

3. Students recommended for the Fresh Start Program must meet with the Fresh Start Academic Advisor to receive information concerning the program's policies, procedures, requirements, application form, and to plan their individual Fresh Start Programs.
4. Students admitted to the Fresh Start Program will be permitted only one registration in the program.
5. Students are required to enrol in the Fresh Start Program in the academic year following assessment of unsatisfactory standing and being required to withdraw from a Faculty unless other arrangements are made in advance with the Dean of that Faculty.
6. Students normally take a reduced course load with no more than 24 units in one Fall/Winter. The Faculty from which the student was required to withdraw may specify a minimum and/or maximum number of courses to be taken in a given time period.
7. All students are required to take either a workshop entitled "Cognitive Strategies for Academic Success" from the Academic Support Centre (for which a fee will be assessed) or EDU 200 (regular University fees apply). Remedial instruction or other assistance such as math help, effective writing, time management, study skills, EAP courses, etc., may be required as assessed by the Faculty from which the student was required to withdraw, the Fresh Start Program Academic Advisor and/or the Academic Support Centre.
8. In order to prepare the student for readmission, the recommending Faculty may provide a list of courses that the student should take while enrolled in the Fresh Start Program. Students who do not wish to reenroll in the program from which they were required to withdraw should, with the help of the Fresh Start Program Academic Advisor, select courses relevant to the program to which they wish to apply upon reestablishing satisfactory academic standing.
9. Students may not take more than a total 24 units in the Fresh Start Program.
10. Upon completion of the Fresh Start Program, consideration for admission or readmission to any Faculty requires Satisfactory Academic Standing (see [Academic Standing](#)).

## Academic Standing

**Assessment of Academic Standing** is conducted for each student at the end of Fall/Winter regardless of whether the student was registered in one or both terms.

**Satisfactory Standing:** Awarded to a student who obtains a GPA of 2.7 or greater on a minimum of 18 units or a GPA of 2.0 or greater on a minimum of 24 units. In addition, all students must have successfully completed "Cognitive Strategies for Academic Success" or achieved a grade of D or greater in EDU 200.

**Unsatisfactory Standing:** Students who do not maintain satisfactory academic standing will be required to withdraw and will not be considered for readmission to the University of Alberta.

## International Visiting Student Program

The International Visiting Student Program (IVSP) is a unique program which allows international students the opportunity to enroll for up to one calendar year at the University of Alberta. Students in this program receive intensive English instruction and register in regular academic courses alongside Canadian students.

## Requirements of the International Visiting Student Program

1. The International Visiting Student Program is offered through the Office of the Registrar, Open Studies in concert with the University of Alberta International, Visiting Programs. The Visiting Programs unit will assist in the program's administration, student recruitment, ongoing student advising, and support services.
2. Students in the International Visiting Student Program are bona fide students of other universities or colleges who have been permitted to take one or more courses for transfer credit to their own institutions. The Institutions will have agreed in advance to such an arrangement.

### Document Requirements:

- a. Completed UAlberta online application; Program Participation Consent Form signed by an official of the student's home institution;
- b. An official transcript (in English translation) of all completed course work;
- c. A recommendation letter from a professor or official at the student's home institution;

d. English Language Proficiency Test Score (e.g. IELTS or TOEFL) score (Optional)

3. The International Visiting Student Program is designed to accommodate the participation of international students whose home university academic calendars are not synchronous with the University of Alberta's Calendar. Students can commence their studies in May, July, September and January. Start dates are based on the University of Alberta academic schedule.

**Note:** The application deadlines are January 15 for a May start, April 15 for a July start, June 15 for a September start and October 15 for a January start.

4. Students participate in Academic Foundations (AF) or English for Academic Purposes (EAP) at the English Language School in the Faculty of Education during the first two to four months of the International Visiting Student Program.
5. After the initial period of participation in intensive English language instruction, students move to regular academic work for either credit or audit depending on their performance in the English Language School courses and the assessment of the Academic Advisor. Students may take up to 9 units in each subsequent academic term. If students have successfully completed [EAP 137](#) they can take 15 units in each subsequent academic term.

If [EAP 137](#) is successfully completed, the student would earn 3 units.

Subject to the approval of the academic advisor, International Visiting Student Program students enrolled in [EAP 137](#) for credit can take up to 6 additional academic credits during that term. Students may also earn credits during each of the subsequent academic terms.

6. Students must maintain satisfactory academic standing as specified in Academic Standing while registered in the International Visiting Student Program.
7. Students receive a Certificate of Participation in the International Visiting Student Program and a U of A transcript. Transfer credit to their degree is granted by their home institution.

To receive a Certificate of Participation, students must complete the required English Language School Courses, take at least one regular academic course for credit or audit, demonstrate satisfactory attendance in all classes, maintain enrollment for the duration of their program, complete all assignments and exams, participate in an extracurricular commitment, attend all mandatory IVSP appointments and seminars, and have no outstanding fees or fines to the University of Alberta.

## Exceptional Student Athlete Applicants

Prospective students who do not meet the normal admission requirements for entrance to degree programs may be considered for admission under this category. Successful applicants will be approved to register as Open Studies students in a maximum of 12 units per term. If granted, this approval will be permitted for a maximum of one Fall and Winter term only, after which students must apply to a degree program in order to continue.

## Admission Requirements for Exceptional Student Athlete Applicants

1. All applicants must meet the admission criteria for Open Studies as stated in [Application and Admission](#), as well as that for Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) eligibility, and must consult with Faculties that they intend to apply for following their Open Studies registration.
2. All applicants must display a level of sport performance that
  - a. can be documented objectively by an independent external source (i.e., league commissioner, national team coaching staff) and possess athletic prowess that would be acceptable to any CIS participating institution
  - b. requires a minimum annual average of 15 training/competition hours per week in the year immediately before application to the University of Alberta.
3. All applicants must submit an application for admission to the Office of the Registrar together with all high school and postsecondary transcripts.
4. In addition to (3), all applicants must file additional documentation to the Exceptional Student Athletes Admission Committee in the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation. This documentation will attest to their eligibility as an exceptional athlete (see (2) above). This documentation is then screened by the Committee to ensure the above eligibility criteria have been met. Applicants from non-CIS sports will not be considered.