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STUDENT POLICY

Policy for Selection and Admission into Agribusiness, Agriculture and Equine **Management Programs**

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1. **PURPOSE**

This policy governs the eligibility for admission and the selection of applicants into Marcus Oldham College's Bachelor of Business (Agriculture) and Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness).

2. SCOPE

This policy will apply to candidates who wish to enter the Bachelor of Business (Agriculture) and Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness).

3. **WORKING DOCUMENTS**

- Procedure for Selection and Admission into Agribusiness, Agriculture and **Equine Business Programs**
- Online Bachelor of Business (Agriculture) Application
- Online Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness) Application
- Online Advance Diploma of Equine Business Management Application
- Pre-entry Interview Forms (FORM-016)
- Application for Exemption Form (FORM-018)
- Academic Guidelines for Undergraduate Studies, STU-026UG

4. **POLICY**

Marcus Oldham College sets a fair, equitable and transparent eligibility criteria for the admission and selection of students into courses. Places available for each of the courses are limited.

Each applicant will be selected and admitted on its individual merit. The criteria which are taken into account for entry of new students included.

Primary Criteria:

- Past academic results
- Years of industry experience following secondary school
- An interview with the candidate

Past Academic Results

Candidates past academic results are to:

- ensure that students have adequate prior knowledge and English language skills and Mathematics to undertake the course of study
- provide recognition for prior learning arrangements that are consistent with the Qualification Standards and preserve the integrity of the course of study in accordance with the Recognition of Prior Learning policy.

Industry Experience (following secondary school)

All candidates must have a minimum of 12 months industry experience postsecondary school. Higher regard will be given to candidates based on the length and depth of their industry experience.

Candidates wishing to study the Agricultural program would be expected to have greater depth of experience in production agriculture.

Interview with the candidate

The most important criteria for selection is an interview with the candidate. Candidates must demonstrate:

- Motivation and enthusiasm for learning
- Commitment to a professional career in agricultural or agribusiness
- Ability of meet the academic requirements of the courses
- A base knowledge of agriculture systems

Secondary criteria:

If a candidate meets the primary criteria, then a secondary criteria may be applied. These are:

- Siblings currently at the College
- Family or other association with the College

Responsibility

The Management Team determines the minimum eligibility criteria for the admission of students into courses. Additional course-specific eligibility criteria and prerequisites require approval by the Academic Board.

The Management Team is responsible for:

- approving the minimum eligibility criteria for the admission of students into courses
- approving admission and selection adjustment factors
- reviewing admission criteria when required
- overseeing compliance with policies in respect of eligibility for admission and selection into courses.

Admission

Eligibility for admission into a course does not guarantee selection into a course.

Unsuccessful Applicants

Candidates who are unsuccessful on the first interview have the right to appeal the decision. Refer to the Procedure for Selection and Admission into Agribusiness and Agriculture Programs.

Unsuccessful applicants have the opportunity to receive feedback on the reasons why they were unsuccessful.

Unsuccessful applicants will have the opportunity to reapply in the following year.

5. PROCEDURE

Refer to the Procedure for Selection and Admission into Agribusiness and Agriculture Programs

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