

Applying to Competitive Programs



What is a competitive program?

A competitive college program is one that receives more applications from highly qualified students than the number of available seats in the program.



What is a selection-based program?

A selection-based program is one that requires the applicant to meet the standard academic requirements, including English proficiency if required, as well as one or more program-specific requirements. These may include an audition, interview, portfolio, or resume. The academic department that oversees the program reviews this additional information to compare all qualified applicants against one another.



How are students selected to these programs?

Before applying to any program, you must review the specific admission requirements. If you are applying to a highly-competitive or selection-based program, note that applicants are ranked on the strength of their application and supporting documentation. Meeting the minimum academic requirements for any program does not guarantee an offer of admission.



What is equal consideration?

Equal consideration applies to all highly-competitive programs that start in September each year. Domestic applications that are received before February 1st, are considered 'equally' before this deadline. If the program is still accepting applications beyond February 1st, qualified domestic applications received after February 1st will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note: Equal consideration does not apply to international applications or programs that start in January or May.



Scan the QR code to confirm current program availability for your desired intake. georgebrown.ca/programs/program-availability



When should I apply?

While there are no firm application deadlines beyond 'Equal Consideration Date' (February 1st) for September programs, we encourage all applicants to submit their application and supporting documents as early as possible in the application cycle. To confirm application cycle dates for Fall, Winter and Spring intakes, scan the relevant QR code below.



Domestic
georgebrown.ca/apply/how-to-apply



International
georgebrown.ca/international/future-students/how-to-apply



What happens if I'm not accepted?

If you apply to a program and are not accepted, you will be notified by our Admissions department. If for whatever reason you are not accepted to the program you applied to, you may be eligible for another program that offers a similar outcome or is one that will prepare you for your desired program. Our Entry Advising team can help you consider your options. To book an appointment with a team member, scan the relevant QR code below.



Domestic entry advising
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International student advising
georgebrown.ca/international/current-students/international-student-advisors-contact



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