

## Guidance Bulletin 78, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

**Year 13: Deadlines** Particularly in the case of multiple applications, it is important that each student prepare their own list of personal deadlines. What follows is a list of some institutions that have proved popular in the past. **01-Jan-20** Most US universities **05-Jan-20** University College Maastricht (for non-EU/EEA citizens who require a visa) **15-Jan-20** UCAS (for UK universities), McGill University, University of British Columbia, York University, University of Toronto (but see note in Guidance Bulletin 77), Tilburg University (for Psychology only) **20-Jan-20** CAO (for Irish universities with regular application fee) **31-Jan-20** University of Waterloo (Mathematics, Engineering and Pharmacy) **01-Feb-20** Concordia University, Ryerson University, University College Utrecht **15-Feb-20** Registration for one Swiss medical school only through <https://www.swissuniversities.ch/>.

**Year 13: Comparative tuition fees** **Canada** \$9,470/CHF7,050 (Bishop's University Quebec for French, Belgian francophone and Canadian citizens) or \$39,000/CHF29,130 (Arts Faculty at University of British Columbia for international students), **Germany** €300/CHF329 for EU/Swiss students and €3,000/CHF3,295 for international students (Liberal arts and Sciences at University College Freiburg, a part of Albert-Ludwigs-Universität), **Ireland** €5,681/CHF6,231 for EU/Swiss citizens and €19,426/CHF21,320 for international students (Psychology at Trinity College Dublin), **Japan** ¥834,800/CHF7,620 (Discovery Programme at Okayama University), **Netherlands** €4,250/CHF4,670 for EU/Swiss students and €12,500/CHF13,740 for international students (University College Utrecht), **Switzerland** CHF1,000 (University of Geneva), **United Kingdom** £9,250/CHF11,850 for UK/EU/Swiss citizens and £24,000/CHF30,740 for international students (Biochemistry at University of Bristol), **United States** \$54,720/CHF54,180 (Boston University). In addition to tuition fees, there should be added CHF15,000 or more to cover the cost of accommodation, food, equipment and travel. For further reflection on tuition fees see Guidance Bulletin 7 and 65.

**Years 12 and 13: Notes from the visit by the University of Denver (CO-USA) on 13-Nov-19** The University of Denver is situated in the city of Denver. From the campus to the city centre takes fifteen minutes by tram/light rail. This allows easy access to shows, restaurants and internships. The local climate lends itself to outdoor activities. It is not surprising, therefore, that the oldest student body is the Alpine Club. One of the challenges that keen members set themselves is to climb all mountains over 14,000ft ('fourteeners') in the area such as Huron Peak and Windom Peak. There are some 12,000 students in total, 6,000 of whom are undergraduates. About one hundred different academic programmes – including electrical engineering, computer science and hospitality (ranked as one of the best courses in the country) – are offered. For admissions SAT and ACT are optional. Instead the grades achieved in school and in the IB diploma/career-related programme are taken into account. Housing on campus is compulsory for the first two years. For more information go to <https://www.du.edu/>.

**Years 12 and 13: Notes from the visit by the University of Vermont (VT-USA) on 13-Nov-19** With some 13,000 students, the University of Vermont is the largest higher education institution in the north of the state. Social justice and the environment are vitally important to the University of Vermont. In fact both areas underlie the curriculum. Students can pick and choose their programme of study from different subjects. Popular majors include molecular genetics, microbiology, nutrition and dietetics. Across all the subjects is a strong sense of community and international development. The aim is for graduates to go out into the world and make a difference. One of the current projects is to help build sustainable communities in Africa. For admissions SAT and ACT are required by US citizens, but are optional for international students. Ideally 6 or 7 should be scored in the key IB subjects. For further details see Guidance Bulletin 53 and <https://www.uvm.edu/>.

**Years 12 and 13: Notes from the visit by University of Rochester (NY-USA) on 08-Oct-19** Rochester is the third largest city in the state. The University of Rochester is situated about two miles from the city centre. It offers a traditional campus setting. While living in residence is compulsory for the first two years, such is the community atmosphere that up to ninety per cent of students choose to remain for all four years. There is a good study abroad programme. No subjects are designated – a core curriculum does not exist – and so students, after checking with their academic advisers, can design their own

curriculum. Generally students take about eighteen months to select their major. A research institution, the University of Rochester is home to 11,000 students, of whom 5,500 are undergraduates. Admission is through the Common Application (<https://www.commonapp.org/>). SAT and ACT are not required. Scholarships are offered to outstanding IB diploma students. Funding for up to one hundred per cent of financial need is available. For further details see Guidance Bulletin 23 and <https://www.rochester.edu/>.

