

The Global Student

Rapid Fire

Want to pursue an education degree in the Maple leaf country? Our Canadian expert, **Maria Mathai**, helps with any doubts that you might have on Canadian education. Write in with your queries and doubts on globalstudent.canada@gmail.com

I require some information regarding fees for university education in Canada, especially Toronto, for my son who is currently studying in SYJC in the Science stream.

Name withheld

Since education in Canada is a provincial responsibility, Canadian Universities are publicly funded and tuition costs may vary for different universities depending on a lot of factors, one of them being the province or the region. However on

of Veterinary Sciences. I want to pursue my Masters in Bioinformatics or MBA from a Canadian university. Which colleges offer these programmes? Give me scholarship details for the same.

Bhamare Vaibhav

Masters programme in Canada require 10 + 2 + 4 and I am assuming your Bachelors degree was also four years. You could pursue a Masters degree in Bioinformatics or take up an MBA course. For an MBA degree,

My daughter is likely to pass her four year degree course of Bachelor in Pharmacy from a Pharmacy Council of India approved institution by June 2007. She has scored a minimum of 72 per cent plus marks aggregate each year in the first three years. She would like to study Pharmacy at postgraduate level in Canada. Guide her about the avenues available, application procedures and future scope of doing such a study.

Rajiv Sharma

At the postgraduate level, Pharmacy is offered as both Masters degree and postgraduate diplomas. While the Masters programmes are more research based concentrating on specialisation within the field, postgraduate diplomas are more focused on practical learning. Some of the areas of specialisation that the student can opt for at a postgraduate degree are: Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Pharmaceutical Microbiology, Molecular Pharmacy, Pharmacology, Radiopharmacy, Hospital Pharmacy. Postgraduate diplomas include Pharmacy Technician, Pharmacy Manufacturing, Pharmaceutical Formulation and Drug Development. Pharmaceutical and the emerging biotechnology industry offer tremendous scope for pharmaceutical professionals in areas of research and development, manufacturing technology, quality assurance and control.

Some of the universities and colleges that offer Masters and postgraduate Diplomas respectively in Pharmacy are: University of Saskatchewan, University of Alberta, University of Manitoba, University of British Columbia, University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, University of Regina, University of Alberta, University of British Columbia etc.

Universities/ Institutions may ask for more or less grades depending on their intake standards. In your class 12, you require 70 per cent for a degree programme with Math at the class 12 level. TOEFL score: minimum 213. IELTS: minimum 6.5 Band level.

You have to start applying at least one year prior to the starting of the course. As you are in class 11, you have to look for Sept 2008 session for the admissions and have to apply at least by or before December 2007.

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besides four years of undergraduate degree, you would also need two years of full-time work experience and a GMAT score (in most universities). Here are few Universities that offer these programmes at the Masters level: Dalhousie University (for Bioinformatics); and University of Calgary, University of British Columbia, University of New Brunswick, University of Toronto, University of Saskatchewan (for MBA).

Scholarships are granted on merit basis and are usually offered by individual universities. Visit the individual university websites for availability of the same at each university. In addition, you could start your search on: www.studyindia.ca

You may visit the individual institution websites for

I am a 25-year-old Commerce graduate having two years of work experience in my family business of dyes and chemicals. I want to pursue MBA programme in the UK. Please suggest some good universities. What would be the approximate cost?

With regards to accommodation, what would be the initial commitments and the cost of moving into an apartment? Will staying in an apartment affect my studies and grades?

Would opting for a part-time job while pursuing my MBA be too hectic? Is there any Medical Aid facilities provided to the international students?

What is an HSMP Visas? What kind of jobs are available in UK and in India and the pay package that can be expected from the companies, after completion of my MBA from the UK?

Anish Shah

In the UK a student registers for an MBA after working full time for two to three years. Very few British universities will accept fresh graduates on their MBA programmes as their accreditation to the professional body AMBA will not permit this. Ideally once you have work experience, you are able to relate the theory that you have learned in the class room to the work situations that you have encountered. Has your two year work experience been after completing your graduation? If not, then I would recommend that you work for two years and then apply for an MBA in the UK. An MBA programme in the UK is generally for one year. All international students are guaranteed accommodation; you will need to apply for the same, once you have secured admission. It would be best for you to stay in university accommodation, as you will be able to study and work with your classmates.

As the course is for one year, studies are very intensive and you should not be spending time in finding and doing a part-time job as this may affect your grades. All students who are in the UK for over six months for full time studies are covered under the National Health Service.

An MBA is a generalist course; however you can apply for a specialisation of your choice. If you seek a job in the UK, under the current system you cannot apply for a work permit. Once you find a job your employer must then apply for the work permit on your behalf. UK Work Permit is a document issued by the Work Permits (UK); it gives the organisation who is applying for the work permit, permission to employ a specific person in a specific job at a specific location for a specific amount of time. For further information visit the UK work

permits official website www.workingintheuk.gov.uk.

