

Tradition

Excellence

Innovation



1829



UCC

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE

*Upper Canada College inspires boys to
become their best selves at a place where*

Tradition, Excellence *and* Innovation *meet.*



An IB World School in the heart of Toronto,

UCC delivers transformational learning experiences built on rigorous academic programs and unparalleled co-curricular opportunities.

Expert faculty and cutting-edge facilities, a supportive community and best-in-Canada financial assistance enable our students to find their passions and realize their potential.





Experience the UCC *Difference*

Learning about oneself and the world
is at the heart of a UCC education.

*Each boy gains an
understanding of himself,*
strong and wide-ranging skills,
and knowledge that prepares
him for success.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE

Welcomes *Outstanding* *Boys.*

each with a unique identity, interests and ideas. Students develop *head, heart and humanity* in an environment that fosters belonging.

Our values-driven approach includes offering \$6 million in financial assistance each year — a needs-blind admission process that brings the best students to the College and enhances the UCC experience for all.



Our values build on our history and traditions, and inform how we interact with each other and our world:

Learning

Pluralism

Service

Community

Wellbeing

The Learning Journey

At UCC we strive for excellence and celebrate accomplishment — and we value *learning as a journey, not a destination.*

The International Baccalaureate provides the best curricular framework for university admission, lifelong success and active citizenship.



EXCEPTIONAL ENVIRONMENTS FOR

Learning and Growth

Physical spaces are vital to the learning journey, inspiring *engagement, enthusiasm and connection.*

EXCEPTIONAL ENVIRONMENTS FOR

Iteration and *Innovation*

The College continually invests in
*optimal classrooms, maker
spaces and community hubs*
that prepare our students to thrive in today's
fast-paced and ever-changing landscape.



UCC *At-a-Glance*



Educating the next generation of leaders and innovators since 1829

1,260 STUDENTS

830 AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

430 AT THE PREP SCHOOL



Deer Park Campus

Located on 35 acres of green space in midtown Toronto, our main campus has state-of-the-art facilities that help deliver transformational learning in both academic and co-curricular settings.

10,000 ft²
OF DESIGN LAB SPACE

Dedicated **Lang Leadership Course** for all Year 9 students

\$6 million
in financial assistance (FA) available each year to Canadian students in Years 5-12

20 per cent
of UCC students receive FA

Norval Outdoor School

Students learn about nature and environmental stewardship at our 450-acre second campus, located 40 minutes north of Toronto in Norval, Ontario.



The Lindsay Boathouse

UCC's dedicated rowing facility in Toronto's Outer Harbour Marina includes a launch area, two boat storage bays and a strength training room.

88 BOARDERS FROM

24 COUNTRIES AND

6 PROVINCES WITH

21 LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Range of international service, exchange and historical immersion trips available

9:1

student : teacher ratio

Faculty

135

Average class size

20

20

varsity teams

90 clubs



The IB develops inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through education that builds intercultural understanding and respect.

IB learners:

- Think critically and solve complex problems
- Drive their own learning
- Graduate with a diploma that can lead them to some of the highest-ranking universities around the world
- Are more culturally aware through the development of a second language
- Are able to engage with people in an increasingly globalized, rapidly changing world

IB students “learn how to learn” through skills development in five areas:

- Self-Management
- Social Skills
- Communication
- Research
- Thinking



The IB *Advantage*

The IB Continuum at UCC takes students through the Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP) and our personalized Diploma Programme (DP) Graduation Pathways. UCC students demonstrate proficiency in a wide range of competencies across the disciplines, and

have the opportunity to earn the OSSD, an IB diploma and IB course certificates. *Our graduates attend top-tier global universities* — many with scholarship offers and advanced university standing.



Primary Years Programme

The PYP nurtures and develops young students as caring, active participants in a lifelong journey of learning by focusing on the whole child (academic, social, physical, emotional and cultural needs).

In the PYP, learning aims to transcend traditional boundaries between subject areas. Students explore six transdisciplinary themes of global significance: who we are; where we are in place and time; how we express ourselves; how the world works; how we organize ourselves; and sharing the planet.

