

MACLEAN'S

Calgary

University of Calgary | Calgary, Alta. | Founded 1966



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The University of Calgary is a young university in a dynamic city. A location in the country's energy capital has its perks (excellent job opportunities) and its problems (a shortage of apartments). "We're achieving the high standards we've set before us, as we near the goal of becoming a top five research institute in the country," says president Elizabeth Cannon. In 2014, Calgary placed ninth in the world among universities under 50 years of age, according to Quacquarelli Symonds Top 50 under 50 World University Rankings. "For the University of Calgary to move into the top 10 against such impressive global competition really speaks to our growing reputation," says Cannon. The school is a leader in energy and engineering, but also produces leading thinkers in public policy, applied sciences—even outer space. The main campus is a mix of old and new buildings with green spaces and underground tunnels that help students escape cold winters. Among the new additions are residences and expanded engineering facilities.

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Standout Programs

- *Engineering*: The Schulich School offers a unique specialization in energy and environment and a highly regarded program in biomedical engineering.
- *Commerce*: Given a choice of 18 concentrations in the bachelor program and plenty of co-op options, there's a degree at the Haskayne School of Business suited to every budding entrepreneur.
- *Dance and Kinesiology*: Graduates of this five-year program are professionally trained dancers with a solid grounding in the mechanics of the body—ready to pursue opportunities in choreography, physical therapy and coaching.

Cool Courses

- *Biomimetics for Engineers*: Biomimetics is the study of nature-inspired innovation. Students learn how to apply adaptations from the living world, from avian flight and geckos' use of adhesives to engineering design.
- *Philosophy of Money*: Thinking about money is an excellent way to consider questions about the nature of value, reality and morality. This course explores value, distributive justice and the relationship between money and happiness.
- *Rap Linguistics*: Students in this class explore emotion, language and metaphor in everything from Eminem and Jay-Z lyrics to traditional rap forms of the Navajo and Sami peoples.

Minimum entering grades	Tuition	Average class size	Undergraduate students	Residence spaces	Graduation and retention rates
Engineering: 87% Arts: 75% Science: 78% Commerce: 83%	\$6,570	1st & 2nd year: 74.4 3rd & 4th year: 32.2	Full-time: 22,491 Part-time: 1,906	2,812 (715 reserved for first years)	Graduation: 69.3% Retention: 90.4%



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