

OURA Online International Admissions Placement Guide

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History

- 1994 - Original Guide produced with 103 countries
- February 2005 – Discussions begin at OURA conference to update the guide
- June 2005 – Proposal to OURA Executive for Online guide

History - continued

- August 2005 – OURA Executive approves proposal
- August 2005 to February 2006 – eight sub-committee meetings
- March 2006 to present – eight additional meetings

Online Advantages

- Updates available immediately to all member universities
- Change in staff does not affect the availability of information – i.e. the printed copy cannot be found
- Individual countries will be reviewed and updated periodically
- Information is available from multiple locations – work (departments, faculty, central), home, conference, etc.

Challenges

What project managers call “Scope Creep”

- The guide will now include 183 countries. We now see applicants from more countries than ever before – internationalization of our student body
- Significant changes in educational systems e.g. Bologna Process – currently affects 45 European countries
- Ontario Graduate Expansion – admission pressure mounts

Bologna Process An update

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- One European Degree?**
- Legislation versus Implementation**

Challenges - continued

What project managers call “Scope Creep”

- Addition of *Ontario Admissions Equivalent (OAE)* proves challenging
- Lack of grading system uniformity within countries. E.g. Canada (alpha, percentage grades, 4, 4.33, 7, 9, 10, 12 point scales)
- Scope creep results in the need to identify and make decisions regarding time, resources, and costs

Where are we now?

- 112 countries completed to date – additional 30 reviewed – the end is near.
- additional funding approved this month to complete project
- August 2006 – Projected completion of Online Guide

The Techie Stuff

- Data stored in ACCESS database to allow easy updating
- ASP.NET is utilized to generate web pages which display the information from the database
- Single login and password per institution. Each institution can determine who will be granted access
- Each country has a printable PDF page

The Big Reveal

- Password Access
- Select the Country
- Print PDF

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Conference 2006 *New!*

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OURA 2006 Conference
February 20-21, 2006
Toronto
Marriott Eaton Centre

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ALGERIA
ANDORRA
ANGOLA
ANTIGUA/ BARBUD
ARGENTINA
ARMENIA
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Country Name

Degree(s) normally considered equivalent to a Canadian University's 4-year Bachelor's *Diplom, Magister Artium, Staatsexamen/Saatsprüfung, Bachelor, Diplom, Doktor (Doktor eines Wissenschaftszweiges) first level, in a particular field: Science discipline

Bologna Declaration signed in 2001
<http://www.mcmaster.ca>

Sampling of Graduate Degrees Doctorate, Master's

Grading System

1	Sehr Gut	Very Good	A
2	Gut	Good	B
3	Befriedigend	Satisfactory	C
4	Ausreichend	Pass	C-
5	Mangelhaft	Fail	F

Sampling of Recognized Universities

Albert Ludwig Univ. of Freiburg
 Christian-Albrechts-Univ. Kiel
 Eberhard-Karls-Univ. Tübingen
 Ernst-Moritz-Arndt-Universität Greifswald
 Free Univ. of Berlin (Freie Universität Berlin)

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 Philipps Univ. of Marburg
 Univ. of Bonn (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms- Universität)
 Univ of Bremen
 Univ. of Munich (Ludwig Maximilian)
 Univ. of Munster (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Munster)
 Univ. of Regensburg
 Univ. of the Ruhr
 Univ. of the Saar
 Univ. of Stuttgart
 Univ. of Würzburg
 Wilhelm-Pieck-Universität Rostock

Language(s) of Instruction German

Notes

Information in italics relates to the former East Germany. Vordiplom not acceptable.
 Applicants who have completed a first degree program of five or more years in length which includes a thesis may be considered for admission to a doctoral program.
 Some institutions offer new Bachelor's and/or Master's degrees
 *Diplom from Fachhochschule (Diplom FH) is not acceptable.

Ontario Admission Equivalent

Grading System	Ontario Admission Equivalent
1.0 – 1.2	A
1.3 – 1.5	A-
1.6 – 1.9	B+
2.0 – 2.6	B, B-
2.7 – 3.3	C+, C
3.4 – 3.9	C-
4.0 – 5.0	F

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OAE as a Scholarship Tool

- Two different standards may be used for admission and scholarship applications
- The *Ontario Admissions Equivalent* table will allow departments to calculate scholarship averages for students with international transcripts on a more equitable and consistent basis

What have we learned?

- Grading Practices
- The project has taken much longer than initially anticipated
- Next steps will involve tracking student progress after registration to verify if the admissions standard is appropriate

The End