

**APPLICANT, ADMISSION AND
ARRIVAL PATTERNS AT UVIC
Fall, 2002**

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Undergraduate Applicant, Admission and Arrival Patterns at UVic – Fall, 2002.

The following report describes the undergraduate applicant, admission and arrival patterns for the 2002/2003 academic year.

A total of 11,992 prospective students applied for Fall 2002 admission. Offers of admission were extended to 5,718 applicants who met the admissions cut-off approved by the VP Academic and Provost. Of those admitted applicants, 3,237 students accepted the offer of admission and registered in classes in the winter term. This translates to 2,523.8 new full-time equivalent (FTE) students.

For September 2002 admission, the University of Victoria set its highest admission cut-off for secondary students to date: 81% for admission to the Faculties of the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Science; compared to a cut-off of 75% for September 2001 admission. This higher admission cut-off was due to a continued high demand for admission to UVic as well as a high level of retention for upper year students. With only limited, targeted, FTE increases provided by government, UVic was forced to constrain the number of spaces available to new students.

As in previous years, the majority of registrants (61.7%) are female and half are aged 19 or younger with a median age of 22.4 years. Eighty-seven percent of our registrants held Canadian citizenship. Citizens from other countries include Asia and the Pacific Rim (6.2%), Europe and the Middle East (3.9%) and the rest of the Americas (2.0%).

Half of our new students applied for entry with a secondary school credential, forty percent with a post-secondary credential. The higher admission cutoff has led to the highest academic performance of new entrants to date: 84.8% median GPA for secondary registrants, and 76.9% median GPA for post-secondary registrants.

Yield rates

Due to the smaller incoming class (lower number of offers of admission because of high GPA cutoffs) our yield rates associated with applicants are all down compared to Fall 2001. The key yield rate of Arrivals per Admission is virtually unchanged from last year (-0.8%) at 57%. Yield rates associated with FTEs have all increased compared to Fall 2001 due to the greater course-load that our new students are taking which is also a phenomenon associated with smaller incoming classes.

Table One:

Demographic Characteristics of Fall 2002 Total Applicants, Admitted Applicants and Arriving Students (Undergraduate)

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	All Applicants		Admitted Applicants		Arriving Students	
Demographic Characteristics						
Gender	N	%	N	%	N	%
female	6,880	57.4	3,494	61.1	1,998	61.7
male	5,112	42.6	2,224	38.9	1,239	38.3
Total	11,992		5,718		3,237	
Age (at Dec. 31/02)	N	%	N	%	N	%
age less than 18	170	1.4	99	1.7	47	1.5
age 18	4,819	40.2	2,682	46.9	1,196	36.9
age 19	2,015	16.8	777	13.6	400	12.4
age 20	1,184	9.9	388	6.8	262	8.1
age 21	875	7.3	323	5.6	231	7.1
age 22	629	5.2	242	4.2	176	5.4
age 23	457	3.8	193	3.4	139	4.3
age 24	332	2.8	141	2.5	115	3.6
age 25 to 29	773	6.4	379	6.6	284	8.8
age 30 to 34	304	2.5	176	3.1	140	4.3
age 35 to 39	151	1.3	105	1.8	87	2.7
age 40 or more	266	2.2	208	3.6	159	4.9
	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean
mean age (overall)		20.9		21.3		22.4
mean age (male)		20.5		20.5		21.4
mean age (female)		21.2		21.8		23.0
number	11,992		5,718		3,237	
Country of Citizenship	N	%	N	%	N	%
Canada	10,016	83.5	4,958	86.7	2,809	86.8
Hong Kong	137	1.1	38	0.7	22	0.7
Taiwan	260	2.2	81	1.4	30	0.9
Other Asia/Pac. Rim	817	6.8	288	5.0	150	4.6
Europe/Mideast	318	2.7	177	3.1	126	3.9
Africa	119	1.0	27	0.5	10	0.3
Rest of Americas	271	2.3	119	2.1	64	2.0
Unknown	54	0.5	30	0.5	26	0.8
Total	11,992		5,718		3,237	

Table Two:

Educational Characteristics of Fall 2002 Total Applicants, Admitted Applicants and Arriving Students (Undergraduate)

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	All Applicants		Admitted Applicants		Arriving Students	
Educational Characteristic						
Applicant Type						
<i>Secondary</i>	N	%	N	%	N	%
Current BC Secondary	4,826	40.2	2,714	47.5	1,183	36.5
Previous BC Secondary	780	6.5	259	4.5	192	5.9
Other Secondary (non-BC)	1,599	13.3	625	10.9	266	8.2
subtotal secondary	7,205		3,598		1,641	
<i>Post Secondary</i>						
BC College	2,345	17.8	861	12.6	646	16.7
BC University	284	4.1	117	4.5	83	5.9
Other post-secondary (non-BC)	1,689	14.1	739	12.9	514	15.8
subtotal post-secondary	4,318		1,717		1,243	
Other/special	469	3.9	403	7.0	353	10.9
Total Applicant Type	11,992		5,718		3,237	
Academic Performance		%		%		%
Secondary average (mean)		80.4		84.9		84.8
Post-secondary average (mean)		70.6		76.9		76.9
Previous Institution						
<i>Out of Country</i>	N	%	N	%	N	%
Secondary	637	5.3	214	3.7	113	3.5
Post Secondary	636	5.3	350	6.1	271	8.4
subtotal	1,273	10.6	564	9.9	384	11.9
<i>Out of Province</i>						
<i>Secondary</i>						
	119	1.0	62	1.1	23	0.7
Alberta	323	2.7	120	2.1	64	2.0
Ontario	473	3.9	211	3.7	55	1.7
subtotal	915	7.6	393	6.9	142	4.4
<i>Post Secondary</i>						
	433	3.6	182	3.2	116	3.6
Atlantic University	96	0.8	48	0.8	33	1.0
Quebec University	55	0.5	35	0.6	26	0.8
Ontario University	254	2.1	131	2.3	100	3.1
Man/Sask University	82	0.7	44	0.8	31	1.0
Alberta University	259	2.2	102	1.8	84	2.6
subtotal	1,179	9.8	542	9.5	390	12.0

Table Two (continued):

Educational Characteristics of Fall 2002 Total Applicants, Admitted Applicants and Arriving Students (Undergraduate)

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	All Applicants		Admitted Applicants		Arriving Students	
Educational Characteristic						
Previous Institution (continued)						
BC secondary	N	%	N	%	N	%
unknown	73	0.6	22	0.4	8	0.2
Camosun region	1,112	9.3	712	12.5	559	17.3
Capilano region	544	4.5	271	4.7	98	3.0
Cariboo region	70	0.6	42	0.7	15	0.5
Douglas region	572	4.8	255	4.5	37	1.1
E. Kootenay region	76	0.6	49	0.9	28	0.9
Fraser Valley region	175	1.5	86	1.5	38	1.2
Kwantlen region	869	7.2	412	7.2	84	2.6
Malaspina region	427	3.6	260	4.5	160	4.9
New Caledonia region	80	0.7	41	0.7	19	0.6
North Island region	252	2.1	162	2.8	102	3.2
Northern Lights region	19	0.2	8	0.1	6	0.2
Northwest region	107	0.9	62	1.1	30	0.9
Okanagan region	328	2.7	211	3.7	100	3.1
Selkirk region	41	0.3	29	0.5	13	0.4
VCC region	795	6.6	336	5.9	72	2.2
subtotal	5,540	46.2	2,958	51.7	1,369	42.3
BC college	N	%	N	%	N	%
Kootenay School of Art	1	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0
Trinity Western College	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Coquitlam College	48	0.4	11	0.2	9	0.3
Columbia College	32	0.3	7	0.1	2	0.1
Lester Pearson College	2	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0
Yukon College	14	0.1	9	0.2	7	0.2
Kwantlen University College	150	1.3	38	0.7	23	0.7
Vancouver Community College	33	0.3	19	0.3	16	0.5
Langara College	257	2.1	61	1.1	30	0.9
Camosun College	536	4.5	292	5.1	265	8.2
North Island College	92	0.8	34	0.6	26	0.8
College of the Rockies	54	0.5	26	0.5	22	0.7
Northwest College	36	0.3	17	0.3	14	0.4
Northern Lights College	14	0.1	9	0.2	7	0.2
Emily Carr C of Art & Design	1	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0
BCIT	66	0.6	37	0.6	30	0.9
Selkirk College	91	0.8	31	0.5	23	0.7
Okanagan University College	248	2.1	98	1.7	66	2.0
Capilano College	185	1.5	46	0.8	34	1.1
College of New Caledonia	51	0.4	21	0.4	14	0.4
Malaspina University-College	263	2.2	100	1.7	76	2.3
University College of the Cariboo	129	1.1	38	0.7	26	0.8
Douglas College	170	1.4	63	1.1	39	1.2
UC of the Fraser Valley	89	0.7	27	0.5	19	0.6
Other	25	0.2	13	0.2	9	0.3
Unknown	4	0.0	3	0.1	2	0.1
subtotal	2,592	21.6	1,003	17.5	762	23.5
BC university	N	%	N	%	N	%
UBC	154	1.3	76	1.3	57	1.8
SFU	79	0.7	39	0.7	32	1.0
other	260	2.2	143	2.5	101	3.1
subtotal	493	4.1	258	4.5	190	5.9
Total	11,992		5,718		3,237	