Through its inquiry-led, transdisciplinary framework, the PYP challenges students to think for themselves and take responsibility for their learning as they begin to connect their curricular learning to the world around them.

Recognizing young boys' natural curiosity, the program channels it towards their own discoveries. As the first building block in the IB system, the PYP sparks boys' thirst for knowledge and sets the stage for future success.

PYP LEARNING IN ACTION

The PYP culminates in Year 5 with the Exhibition, where students undertake transdisciplinary projects based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Students work in teams to explore aspects of the 17 SDGs, which include ending poverty and hunger, promoting good health and wellbeing, and ensuring access to affordable and clean energy.

With the support of teachers and mentors, each student pursues his own line of inquiry within the SDG, writing an inquiry question, researching the topic and determining an action that could make a difference. Previous PYP projects have resulted in charitable food drives and park cleanups.

Spark Your Curiosity

“I started at UCC in Year 2 and immediately felt at home. I love it here and never want to leave!”

Meet Tristan

YEAR 4 AT THE PREP

CLASSES:

French, History, Math, English, Science, Music, Art

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:

Soccer, Hockey, Track and Field

PYP HIGHLIGHT:

“I did a project on Quebec, because my family makes maple syrup and 91 per cent of Canada's supply is produced there. I had fun discovering new things about another province.”

FUN UCC MEMORY:

“Experiencing all the amazing nature at the Norval Outdoor School on a trip with my class.”





Middle Years Programme

The MYP is a framework for learning that encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world.

In the MYP, students explore six global contexts that are developed from, and extend, the PYP transdisciplinary themes: identities and relationships; personal and cultural expression; orientation in space and time; scientific and technical innovation; fairness and development; and globalization and sustainability.

The five-year program aims to develop active learners and internationally minded young people who can empathize with others and pursue lives of purpose and meaning.

The MYP empowers students to inquire into a wide range of issues and ideas of significance locally, nationally and globally. The result is young people who are creative, critical and reflective thinkers.

MYP LEARNING IN ACTION

The MYP Personal Project is a year-long independent learning experience in Years 9 and 10. To support this process, students work with their Personal Project coordinator and are kept on track through check-ins with an assigned mentor.

This project assesses students' skills in research, communication, critical and creative thinking, and collaboration. It also encourages them to connect classroom learning engagements with personal experience and to develop their own interests for lifelong learning.

Pursue Your Passions

“It’s so rewarding to explore all my different interests — and apply what I learn in class to enhance my understanding and experiences.”

Meet André YEAR 7 AT THE PREP

CLASSES:

Math, Individuals and Societies, Science, French, Art, Music, Design, Language and Literature

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:

Concert and Jazz Bands, Wind Ensemble, Prep Choir, Yearbook Committee, VEX IQ Robotics, Eco-warriors, Swim and Track and Field teams

PYP HIGHLIGHT:

“I volunteered at a local food program that supports individuals experiencing homelessness. I used the skills I learned in math class to research Universal Basic Income and learn more about how poverty affects people and what actions we can take to support our communities.”

FUN UCC MEMORY:

“Travelling to Chicago for the Heritage World Studies Festival with the school band and winning a Canadian Band Association award.”





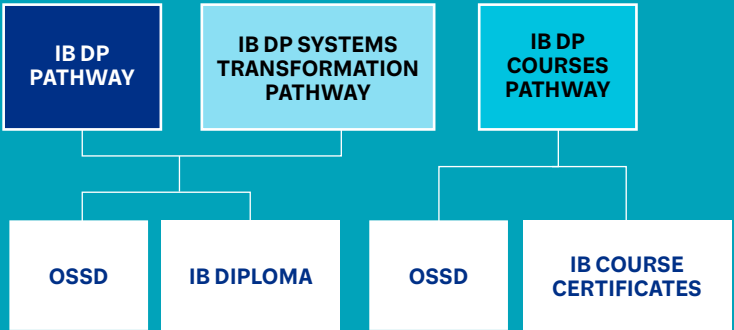
Diploma Programme

The DP at UCC develops breadth and depth of knowledge, providing an excellent foundation for students to prosper at their postsecondary destination.

