

TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAM
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About the Program

The Transition Year Program (TYP) is a one year university access program for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who may not be prepared to enter a faculty through the regular admissions route. TYP students are full time post-secondary students in Open Studies.

The objective of the program is to prepare students for admission into one of the following nine faculties:

- Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences (BSc)
- Arts (BA)
- Business (BCom)
- Education - Elementary or Secondary Route (BEEd)
- Engineering (BSc)
- Native Studies (BA NS)
- Nursing (BScN)
- Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation (BKin) or (BARST)
- Science (BSc)

"TYP has given me a wonderful opportunity to experience the best of what University life has to offer. From the supportive staff and kind-hearted friends to the community events. The TYP program is a blessing which granted me the perspective and skills to succeed on my current academic journey while building relationships that can support my path to a bright and joyful future."

Teigan Harvey, English Major, Bachelor of Arts (BA)



Program Highlights

TYP provides a strong network of support through small, intimate learning environments that combine academic and cultural components, support services, and opportunities including:

- Orientation to campus and academic life
- Individual support and advocacy
- Social and cultural events
- Individual academic advising and program planning
- Tutorials
- Access to Elders and Knowledge Keepers
- Access to printing, scanning, photocopying, and computer lab

Students in TYP are automatically enrolled in University 101 and 102 classes that focus on the academic skills they require to be successful in university. Additionally, students are enrolled in TYP English/Writing Studies classes that focus on Indigenous literature.



"I really enjoyed my time in the TYP program. I have gained the skills and feel confident navigating available resources, the campus, and the websites. I recommend the TYP program to anyone of my peers that are looking for a positive university experience."

Jaycee Russell, Bachelor of Arts



Eligibility

To be considered for admission into TYP, applicants must meet the following minimum criteria:

- First Nations, Métis, or Inuit Documentation
- Grades of at least 50% in required high school courses
- Minimum overall average in required high school courses between 60%–75% (varies by program and year)
- Each faculty route has specific high school subject requirements

Please visit uab.ca/typ for details.



"I applied to the Transition Year Program (TYP) because I needed support while I attempted to chase my dreams. I did not know how to build a class schedule, how to pay my tuition, or where to find scholarships and I had no one I could ask. The friendships, support, and connections I made in my TYP year carried me through my nursing degree and will stay with me long after I graduate."

Marisa Smallboy, BSc in Nursing

Admission to the Program

The Transition Year Program is a limited enrollment program and admission is not guaranteed to all applicants.

Applicants are admitted in order of qualifications until the program quota is full. All applicants are encouraged to re-apply.



"Growing up I never would have guessed that I would be going to university. The TYP program and the services that they provided me in my first year ensured that I was supported and guided through all of the challenges a university student faces. Overall, TYP has given me a sense of belonging, culture, identity, and encouragement to continue my journey of post-secondary studies."

Austin Kaduk, Bachelor of Commerce





Application Process

The Transition Year Program accepts applications for Fall and Winter Terms in the following admission cycles:

TERM	APPLICATION OPENS	APPLICATION CLOSES
Fall Term (September) (all program routes)	November 1	May 1
Winter Term (January) (Arts & Native Studies routes only)	August 1	October 1



An application is not considered complete until the following documents are submitted with an application:

1. Letter of Intent
2. Documentation of all previous education (official or unofficial transcripts)
3. Letters of Reference (2)
4. First Nation, Métis or Inuit Documentation

"The TYP program was a really great way to introduce me to the endless opportunities that live inside the University and its campus. I felt supported every step of the way through my first-year journey and knew that I could count on anyone when I needed them. TYP really sets you up for academic success and, once you are accepted, you get a bonus-family out of it too!"

Brynn Klym, Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies



Applications are considered complete when all documents are received with the application before the deadline. The application can be completed online at uab.ca/typ, mailed, faxed, or dropped off in person

Once your complete application has been received, you will be contacted to schedule an interview with TYP staff. If admitted to the program, you will need to:

- complete a U of A admission form
- pay a registration fee upon acceptance



"After dropping out of high school, I didn't believe a post-secondary education was possible. If it weren't for TYP, I wouldn't have had the access or confidence to pursue a degree in Criminology, get involved in Indigenous student governance, share the story of my Aseniwuche Winewak Nation, hold numerous leadership positions on campus, or create the relationships I have with my peers, Elders, and staff at First Peoples' House."

Marc Jr. Doire, Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Certificate in Indigenous Governance and Partnership programs