Table Three:**Application Characteristics of Fall 2002 Total Applicants, Admitted Applicants and Arriving Students (Undergraduate)****Page 1**

	All Applicants		Admitted Applicants		Arriving Students	
Application Characteristic						
Faculty Applied to (see Notes)	N	%	N	%	N	%
Humanities	2,815	23.5	1,158	20.3	634	19.6
Science	1,835	15.3	1,009	17.6	491	15.2
Social Sciences	3,410	28.4	1,342	23.5	755	23.3
Business	313	2.6	134	2.3	106	3.3
Education	305	2.5	80	1.4	65	2.0
Engineering	1,549	12.9	957	16.7	431	13.3
Fine Arts	1,020	8.5	473	8.3	302	9.3
HSD	635	5.3	455	8.0	351	10.8
Law (see Notes)	110	0.9	110	1.9	102	3.2
Total	11,992		5,718		3,237	
Application Date	N	%				
prior to Oct/01	177	1.5				
Oct 01	474	4.0				
Nov 01	954	8.0				
Dec 01	1,031	8.6				
Jan 02	2,794	23.3				
Feb 02	3,206	26.7				
Mar 02	1,433	11.9				
Apr 02	945	7.9				
May 02	628	5.2				
Jun 02	141	1.2				
after Jun 02	209	1.7				
Total	11,992					
Admission Status	N	%				
admitted	5,718	47.7				
not admitted	6,274	52.3				
Total	11,992					
Arrival Status	N	%	N	%		
registered	3,237	27.0	3,236	56.6		
not registered	8,755	73.0	2,482	43.4		
Total	11,992		5,718			

Table Three (continued):

Application Characteristics of Fall 2002 Total Applicants, Admitted Applicants and Arriving Students (Undergraduate)

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Application Characteristic		All Applicants		Admitted Applicants		Arriving Students	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
BC Current Secondary		N	%				
applied to	Humanities	1,340	27.9				
	Science	857	17.8				
	Social Sciences	1,374	28.6				
	Engineering	877	18.3				
	Fine Arts	356	7.4				
	Total	4,804					
BC Post Secondary		N	%				
applied to	Humanities	700	16.2				
	Science	534	12.4				
	Social Sciences	1,117	25.9				
	Business	242	5.6				
	Education	303	7.0				
	Engineering	419	9.7				
	Fine Arts	353	8.2				
	HSD	556	12.9				
	Law (see Notes)	94	2.2				
	Total	4,318					
Females as Percentage of Total		N	%	N	%	N	%
	Humanities	1,764	62.7	789	68.1	410	64.7
	Science	978	53.3	608	60.3	288	58.7
	Social Sciences	2,067	60.6	878	65.4	498	66.0
	Business	174	55.6	81	60.4	64	60.4
	Education	220	72.1	68	85.0	55	84.6
	Engineering	334	21.6	254	26.5	96	22.3
	Fine Arts	708	69.4	338	71.5	210	69.5
	HSD	571	89.9	414	91.0	318	90.6
	Law (see Notes)	64	58.2	64	58.2	59	57.8

