

## NON-STANDARD ADMISSIONS – CATEGORIES

Category 1  
Has an Honours Bachelor degree and/or 120 credits.  
Recent graduate or graduated less than 4 years

- Does not meet the minimum admission GPA required for the program.
- Could have other deficiencies (such as no English language proficiency test, failures, subject equivalency, etc)

• **RATIONALE**

- The rationales need to **address the grade deficiencies**.
- Given the sub-standard grades achieved in previous degrees, what evidence do you have that they will thrive in your Graduate Program? Are there extenuating circumstances accounting for the bad grades, or relevant trends? What are the grades for courses in your discipline?

Category 2  
Has an Honours Bachelor degree and/or 120 credits  
Graduated over 4+ years, working professional

- Does not meet the minimum admission GPA required for the program.
- Could have other deficiencies (such as no English language proficiency test, failures, subject equivalency, etc)

• **RATIONALE**

- We would expect the rationales to be based on **professional or life experience**, and that GPA is secondary.
- Speak to their biography: How has their professional or life experience prepared them for graduate studies?

Category 3  
No degree, No Honours Bachelor degree and/or has less than 120 credits

- Does not have a degree, or has a degree but it is not an honours degree.
- Could have other deficiencies (such as NO English language proficiency test, failures, subject equivalency, etc.

• **RATIONALE**

- We would expect the rationales to reassure that the program has reviewed the OCAV's degree level expectation (Honours, Masters, etc.) and make the case that the student **meets the required basis degree outcomes** through an alternative pathway
- <http://oucqa.ca/framework/appendix-1/>

Category 4  
NSAs that do not fit into Categories 1, 2 and 3

- Re-admission files
- Switch Offers
- Other

• **RATIONALE**

- Tailored to the applicant and situation