

Entrance Award: Awarded to students in their first year of study at George Brown College. Sometimes awarded to a prospective student in the spring prior to the academic year the student would be attending their first year of study.

Competition: Applicants to a program are ranked based on the strength of their admissions application. Meeting the minimum requirements to a program does not guarantee an offer of admission.

Conditional Offer: Offers released conditionally on the basis of partially completed academic requirements with the expectation that they be completed before the commencement of classes.

Continuing Education: Courses or programs that are offered by the Centre for Continuous Learning.

Credit Value: Number of credits assigned to a course based on number of instructional hours per week.

DSL (Divisional Select): A stage in the application process where applicants are notified of supplemental program- specific requirements. DSL requirements may include an interview, audition, or submission of supplemental materials (e.g., portfolio) to be reviewed by the academic division. Applicants are notified via email once they are eligible for this stage.

Equal Consideration Date: All complete applications received by this date will be given equal consideration and reviewed based on competition.

Full-time (College): As defined by the MCU: Registration in at least 70% of the total semester hours of a program or at least 66 2/3 % of the courses in a semester as defined by the academic calendar.

Full-time (OSAP): As defined by the MCU: Registration to at least 60% of a full course load in a full-time program. Students registered with Accessible Learning Services who are on an approved reduced course load and who are registered to at least 40% of a full course load.

Full-time Program Guide: A listing of all the full-time programs offered at the college, their availability and status. Reviewed and published annually online.

GPA (Term, Cumulative, Program): The weighted average calculation used to designate academic achievement over a specific time period.

International Student: International students are defined as those who:

- Are not Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada;
- For programs of six months duration or more, are in possession of a Study Permit prior to the start of classes; and

- For programs of six months or less (e.g., EAP), are in possession of a valid Temporary Resident status in Canada

Late Admissions: Admissions for late applicants (an applicant that starts after Day 1) that are processed in person (or online) during the initial start-up period for each term.

Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU): The Ministry of Colleges and Universities is responsible for the administration of laws relating to education and skills training. For more information go to the Ministry website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-colleges-universities>

Mature Applicant: An applicant who is 19 years of age or older before the start of the academic term and who does not have an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent.

Modifier Symbol: Indicator on the student record to show whether a grade is being included in the GPA calculation – indicators are I (include) or E (exclude)

Ontariocolleges.ca: Ontario Colleges' Application Services (OCAS). All domestic applications for full-time post-secondary programs must be submitted through [Ontariocolleges.ca](https://ontariocolleges.ca)

Official Transcript: Cumulative academic record. Hard copy document must be stamped and sealed in an envelope. Or an electronic transcript available through the Ontario Colleges' Application Services (OCAS).

OSSD: Ontario Secondary School Diploma

Oversubscribed Programs: Programs that have more qualified applicants than available seats.

Part-time (OSAP): A student who is registered to less than 66% or 2/3 of a full course load in a full-time program.

Post-Secondary: A designation for a Ministry approved certificate, diploma or degree program.

Promotions Committee: A Promotions Committee is established by the Academic Departments and members vary but normally consist of chairs and faculty

Protected Person: A person who has been determined to be a Convention Refugee, or a person in need of protection, by the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) or by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Sending Institution: An accredited post-secondary institution the student previously attended. Does not include George Brown College.

Student: An individual who is enrolled in a course or program at the college.

STU-VIEW: George Brown College's online student information system.

Timetable: A student's schedule of courses for a specific term and semester containing course code, meeting times, and classroom location, if applicable

Waitlist: A waitlist is established when there are more eligible applicants than available space in a program. An applicant's position on a waitlist is based on their ranking against other waitlisted applicants for that term intake.