Mirroring the range of a university undergraduate program, the students take courses across six subject groups. Programming is complemented by a DP Core course that includes a reflection on the nature of knowledge in Theory of Knowledge (TOK), an academic paper called the Extended Essay (EE) and co-curricular pursuits in Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS).

UCC GRADUATION PATHWAYS

Beginning in September 2025, students in Year 11 will have the opportunity to personalize their studies by entering one of our three IB DP Graduation Pathways:



Each Graduation Pathway is academically rigorous and provides students with agency in preparation for their applications to top-tier universities and the most selective postsecondary programs.

Lead the *Way*

“My passion for problem-solving was a key reason I sought out leadership opportunities with the Lang Scholar Program, Black Excellence Society and as Head Steward.”

Meet Chisom

YEAR 11 AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

ACADEMIC FOCUS INCLUDES:

Computer Science, Economics, English, Philosophy, French, Math

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:

Head Steward, Lang Scholar, Varsity Volleyball and Rugby, President of the Black Excellence Society, Program Director at Horizons, Year 8 Mentor

DP HIGHLIGHT:

“I created a community project to attempt to increase BIPOC representation in the tech field. Since then, it’s developed into a six-week initiative for Horizons, UCC’s inter-school tutoring and mentoring program, centred on fostering innovation and creativity.”

JOYS OF CAMPUS LIVING:

“As a boarder in Wedd’s House, I love living on campus and the special bonds that are fostered there while experiencing all that UCC and Toronto have to offer.”





Set up for Success

UCC students stand out to the best universities because of the power of their IB-based education combined with the College’s international reputation for all-round excellence. They gain admission to schools of their choice — and they thrive there.

Dedicated university counsellors help students develop authentic narratives for the application process reflecting their talents, accomplishments and individuality, and ensure that a range of postsecondary options are explored.

Beyond their academic journeys, our graduates become leaders and innovators in a world that requires global mindedness and critical thinking. They join a vast network of alumni working in every imaginable field.

“UCC’s emphasis on curiosity and innovation has been crucial as I continue my education at Brown University, where the open curriculum allows me to pursue diverse subjects that complement my computer science studies. My UCC experience was defined by the breadth of opportunities that contributed to my personal development and prepared me for the future.”

-A.J. SHULMAN '23
UCC CLASS PRESIDENT



Make an Impact

“UCC’s opportunities and values helped me mature into who I am today. I’m looking forward to applying my skills and leadership experiences to the next chapter of my learning journey at UBC.”

Meet Andrew

CLASS OF 2024

Board of Stewards, Lang Scholar, Varsity Basketball and Varsity Tennis Captain, Founder of the Pickleball Club, Co-Head of the Peer Tutoring Club, Debate Club Member

POSTSECONDARY DESTINATION:

UBC Engineering
Varsity Tennis Team Member

SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY:

“I’m excited for what’s next — and I know that I’ll have lifelong support from my UCC friends and alumni across the globe.”



Developing *Leaders*

Across the Prep and Upper School, we create opportunities that appeal to all types of leaders and provide real-world learning experiences.



Mentorship

From the Prep School buddy system, to shared art and literature projects between SKs and Year 12s, to academic and co-curricular collaborations that unite both peers as well as younger with older learners, UCC provides many creative and mutually beneficial ways to mentor and be mentored.

House System

The six Prep houses are named for colours and each house has a captain. At the Upper School, there are 10 houses named for former faculty, with each house headed by a steward and four prefects.

Stewards

UCC's elected student government is a combination of heads of houses and portfolio stewards. The Board of Stewards fosters camaraderie and connection across the student community and spearheads initiatives related to various areas of the school including athletics, arts, service and sustainability.



Lang Scholar Program

Introduced in 2013, the Lang Scholar Program recognizes extraordinary leadership potential in scholar-athletes of character. Each year up to 15 scholars are chosen for their academic, athletic and leadership qualities to take part in this program intended to inspire tomorrow's change-makers.

Horizons

UCC's inter-school tutoring and mentoring program, Horizons, is an enduring partnership with the Toronto District School Board. Students at UCC have the opportunity to tutor, coach and mentor visiting students from schools in high priority areas across the city.





