



University Now 2020-2021 Program Overview

Program Overview - University Now is a competitive, dual-credit program with enrolment limited to 25 students per year. It allows exceptional, local high school students the opportunity to complete university-level coursework without having to pay any tuition or fee-related costs, while receiving both university and high school credit for said coursework.

Admission Requirements - In order to be admissible to the University Now program, candidates must offer:

1. A minimum mark of 80% in grade 11 level 1 or level 2 English (or French, for students from Francophone high schools) and
2. A minimum mark of 80% in grade 11 level 1 or level 2 history or social studies.

If final grades are not available for these courses at time of application, a decision will be made by the Director of Admissions based on the applicant's overall academic record.

Application Process - To apply for the program, candidates must:

1. Complete an application at www.stu.ca/apply. While applying, they must indicate they will be part-time, non-degree students. All candidates who have been recommended to the program prior to applying by their guidance counsellor (or designated alternate) will be given a promo code to waive the application fee; this must be entered in the 'discount code' section of the application, as application fees cannot be refunded once paid. If you do not have a discount code by the time of application, please email Cristi Flood, University Now Program Coordinator, at caflood@stu.ca to receive the code.
2. Email a 250-500 word letter explaining their interest in the program and the reasons why they feel they will be successful in the program. Letters can be sent to caflood@stu.ca, and should have "University Now Letter" in the subject line.
3. Arrange for their high school guidance counsellor to email their most up-to-date high school transcript to caflood@stu.ca. In sending a candidate's transcript, the high school guidance counsellor will be recommending the candidate to program.

The deadline by which all applications, application letters, and transcripts/recommendations for participation must be received is Monday, August 31, 2020, although documents are encouraged to be submitted prior to the deadline. **Please note, no applications will be accepted after the deadline has passed.**

Recommendation and Selection Process – Each of the five participating schools will be able to recommend up to five candidates to the program. As previously mentioned, by submitting a candidate's transcript to caflood@stu.ca, a guidance counsellor will be recommending the candidate to the program. All candidates who are:

1. Recommended to the program by their guidance counsellor (or designate) by August 31st;
2. Meet the minimum admission requirements; and
3. Apply and submit an application letter by August 31st

will be admitted to the program.

Course Registration – Upon their acceptance to the University Now program, Cristi Flood will assist University Now students in the course registration process in conjunction with their high schools. Students may take up to a maximum of 6 credit hours per academic year, being enrolled in either one 3-credit hour course in first semester or one 6-credit hour course over the academic year. Course availability is determined by seats available and course level.

Further Information – Below, please find further information about the University Now program:

1. The 'STU Tuition Bursary' is available to participants, meaning there is no tuition cost.
2. University Now participants are responsible for purchasing and paying for their own books, as well as any other required materials as outlined by their professor.
3. First semester courses will have no required in-person components, being offered primarily remotely. If transportation to campus is, for some reason, necessary, transportation to and from the university is the student's responsibility, as are parking fees if the student should choose to park a vehicle on campus.
4. A mandatory orientation meeting will be held for each accepted student before classes begin; they will take place September 1st through September 4th. **Students unable to participate in the mandatory meeting will not be able to participate in the program.**
5. STU will issue a St. Thomas transcript to each participating student and to schools. Schools include STU courses as credits on high school transcripts. If further official transcripts are required, they will need to be requested by the student directly to STU's Registrar's Office and will have a cost associated with them.




If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Cristi Flood.



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