Table Four:
Fall 2002 Applicant Yield Summary (Undergraduate)

	Applicants	Admits	Arrivers	FTE	Admissions/ Applicant	Arrivers/ Applicant	FTE/ Applicant	Arrivers/ Admission	FTE/ Arriver
Age (at Dec. 31/01)									
<18	170	99	47	40.2	0.582	0.276	0.237	0.475	0.856
18	4,819	2,682	1,196	1075.7	0.557	0.248	0.223	0.446	0.899
19	2,015	777	400	347.7	0.386	0.199	0.173	0.515	0.869
20	1,184	388	262	210.3	0.328	0.221	0.178	0.675	0.803
21	875	323	231	170.2	0.369	0.264	0.195	0.715	0.737
22	629	242	176	127.2	0.385	0.280	0.202	0.727	0.723
23	457	193	139	97.5	0.422	0.304	0.213	0.720	0.702
24	332	141	115	81.8	0.425	0.346	0.246	0.816	0.711
25-29	773	379	284	189.6	0.490	0.367	0.245	0.749	0.668
30-34	304	176	140	79.2	0.579	0.461	0.261	0.795	0.566
35-39	151	105	87	38.2	0.695	0.576	0.253	0.829	0.439
≥40	266	208	159	65.9	0.782	0.598	0.248	0.764	0.415
Gender									
female	6,880	3,494	1,998	1520.7	0.508	0.290	0.221	0.572	0.761
male	5,112	2,224	1,239	1003.1	0.435	0.242	0.196	0.557	0.810
Basis of Admission									
BCCUR	4,826	2,714	1,183	1064.1	0.562	0.245	0.220	0.436	0.900
BCGRD	780	259	192	166.6	0.332	0.246	0.214	0.741	0.868
other secondary	1,599	625	266	227.5	0.391	0.166	0.142	0.426	0.855
BCCOL	2,345	861	646	479.3	0.367	0.275	0.204	0.750	0.742
BCUNI	284	117	83	59.8	0.412	0.292	0.210	0.709	0.720
other post-secondary	1,689	739	514	333.9	0.438	0.304	0.198	0.696	0.650
other	469	403	353	191.5	0.859	0.753	0.408	0.876	0.542
Faculty									
Humanities	2,815	1,158	634	508.2	0.411	0.225	0.181	0.547	0.802
Science	1,835	1,009	491	423.0	0.550	0.268	0.231	0.487	0.861
Social Sciences	3,410	1,342	755	601.1	0.394	0.221	0.176	0.563	0.796
Business	313	134	106	67.8	0.428	0.339	0.217	0.791	0.640
Education	305	80	65	54.0	0.262	0.213	0.177	0.813	0.831
Engineering	1,549	957	431	344.3	0.618	0.278	0.222	0.450	0.799
Fine Arts	1,020	473	302	258.3	0.464	0.296	0.253	0.638	0.855
HSD	635	455	351	176.3	0.717	0.553	0.278	0.771	0.502
Law (see Notes)	110	110	102	90.7	1.000	0.927	0.824	0.927	0.889

