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| Faculty of  Graduate Studies  **Office of the Dean**  230 YORK LANES  4700 KEELE ST.  TORONTO ON  CANADA M3J 1P3  T 416 736 5521  F 416 736-5592  yorku.ca/gradstudies | Updates to Regulations – AdmissionCurrent Location  Academic Requirements: <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/current-students/regulations/admission/#masters>; and <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/current-students/regulations/admission/#doctoral> Rationale  With the approval of the new Policy on York University Grading Schemes, the Faculty of Graduate Studies must update its academic requirements for admissions to ensure alignment.  The current minimum admission requirement for master’s and doctoral programs [B (second class) standing] is equivalent to 70% (B-) under the new Graduate Studies Grading Scheme.  This update will take effect in concert with the revised effective date of the new Policy (currently under review). For reference: <https://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/wp-content/uploads/sites/107/2022/06/Policy-on-YU-Grading-Schemes-REV-June-2022.pdf> |

## Academic Requirements

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| **Master’s Programs**  To be eligible for admission to a master’s program, applicants must hold, at a minimum, an Honours undergraduate degree or equivalent (typically a four-year full-time program) from a recognized post-secondary institution with at least a ~~B (second class) standing~~ in the final two years of full-time equivalent study. As approved by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Senate, individual graduate programs may have a minimum academic standing requirement greater than ~~B (second class)~~.  Undergraduate degrees not designated as honours degrees may be acceptable as the equivalent of an undergraduate honours degree if they contain a minimum of 120 credits (typically, a four-year program with full-time enrolment) including the completion of a minimum of 6 credits at the fourth-year level at an accredited post-secondary institution.  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Applicants lacking the preparation necessary to succeed in the master’s program applied to may, in some cases, be advised to apply to the relevant undergraduate Faculty as a visiting or non-degree student in order to further their academic preparation. Successful completion of additional studies as a visiting or non-degree student does not guarantee admission to the graduate program.  **Doctoral Programs**  To be eligible for admission to a doctoral program, applicants must, at a minimum, hold an acceptable master’s degree with at least a ~~B standing~~, or have been granted credit for one year of comparable work.  To be eligible for admission to programs with an approved direct-entry PhD admission option, applicants must hold, at a minimum, an Honours undergraduate degree or equivalent (typically a four-year full-time program) from a recognized post-secondary institution with at least a ~~B (second class) standing~~ in the final two years of full-time equivalent study. | **Master’s Programs**  To be eligible for admission to a master’s program, applicants must hold, at a minimum, an Honours undergraduate degree or equivalent (typically a four-year full-time program) from a recognized post-secondary institution with at least a 70% (B-) average in the final two years of full-time equivalent study. As approved by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Senate, individual graduate programs may have a minimum academic standing requirement greater than 70% (B-).  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