

GOING TO UNIVERSITY OUTSIDE THUNDER BAY?

25 THINGS TO ASK

- Remember that each post-secondary institution makes its own policies. **DO NOT** assume that things are done the same way at each school. Ask!
- Information sources: recruitment officers, admissions staff, school websites, school webinars or webcasts
- In addition to the types of programs available, students should also be asking these questions:

1. What pre-requisite courses must be taken for a desired program?
2. What is the average (mark) requirement for admission? Does this average include required pre-requisite courses, or will the university take the top six marks, regardless of whether or not pre-requisite courses are included?
3. How do I apply for admission? What are the fees? Deadlines?
4. Is a supplemental application or personal profile necessary when applying for admission? If so, when are the deadlines?
5. Are there any other admission requirements? (ie: a portfolio, audition, SAT / ACT scores, transcripts) If so, when are these due?
6. Does the university extend early offers of admission based on grade 11 marks?
7. Will alternative offers of admission be granted should a student not get into his / her first desired program? Are students re-evaluated after the first year to see if they now qualify for their first desired program?
8. Will the university count repeated courses in the average for (a) admission?
(b) scholarships?
9. Are there co-op components available within the program? If so, during which year? Are additional applications necessary?

10. What is the policy for students who took Advanced Placement courses? Will any Advanced Standing, credit hours or credits be granted for completing AP courses or AP exams?
11. What is the deferral policy for: (a) admission? (b) scholarships?
12. Where do I look for information on residences and what is available? Are first-year students guaranteed a residence spot? What are the move-in dates?
13. What is the deadline for residence applications? Is there a mandatory meal plan that must be purchased?
14. What are the fees for (a) tuition? (b) extra necessary materials? (c) residence? (d) meal plans?
15. Are residence deposits refundable if I don't end up going to this school?
16. What is the minimum average necessary for entrance scholarships?
17. How much are the entrance scholarships? (what is the grid?)
18. How many rounds of entrance scholarship considerations are there? Can students improve their standing?
19. What are the "big" scholarships that require separate applications? When are these applications due?
20. What conditions must be met for scholarships to be renewable / regainable?
21. What bursaries are available? What are the criteria? Are they renewable?
22. When are campus tours offered? Open houses? Are there travel subsidies available?
23. What if I want to be on a sports team? Who do I contact? How do I apply?
24. Is there an orientation program for new students? If so, when?
25. Who do I contact if I have further questions?