Alternative offers give you the option of admission to a different, but closely related, program than the one to which you had originally applied. This will set you on the career path you have envisioned for yourself...or you may just find a new career path in your vision!

**Why are alternative offers made at York U?**
If you’ve received an offer of admission—even though it’s not to the specific program you originally applied to—it means that we’re interested in you. There may be several reasons we may have made an alternative program offer.

1. Admission to some programs is quite competitive and can be based on non-academic information along with your academic standing (GPA). For example, an audition or portfolio review is included in the assessment for BFA majors within the School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design, and a leadership profile is assessed along with GPA for admission to the Schulich School of Business to name just two examples.
2. Some students do not meet the requirements for their programs of choice because their high-school averages fell below the cutoffs for their university program. Check the website for cutoffs: [futurestudents.yorku.ca/requirements/averages](http://futurestudents.yorku.ca/requirements/averages). Cutoffs for a college or university transfer student may be different.
3. Applicants may also receive an alternative offer because their transcripts did not show evidence of one or more of the prerequisite courses required for the program.
4. Applicants with a later application deadline may find that some programs will have closed because they have met their enrolment capacity by the time the applicants are considered for admission. You raise your chances of admission by submitting a complete application package as early as possible. Deadlines can be found here: [futurestudents.yorku.ca/requirements/deadlines](http://futurestudents.yorku.ca/requirements/deadlines).

**How are alternative offers made?**
We review each application carefully. If an application doesn’t meet the requirements for a particular program, we may offer admission to a similar program if the admission requirements for the alternative program are met.

**What if I’m missing prerequisite courses for my first choice? Can I upgrade?**
Some students will choose to complete the missing pre-requisite(s) during summer school in order to be reconsidered for their first choice program. If you intend to do this, you must inform our admission’s office so that we can verify whether space exists in your chosen program, and so that we can adjust your file to include proof of registration in the required prerequisite course.

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York also offers three courses to help you to complete the most commonly required prerequisite courses for admission. Courses include Math for Admissions, Pre-U Humanities, Pre-U Social Science. Find the courses here: [continue.yorku.ca](http://continue.yorku.ca).
Can I transfer into my first choice after first year?

When you attend your enrolment appointment, ask your adviser about ways to include your original interest in the new program. Most programs offer the opportunity to add a minor area of study or do a double major. Check our Glossary of Terms at futurestudents.yorku.ca/definitions for definitions to this new vocabulary. The advisor can talk with you about the options available and grades or courses required for achieving your goals.

Where do I find out more information about the alternative program you’re offering me?

For the best information about the alternative program to which you've been admitted, check out the Programs section of York's Future Students website at futurestudents.yorku.ca/programs. From there, you'll find detailed program information and links to department contacts who can answer questions specific to your program area.

I've been offered admission to the same (or similar) major, but a different degree. For example, I applied to BSc Computer Science but was offered BA Computer Science. What does this mean?

This may be because you are missing a required prerequisite course(s) for the degree in question OR it may be because the program is full OR your current average is below the required cutoff for the other degree program. We're pleased to say that your current record meets the requirements for the alternate program for which we have made an offer. We encourage you to consider and accept your alternate offer, and ensure that you will be meeting the final conditions of this offer of admission.

More examples of alternative offers:

Several examples and explanations of alternative offers and next steps are available online at futurestudents.yorku.ca/admitted/alternative-offers, including:

- I applied to a BFA program but have been offered a BA
- I applied to a BSc program but have been offered a BA
- I applied to a specific program but have been offered an "Undeclared Major"

For More Information

For more information, visit the Alternative Offers website at futurestudents.yorku.ca/admitted/alternative-offers

Accept your offer of admission today!
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