Finally a highly skilled migrant worker can apply for an HSMP visa. Details about this visa can be obtained from the British High Commission website: www.ukindia.org.

I'm currently studying in class 12 (Science, PCM). I'm an average student but can work hard. I want to pursue aviation (pilot). Should I straight away opt for the aviation course or should I first do BSc Aviation? Also, please suggest some good universities, their approximate costs and give me an idea of the income of an international pilot.

Mehتاب Dhillon

There are two universities in the UK that offer pilot training at the undergraduate level. One is Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College (www.bcu.ac.uk) and the other is the University of Salford (www.salford.ac.uk). Check the entry requirements of both universities. For an undergraduate programme you will need to apply through the UCAS system, further details can be gathered from their website (www.ucas.com). The tuition fees on an average would be between £ 10,000 to £ 12,000 per year, living costs will be between £ 6,000 to 7,000 per year. Full-time students are allowed to work 20 hours per week term time and full-time during the holidays. There is a lot of information on the net about the salaries that pilots earn at present. Check it there directly. Do remember that some airlines require pilots to be members of international bodies as well.

I finished my LLB and trying for LLM admission in the UK. Already, I have received unconditional offer letters from Cardiff, Derby, Glasgow and Dundee Universities from Scotland. In Scotland they will allow me two years stay after my course. I'm taking a loan of Rs 7 lakhs. Tell me where should I take admission?

Nilesh Rupwate

In the UK every university has a charter from the government and awards their own degrees, so the course might differ from one place to another. You should check the course contents and then decide where to go finally. You can come to a decision easily if you know what your career plans are five years down the line. At this point of time taking admission in a Scottish university would be to your advantage, as you could then be allowed to stay for two years to get your work experience. So look at the course contents of the



One of a kind

Every market has its own demand drivers and the education sector usually tends to react to those market demands. Keeping pace with technology and new findings, Canada too has some unique courses to offer.

Rashmi Dhanwani gives you a glimpse

Ryerson University offers these unique courses

1. Digital Geography

The Chang School of Ryerson University offers a certificate programme in Applied Digital Geography and GIS. Digital geography is an area of study that concentrates on the electronic capture, storage, manipulation, and analysis of geographic data. Using location as the "look-up" key, disparate data sets can be linked and related to each other for a whole range of workplace applications.

This certificate programme has been developed for professionals currently practicing or anticipating careers in government, industry, utilities, planning, municipal services, health, and retailing. It is aimed at those who wish to enhance their professional skills in digital geography and geographic information systems. The certificate is designed to provide both training and education in digital geography. Visit <http://ce-online.ryerson.ca/ce/default.asp> for more details.

3. Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)

OHS is the monitoring of a workplace to try to prevent disease and injury from affecting anyone who works there. Knowing about potential hazards lets OHS professionals take steps to control or eliminate danger. This specialised area of OHS involves the study of different theories of how accidents occur, international safety systems, and other knowledge and skills essential for controlling or eliminating workplace hazards. OHS professionals are in high demand across many industries. You might land a job in a hospital, a steel mill, a university, an airport, local government, or any other place that values workers' health and safety. This certificate course is available via distance education. Visit http://ce-online.ryerson.ca/ce/program_sites/program_default.asp?id=2121 for more details.

(This is the first part of a three part series on the topic.)
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Madam Query

Dundee and Glasgow programmes and then take your final decision.

I have completed my class 12 from Nasik and I have also completed IATA/ UFTAA foundation level with distinction. I want to know with my qualification, what courses I should opt for in the UK. I want to pursue my Bachelor's degree in the UK. Should I go for some travel related courses or should I go for BBA?

Girish Lachhwani

You seem to be interested in travel related courses, so why don't you plan to go for an undergraduate programme in leisure management? All universities in the UK have a September/ October start. However there are some institutions that start in January/ February. I am listing a few universities that offer the programme which I have recommended you apply for. These are the Universities of Greenwich, Canterbury Christchurch, London Metropolitan and Sheffield Hallam. Undergraduate applications are through the UCAS. The website for this is www.ucas.com.

I am keenly interested in doing a course on outsourcing management. Could you please give me the names of UK universities where outsourcing management courses are offered?

Navin Kumar

I understand that you are interested in gaining a working knowledge of the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO). The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK, offers a Business Process Outsourcing certificate. The course covers the key commercial, contractual, people and process issues. Students also gain an overview of the current market from a totally independent standpoint, enabling them to decide whether BPO would enable their company to generate more value. It is aimed at companies considering an outsourcing deal to the BPO company and the BPO company itself. More details can be had from CIMA Mastercourses, United Kingdom.



Think like a GENIUS

Answer of the Week

Answer: C

Explanation

There are four cuts for making 5 pieces.

It takes 8 minutes for one cut.

So, time taken for five blocks is $4 * 8 = 32$ minutes

The winner of last week's quiz is Srinidhi Bheesette, X-C, Navy Children School, Navy Nagar, Colaba.