Boarding at UCC

UCC's boarding program offers a unique, rewarding and supportive environment, with a close-knit community comprising 88 students from Years 8 to 12. Across two boarding houses located steps away from the Upper School, 24 countries and six provinces — and 21 languages — are currently represented.

The student to staff ratio is 7:1, with a devoted team organizing outings, special events and holiday celebrations throughout the year. Both Seaton's House and Wedd's House have common rooms, snack and drink stations, full-time live-in staff and campus security, and boarders have access to a family doctor. Double occupancy rooms are available for Years 8 to 11; Year 12 students have single rooms.

UCC *At-a-Glance*

Transformational Learning in Extraordinary Spaces



Students receive support from

Expert faculty and
advisers

Technology integrators

Music ensemble
directors

Athletic coaches
and trainers

Librarians

University Counselling
Office

Wernham West Centre
for Learning

2 Health Centres

Sports Injury Clinic

3 sound recording and
film editing suites

Baseball diamond and batting cage

4 BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL
COURTS

Outdoor space for basketball and pickleball

3 design labs with
maker spaces

Art studios

6 tennis courts
(4 OUTDOOR, 2 INDOOR)

outdoor classroom



14 MUSIC ENSEMBLES | 6 SOCCER FIELDS | 4 SOFTBALL DIAMONDS | 8 BADMINTON COURTS | 2 ASSEMBLY HALLS

Dedicated rowing facility on Toronto’s waterfront

All-weather
oval track

Strength, Agility and
Speed (SAS) fitness room
with full-time trainer

Prep
Learning
Garden

4 professional-calibre
performance spaces



INDOOR
SWIMMING
POOL

6 co-ed theatrical
productions with
partner schools

2 ice hockey rinks
(NHL- and Olympic-sized)

Music practise rooms

cricket pitch



Harnessing Creativity

Exceptional arts programming strengthens students' capacity to work effectively with others, and develops talent, character and compassion.



Visual Arts

Our visual arts curriculum encourages students to look at the world in their own way, with a strong focus on the studio skills of drawing, colour, design, sculpture, photography and digital media as international traditions, practices and historical contexts are explored in well-equipped studios.

Students' understanding of contemporary art is expanded through the Lind Art Fund, which supports field trips to local museums and galleries, as well as in-person workshops with visiting artists. As part of the IB curriculum, art students travel to New York City each year for the research process of their studio projects.

Drama

The College's drama program lives up to its reputation for professional-calibre standards with major productions at the Upper School, including classical theatre, contemporary works and musicals, often in collaboration with the all-girls' Bishop Strachan School. At the Prep, many students are involved in the fall play and winter musical, and portray their favourite characters in smaller productions.

First-rate facilities include the professionally equipped David Chu Theatre and the more intimate and refurbished Manucha & Bellamy Studio Theatre.

Film

Students learn to analyze and create films through film studies courses with the IB Diploma Programme and the College Film club. The College Film studio offers cutting-edge recording and editing equipment, as well as a screening area featuring an extensive film catalogue.

The Year 12 film course collaborates with other Toronto-area independent schools on festivals and showcases that screen students' compelling and innovative work in short film, including at the University of Toronto and TIFF Lightbox theatre.

Music

Young musicians explore their talents and interests through curricular and co-curricular experiences that expose them to diverse musical cultures and the music industry. UCC has award-winning ensembles including seven different bands; string, wind and jazz ensembles; and choirs at both the Prep and Upper School.

Students also enhance their abilities through traditional and electronic composition and by learning studio techniques using recording and sequencing software.

Exceptional *Athletics*

At UCC, there are teams for all ages and abilities.

Our athletics programming develops highly experienced athletes while also supporting and encouraging novice players. UCC coaches — most of whom are full-time faculty members — are passionate and committed to teaching the necessary skills to maximize both individual and team performance.

The College's interscholastic, recreational and house programs offer students opportunities to further develop their leadership capabilities and important life skills including discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship, confidence and humility.





UCC's athletic facilities are home to more than **20** different sports and **85** interscholastic teams.





