

Table 6: International Students: Fall Full-time Headcounts by Program of Study (eligible and ineligible), 2014-15 to 2023-24

	Total Students									
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
General Arts & Science	3,996	4,586	4,977	5,886	6,540	8,236	7,735	6,914	7,338	7,976
Education	671	742	816	976	1,190	1,557	1,620	1,811	1,937	2,260
Fine & Applied Arts	974	1,068	1,242	1,544	1,965	2,425	2,862	3,066	3,224	3,311
Humanities	2,369	2,587	2,851	3,265	3,789	4,196	4,553	4,763	4,959	5,135
Social Sciences	18,059	19,444	21,165	23,036	25,699	29,527	31,647	34,709	34,692	37,033
Agriculture & Biological Sciences	1,604	1,791	2,013	2,193	2,455	2,993	3,396	3,800	4,089	4,554
Engineering & Applied Sciences	10,263	11,050	11,860	13,118	13,940	15,160	14,687	16,084	16,631	17,163
Health Professions	2,258	2,371	2,617	2,755	2,958	3,208	3,509	3,929	4,512	4,820
Math & Physical Sciences	6,726	7,978	9,492	11,144	12,838	14,063	15,230	17,070	17,687	19,489
Unknown	1,688	1,468	1,373	1,551	1,736	1,558	219	655	1,410	1,140
Total	48,608	53,085	58,406	65,468	73,110	82,923	85,458	92,801	96,479	102,881

	Undergraduate Students									
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
General Arts & Science	3,872	4,454	4,832	5,699	6,336	7,995	7,533	6,626	7,019	7,468
Education	213	233	303	407	517	684	742	815	812	814
Fine & Applied Arts	796	889	1,055	1,335	1,742	2,156	2,563	2,719	2,816	2,845
Humanities	1,524	1,749	1,990	2,325	2,784	3,104	3,367	3,483	3,617	3,732
Social Sciences	13,931	15,177	16,529	18,130	20,593	23,990	26,253	28,452	27,740	29,110
Agriculture & Biological Sciences	1,154	1,314	1,557	1,764	2,051	2,523	2,934	3,261	3,532	3,968
Engineering & Applied Sciences	5,722	6,226	6,504	6,744	6,766	7,133	7,322	7,353	7,029	6,908
Health Professions	1,760	1,856	2,027	2,121	2,289	2,446	2,640	2,922	3,333	3,508
Math & Physical Sciences	4,706	5,849	7,219	8,572	9,957	10,761	11,951	13,185	13,154	14,549
Unknown	1,601	1,345	1,242	1,347	1,493	1,395	187	581	1,301	1,053
Total	35,279	39,092	43,258	48,444	54,528	62,187	65,492	69,397	70,353	73,955

	Graduate Students									
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
General Arts & Science	124	132	145	187	204	241	202	288	319	508
Education	458	509	513	569	673	873	878	996	1,125	1,446
Fine & Applied Arts	178	179	187	209	223	269	299	347	408	466
Humanities	845	838	861	940	1,005	1,092	1,186	1,280	1,342	1,403
Social Sciences	4,128	4,267	4,636	4,906	5,106	5,537	5,394	6,257	6,952	7,923
Agriculture & Biological Sciences	450	477	456	429	404	470	462	539	557	586
Engineering & Applied Sciences	4,541	4,824	5,356	6,374	7,174	8,027	7,365	8,731	9,602	10,255
Health Professions	498	515	590	634	669	762	869	1,007	1,179	1,312
Math & Physical Sciences	2,020	2,129	2,273	2,572	2,881	3,302	3,279	3,885	4,533	4,940
Unknown	87	123	131	204	243	163	32	74	109	87
Total	13,329	13,993	15,148	17,024	18,582	20,736	19,966	23,404	26,126	28,926

Source: Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU)

Notes:

1. The tables include international students who are eligible and ineligible for provincial government funding. Ineligible students account for over 95% of international students, with variations across institutions and time.

Eligible & Ineligible - refers to the eligibility of a student for operating grants. Students are considered eligible if they are either Canadian citizens, permanent residents, eligible international students or protected persons, and are enrolled at an eligible institution, in a publicly-supported program that is approved after meeting the specific eligibility criteria set by the MCU.

2. The tables use SPEMAJ for program groupings. SPEMAJ (Specialization Major) is a categorization method used by MCU that groups programs by field of study. According to SPEMAJ, programs are categorized into 10 broad groups and over 100 detailed groups. It is different from FORPOS (Formula Program of Study) code, which is mainly used by MCU for funding purposes.

3. Headcounts - every student enrolled is counted as one headcount regardless of registration status or course load or level of study. Fall term full-time headcounts (counted on November 1st) are a commonly used measure for enrolments.

4. Full-time - students taking more than a certain percentage of full load course work (i.e. threshold). Different institutions have different cut-off percentages. It also varies in time for one institution. For example, the full-time threshold for University of Toronto was changed from 80% to 60% in 2003-04, resulting in an increase in full-time students (and a decrease in part-time students). Starting in 2015-16, McMaster adopted 60% of a full time load as a full time student (previously it was 80%).

5. Undergraduate & Graduate students - undergraduate students are enrolled in undergraduate programs such as undergraduate diplomas and certificates, and bachelor's degrees; graduate students are enrolled in graduate programs such as graduate diplomas and certificates, master's and doctoral.

6. The total numbers include Algoma University and Dominican University College. Algoma became a university in 2009-10. Starting in 2013-14 Dominican's enrolment is included with Carleton University.