



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Academic Calendar Change Proposal

To: Curriculum and Program Review Committee

From: Joe Stokes, Associate Registrar, Enrolment Services

Re: Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) advanced standing

Date: 11/01/17

Motion: That CPRC approve the inclusion of CAPE in the secondary school advanced standing section of the Academic Calendar.

The Office of the Registrar is proposing formal inclusion of Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE) in the secondary school advanced standing section of the Academic Calendar. This is in response to an increasing number of applicants from the Caribbean (a five year, country specific, summary of applications is included in the attached profile) and to remain competitive with other Ontario universities offering advanced standing for CAPE examinations. It should be noted that UOIT currently grants advanced standing for CAPE on a case-by-case basis, setting precedence for a formal arrangement.

Attachment: CAPE profile, institutional benchmarking, multi-year application summary and proposed Academic Calendar text.

CC. Brad MacIsaac, AVP Planning and Registrar

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CAPE Profile:

The Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) is designed to provide certification of the academic, vocational and technical achievement of students in the Caribbean who, having completed a minimum of five years of secondary education, wish to further their studies. The examinations address the skills and knowledge acquired by students under a flexible and articulated system where subjects are organized in 1-Unit or 2-Unit courses with each Unit containing three Modules. Subjects examined under CAPE may be studied concurrently or singly.

The Caribbean Examinations Council offers three types of certification. The first is the award of a certificate showing each CAPE Unit completed. The second is the CAPE diploma, awarded to candidates who have satisfactorily completed at least six Units, including Caribbean Studies. The third is the CAPE Associate Degree, awarded for the satisfactory completion of a prescribed cluster of seven CAPE Units including Caribbean Studies and Communication Studies. For the CAPE diploma and the CAPE Associate Degree, candidates must complete the cluster of required Units within a maximum period of five years.

<http://www.cxc.org/examinations/exams/cape>

Undergraduate application numbers (by country), 2013-2017:

Country	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Barbados	9	8	16	4	4
Jamaica	35	17	11	17	19
Trinidad	10	9	6	3	9
Total	54	34	33	24	32

Institutional Benchmarking:

- University of Toronto – chart with specific equivalencies and unit requirements – minimum grade of II requiredⁱ
- Wilfrid Laurier University - Laurier will grant a maximum of 3.0 transfer credits (six classes) from CAPE results. A minimum grade of II is required for transfer credit considerationⁱⁱ
- Ryerson University – No pre-approved equivalencies at this time – reviewed on individual basis – grades of III or higher are required – Engineering students are not eligible for transfer credit.ⁱⁱⁱ
- University of Waterloo – “The Faculties of Applied Health Sciences, Arts, Environment, Mathematics, and Science recognize CAPE Unit 2 Level courses as excellent academic preparation for success at the university level and will consider awarding transfer credits for CAPE Unit 2 Level courses normally in which a minimum final grade of 2 is attained.” – Chart of specific equivalencies is available.^{iv}
- University of Guelph – “Transfer credit may be granted for 2-unit courses at the Advanced Level with grades of 1, 2 or 3.”^v
- York University – “Up to 18 credits (3 full courses) may be granted for courses passed at the 2-unit level with grades of 1, 2 or 3, depending on the program.”^{vi}

Proposed Academic Calendar Text:

Advanced standing Secondary school students

Applicants who have completed Advanced Placement (AP) examinations or International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations, Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE) or General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) courses may be granted up to a maximum of 18 credit hours toward their UOIT degree.

Other university-level courses taken while in high school/ secondary school will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Official documents must be supplied directly from the issuing institution to the Registrar's office to ensure granting of credit. Minimum subject scores of 4 in the Advanced Placement examinations and 5 in the International Baccalaureate examinations, 3 in CAPE examinations and grade of C or better in Advanced Level (A Level) courses are required for advance standing; minimum subject scores may vary by subject.

Credit and exemption will not be given for completion of high school Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate, Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations, or Advanced Level (A Level) courses unless an acceptable score is attained on the examination administered by the appropriate board. Students in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science and the Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science are not eligible for advanced standing for core or professional engineering courses.

ⁱ http://www3.adm.utoronto.ca/php/website_files/adm_pdf_files/capeas.pdf

ⁱⁱ <https://www.wlu.ca/admissions-toolkits/international/step-2-check-your-application-status/transfer-credits.html>

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<http://www.ryerson.ca/content/dam/currentstudents/transfercredits/SecondarySchoolTransferCreditEquivalencyTables.pdf>

^{iv} <https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/cape-transfer-credits>

^v <https://admission.uoguelph.ca/countryspecific>

^{vi} <http://futurestudents.yorku.ca/transfer/advanced-secondary-cegep#CAPE>