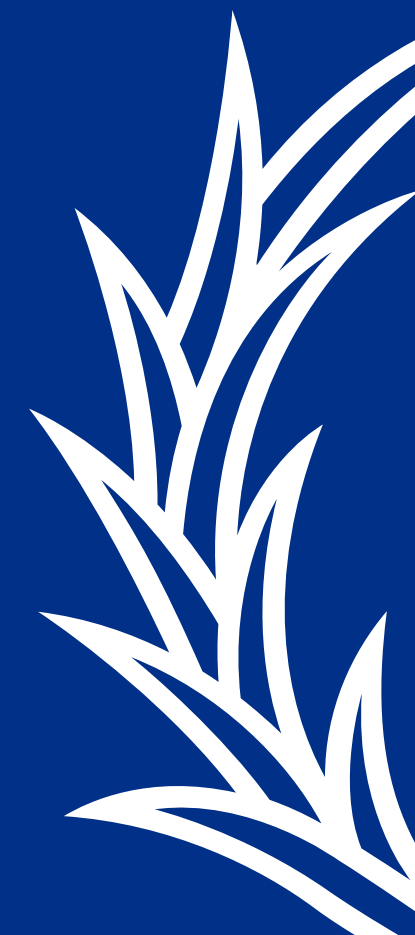
Co-curriculars — *and Commitment to Service*

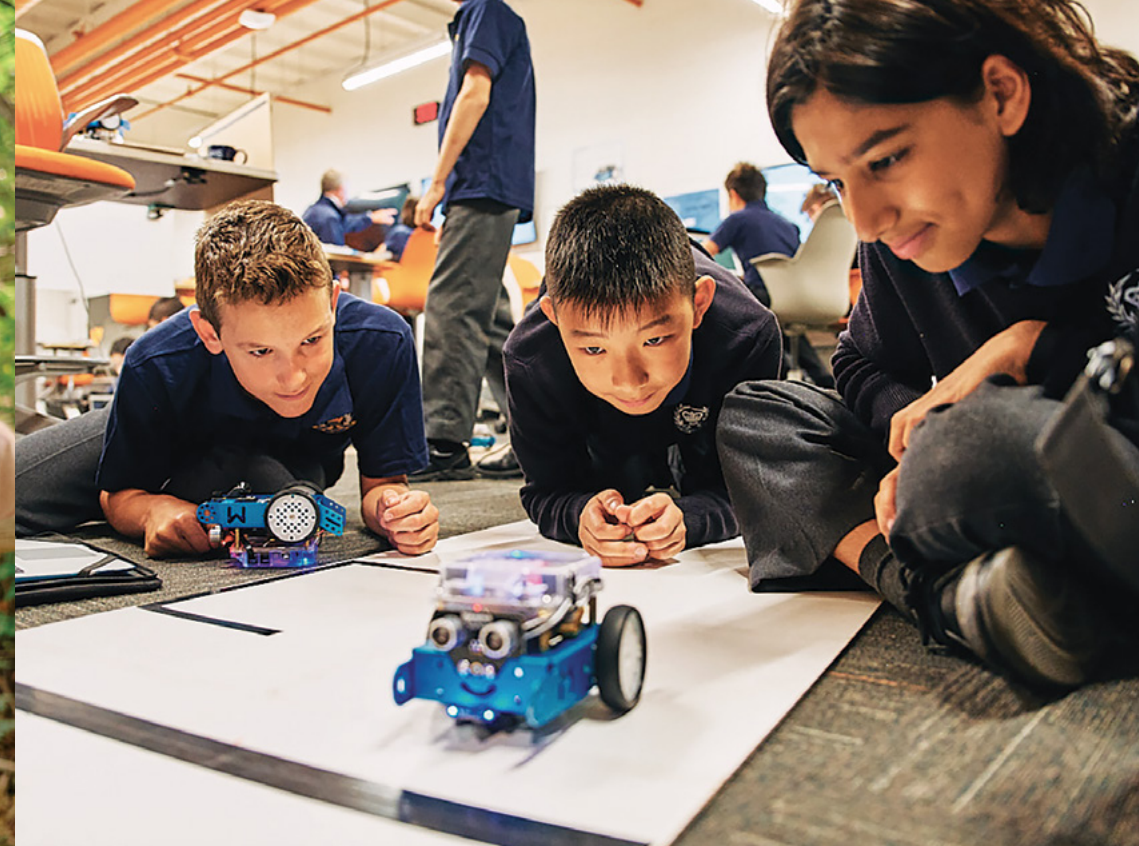
While our reputation for academic excellence is what grounds us, the stunning breadth of opportunities outside the classroom is what truly distinguishes the UCC experience.