**Years 12 and 13: Notes from the visit by Villanova University (PA-USA) on 09-Oct-19** Situated on a beautiful campus in Radnor Township, Villanova University offers a wide range of degree courses. Two railway stations serve the campus: Paoli and Villanova. It takes about forty minutes to travel by the regular commuter service to the centre of Philadelphia. Housing is guaranteed for three years. Among the more popular programmes are business (ranked number one by Bloomberg) and engineering (five different specialisms with civil, electrical, mechanical, computer and chemical). There are many combined programmes too: for example, cognitive psychology with neurological science and theology with Irish studies. Villanova University is, by heritage, Roman Catholic. About sixty per cent of the students, in fact, identify themselves as Roman Catholic. One academic module is required of all students on the foundations of Roman Catholicism. Community service is a powerful force. Sports loom large with NCAA Division 1. Some seventy per cent of students participate in club and intramural sport. With just over 6,000 undergraduates, school spirit is a concentrated entity. Prospective students can apply either undecided or directly to a chosen major (for example, nursing or engineering). SAT or ACT is required for entry. For more details go to <https://www1.villanova.edu/university.html>.

**Years 11 and 12: Art Summer Schools** Photography, Fashion, Fine Art and more at Paris College of Art (F). Two sessions work well with the close of the Ecolint summer term: 29-Jun-20 to 11-Jul-20 and 13-Jul-20 to 24-Jul-20. For details and to book go to <https://www.paris.edu/programs/summer/>. Graphic Design, Filmmaking, Drawing, Portfolio Preparation and more at Arts University Bournemouth (GB). For details and to book go to <https://aub.ac.uk/courses/summer-courses>.

**Years 11 and 12: University rankings** The methodology of one particular ranking may produce quite different results to another. The websites below should therefore be use with some considerable caution.

<b>Canada</b>	<a href="https://www.macleans.ca/education/university-rankings/university-rankings-2019/">https://www.macleans.ca/education/university-rankings/university-rankings-2019/</a>	<b>Ireland</b>	
<a href="https://www.4icu.org/ie/">https://www.4icu.org/ie/</a>	<b>Netherlands</b>	<a href="https://www.4icu.org/nl/">https://www.4icu.org/nl/</a>	<b>United Kingdom</b>
<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2019/jun/07/university-league-tables-2020">https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2019/jun/07/university-league-tables-2020</a>			
<b>United States</b>	<a href="https://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings/best-colleges">https://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings/best-colleges</a>	<b>World</b>	
<a href="https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2020">https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2020</a>		or	
<a href="https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2020/">https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2020/</a>			

An institution at the top of a list may not necessarily provide the right academic and social setting for a prospective student. Other important factors to consider include size, location, setting, language of instruction, culture, distance from home, tuition costs and availability of accommodation.

**Years 11 and 12: Psychometrics** Cambridge Occupational Analysts offer Centigrade, which accesses all UK universities, EU universities teaching in English and Canadian universities. By responding to personal preferences, feedback is provided on possible degree courses that might be of interest. Costing just £15, registering is simple at <https://app.centigradeonline.co.uk/#/register>. Through a series of questions, which can be answered at home, Morrisby assesses individual strengths and weakness for career choice. For £84 (+VAT) an online pass can be bought. This includes a thirty-minute telephone interview afterwards with an adviser. To register for Morrisby go to <https://www.morrisby.com/pass>.

**Years 11 and 12: Supercurricular activities** Michel Mayor (Nobel Prize for Physics 2019) ‘Les exoplanètes’ (Assistez en direct au lancement de Cheops, premier satellite Suisse, chasseur d’exoplanètes) at 08:45 on 17-Dec-19 in Uni Dufour (24 rue Général-Dufour, 1211 Genève 4). To register go to [www.unige.ch/-/cheops](http://www.unige.ch/-/cheops). ‘Exposition Leonardo en perspective’ from 18-Dec-19 to 20-Feb-20 in Salle d’exposition de l’UNIGE (Uni Carl Vogt, 66 bd Carl-Vogt, 1205 Genève). For more details go to [www.unige.ch/-/leonardo](http://www.unige.ch/-/leonardo).

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