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	Applicants	Admits	Arrivers	FTE	Admissions/ Applicant	Arrivers/ Applicant	FTE/ Applicant	Arrivers/ Admission	FTE/ Arriver
Citizenship									
Canadian	10,016	4,958	2,809	2251.0	0.495	0.280	0.225	0.567	0.801
Other/Unknown	1,976	760	428	272.8	0.385	0.217	0.138	0.563	0.637
Secondary Average									
<65%	149	0	0						
65-66.99%	102	0	0						
67-69.99%	273	7	6	3.6	0.026	0.022	0.013	0.857	0.602
70%	127	6	3	2.1	0.047	0.024	0.017	0.500	0.710
71%	137	8	6	5.6	0.058	0.044	0.041	0.750	0.932
72%	175	5	3	2.6	0.029	0.017	0.015	0.600	0.880
73%	188	6	4	2.9	0.032	0.021	0.015	0.667	0.713
74%	191	16	8	6.3	0.084	0.042	0.033	0.500	0.785
75%	205	54	33	23.7	0.263	0.161	0.116	0.611	0.718
76%	254	75	33	25.5	0.295	0.130	0.100	0.440	0.772
77%	245	73	32	24.5	0.298	0.131	0.100	0.438	0.767
78%	257	89	39	29.4	0.346	0.152	0.114	0.438	0.753
79%	245	97	54	45.9	0.396	0.220	0.187	0.557	0.850
80%	296	165	73	62.9	0.557	0.247	0.212	0.442	0.861
81%	330	315	152	130.6	0.955	0.461	0.396	0.483	0.859
82%	315	292	112	96.3	0.927	0.356	0.306	0.384	0.860
83%	311	292	133	123.0	0.939	0.428	0.395	0.455	0.925
84%	271	257	119	104.4	0.948	0.439	0.385	0.463	0.877
85%	289	268	111	98.6	0.927	0.384	0.341	0.414	0.888
86%	243	229	102	96.2	0.942	0.420	0.396	0.445	0.943
87%	245	229	94	85.6	0.935	0.384	0.349	0.410	0.910
88%	196	190	84	79.0	0.969	0.429	0.403	0.442	0.940
89%	147	143	68	63.6	0.973	0.463	0.433	0.476	0.935
90% or more	590	577	262	253.8	0.978	0.444	0.430	0.454	0.969

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Table Four (continued):
Fall 2002 Applicant Yield Summary (Undergraduate) **Page 3**

	Applicants	Admits	Arrivers	FTE	Admissions/ Applicant	Arrivers/ Applicant	FTE/ Applicant	Arrivers/ Admission	FTE/ Arriver
Post-Secondary Average									
<60%	191	1	1	0.6	0.005	0.005	0.003	1.000	0.600
60-64.99%	202	25	22	13.7	0.124	0.109	0.068	0.880	0.621
65%	106	9	6	2.2	0.085	0.057	0.020	0.667	0.362
66%	139	7	4	3.4	0.050	0.029	0.024	0.571	0.850
67%	159	16	13	9.4	0.101	0.082	0.059	0.813	0.723
68%	177	20	15	11.0	0.113	0.085	0.062	0.750	0.733
69%	185	32	26	16.5	0.173	0.141	0.089	0.813	0.636
70%	130	36	30	22.6	0.277	0.231	0.174	0.833	0.754
71%	101	38	27	16.8	0.376	0.267	0.166	0.711	0.622
72%	98	46	35	25.1	0.469	0.357	0.256	0.761	0.717
73%	126	117	80	55.0	0.929	0.635	0.436	0.684	0.687
74%	126	122	78	60.3	0.968	0.619	0.479	0.639	0.773
75%	134	126	83	58.4	0.940	0.619	0.436	0.659	0.704
76%	115	105	73	52.6	0.913	0.635	0.457	0.695	0.720
77%	111	101	79	59.0	0.910	0.712	0.532	0.782	0.747
78%	106	101	71	56.0	0.953	0.670	0.528	0.703	0.789
79%	88	83	55	42.3	0.943	0.625	0.481	0.663	0.769
80-84.99%	297	279	204	158.2	0.939	0.687	0.533	0.731	0.775
85% or more	120	113	77	57.1	0.942	0.642	0.476	0.681	0.742
Geographic Location									
Outside Canada	1,273	564	384	244.9	0.443	0.302	0.192	0.681	0.638
Outside BC	2,108	944	539	386.5	0.448	0.256	0.183	0.571	0.717
Vancouver Island	2,683	1,560	1,188	1003.9	0.581	0.443	0.374	0.762	0.845
Greater Vancouver	3,435	1,536	484	371.5	0.447	0.141	0.108	0.315	0.768
Rest of Southern BC	1,385	657	363	314.4	0.474	0.262	0.227	0.553	0.866
Northern BC	307	158	90	74.7	0.515	0.293	0.243	0.570	0.830
Unknown/Unspec. BC	801	299	189	127.9	0.373	0.236	0.160	0.632	0.677
Total	11,992	5,718	3,237	2523.8	0.477	0.270	0.210	0.566	0.780