Dedication to service is key, as UCC was founded on the principle of being a private school with public purpose. Students pursue this commitment in many ways, including through membership in clubs promoting volunteerism, the Horizons inter-school tutoring and mentoring program, and the Duke of Edinburgh International Award program.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Environmental stewarding afternoons include litter cleanups in the Don Valley
- Costa Rica service trip fulfilling a Qualifying Journey for the Duke of Edinburgh's International Silver Award
- Relay for Life for cancer research
- Food and clothing drives throughout each academic year
- Helping Hands student-led club





From archery to improv to the oldest student-run **World Affairs Conference** in North America, there's a club for every student at UCC.



A Place Where You *Belong*

UCC's supportive environment helps students to find their place and thrive, with a network of faculty and staff who are there for them every step of the way. At UCC, students are known and cared for.

Formalized support is provided through a range of offerings at both the Prep and Upper School, including a robust advising program promoting wellbeing as well as academic and personal growth; two health centres with nurses, counsellors and a psychologist; and our renowned Wernham West Centre for Learning (WWCfL), where expert staff recognize and foster students' unique learning styles, empowering them to become their own self-advocates within the IB Continuum.



UCC is *Community*

New UCC families become part of a vibrant and engaged community that promotes school spirit and lifelong connection. On-campus happenings extend across the academic year and include athletics, theatrical and musical performances, speakers' series, and signature annual events like Association Day and Reunion in October, Founder's Dinner in February and our Volunteer Reception in June.

Parents wishing to take on an active community role can join the Prep Parents' Organization or the Upper School's Parents' Organization. And for alumni, graduation is just the beginning! From the New Grad Success Program connecting recent graduates with seasoned alums for support and mentorship in the postsecondary years, to global, in-person branch events, to the nearly 2,000-member-strong and growing Common Ties Alumni Network online platform, enduring bonds are continually formed and fostered.

UCC *At-a-Glance*

Above and Beyond

UCC graduates are currently represented at 150 top-tier universities around the world

26
RHODES
SCHOLARS

Close to one-third of
graduating students
**STUDY
ABROAD**

Notable U.S. Learning Journeys

Regular admission
to Ivy and Ivy Plus
schools including
**Duke,
Harvard,
Princeton
and Yale**

Cal Poly Computer
Science

Columbia University
Film and Media Studies

New England
Conservatory of Music

University of
Pennsylvania Huntsman
Dual Degree Program

Global alumni network of
12,500

Many UCC varsity athletes
continue their athletic journeys
at postsecondary institutions

Class of 2024

Attending 60 distinct
campuses worldwide

\$1.85
million in scholarships awarded

890
offers of admission to
180
universities

12
IVY/IVY Plus admits

30%
studying STEM

30%
studying arts and
social sciences

40%
studying business



Notable Canadian Programs

UBC Sauder School
of Business

McGill Desautels
Faculty of
Management

McMaster Health
Sciences

Queen's Smith
School of Business

U of T
Computer Science

U of T
Engineering Science

U of T Rotman School
of Management

University of Waterloo
Computer Science

University of Waterloo
Engineering

Western University's
Ivey School of Business

Notable International Destinations

University of Cambridge

The University of Edinburgh

University College London

London School of Economics
and Political Science

University of Oxford

Sciences Po

Yale-NUS College, Singapore

Recent Scholarships

- Loran
- Morehead-Cain
- Schulich Leader
- TD Scholarships for Community Leadership
- U of T International Scholars Awards

Direct Entry Medical Program Admits

Brighton and Sussex Medical School

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

St Andrews University

Queen's University Health Sciences (QuARMS)

University College Dublin

Spark Your *Curiosity*

Pursue Your *Passions*

Lead the *Way*

Make an
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