Table Five:**A Comparison of Selected Fall 1996 to Fall 2001 Application, Admission and Arrival Indicators**

Indicator	Fall 1998	Fall 1999	Fall 2000	Fall 2001	Fall 2002	2001-2002 Change
Total undergraduate applications to UVic	10362	10522	10431	11821	11992	1.4 %
BCCUR/BCGRD applications to UVic	5034	4979	5038	5722	5,606	-2.0 %
BCCOL applications to UVic	2263	2394	2449	2524	2,345	-7.1 %
UVic applicants aged 18 or 19	56.6 %	55.5 %	55.1 %	55.9 %	57.0 %	1.1
Average age of UVic applicants	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.1	20.9	-0.2
Female applicants as percentage of total applicants	56.6 %	57.4 %	56.8 %	56.5 %	57.4 %	0.9
Canadian citizens as percentage of total applicants	83.7 %	81.7 %	83.0 %	83.9 %	83.5 %	-0.4
Mean admission average of applicants (secondary)	79.8	79.8	79.9	80.1	80.4 %	0.3
Mean admission average of applicants (post-secondary)	72.0	71.2	71.7	70.5	70.6	0.1
BC Secondary admission cutoff	74.0 %	76.0 %	71.0 %	76.0 %	81.0 %	5.0 %
BC Post-secondary admission cutoff	70.0 %	71.0 %	65.0 %	71.0 %	76.0	5.0 %
Percent of all applicants applying to Arts and Sciences	73.0 %	69.8 %	70.0 %	70.4 %	67.2 %	-3.2
Percent of BCCUR applicants applying to Arts and Sciences	85.6 %	81.3 %	82.2 %	81.8 %	74.3	-7.5
Percent of BCCOL applicants applying to Arts and Sciences	56.2 %	55.6 %	55.4 %	56.0 %	54.4	-1.6
Applicant yield rates:						
Admissions per applicant	0.578	0.545	0.661	0.574	0.477	-0.097
Arrivals per applicant	0.324	0.298	0.392	0.329	0.270	-0.059
FTE per applicant	0.254	0.235	0.302	0.253	0.210	-0.043
Arrivals per admission	0.561	0.546	0.593	0.574	0.566	-0.008
FTE per arriver (overall)	0.784	0.789	0.772	0.768	0.780	0.012
FTE per arriver (BCCUR)	0.883	0.887	0.860	0.862	0.900	0.038
FTE per arriver (BCCOL)	0.749	0.754	0.737	0.737	0.742	0.005

Note: The "Change" column shows percentage changes (for raw "volumes" entries) and absolute changes (for entries that are already in percentage or rate format)

Notes to Tables One to Five

- 1 In Tables One to Four, applicants are defined as having entry points of September 2002 and a "U1" (undergraduate) application status. Admitted applicants are defined by the admission field on ISIS. Arriving applicants are those who were registered in one or more 2002/03 winter session units as at November 1 2002. The number of arriving applicants does not reconcile exactly with IA registration statistics because this analysis includes only students with September 2002 entry points.
- 2 All discussions of "secondary averages" include only those applicants whose admission was based on that average (i.e. BCCUR, BCGRD, other secondary) and who had valid data; other applicants with valid secondary average entries were excluded. Similarly, "post-secondary averages" include only BCCOL, BCUNI and other post-secondary applicants with valid data.
- 3 Total applicant data for the Faculty of Law are not available on ISIS; only admitted and arriving applicant data are available. Tables Three and Four therefore exclude or limit Faculty of Law data. Stated applicant volumes (n=11992) are therefore lower than actual by the unreported Law applications.
- 4 The calculation of FTE values involved minor estimation in some cases. For the University overall, and within each faculty, FTE estimation is within .5 percent of actual data (as at November 1).
- 5 Applicant ages are calculated as the age at December 31, 2002.
- 6 The "previous institution" field captures the most recently attended institution.
- 7 The source for all tables is the November 1/2002 IA download of ISIS.