



Credit Rating

	UBC	
	Actual Rating	Required Rating
Moody's	Aa1	Better than Aa3
Standard and Poor's	AA+	Better than AA-

Benchmark

UBC has the highest credit rating among Canadian Universities. Comparable universities include:

	McGill Rating	U of T Rating
Moody's	Aa2	Aa2
Standard and Poor's	AA-	AA

Description

Moody's Rating:

Aaa	Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk.
Aa	Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.
A	Obligations rated A are judged to be upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.

Standard and Poor's Rating:

'AAA'	Extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments. Highest Rating
'AA'	Very strong capacity to meet financial commitments.
'A'	Strong capacity to meet financial commitments but somewhat susceptible to adverse economic conditions and changes in circumstances.

Person with lead responsibility for this metric: Treasurer

Data collection will be from: Treasury

Date: Confirmed annually, or when rate changes.

Explanation of Results

Moody's ratings rationale: Reflects a consistently solid operating performance, a large endowment and a modest debt burden. The ratings also take into account the strong market position of UBC, supported by robust student demand and extensive research activities.

Standard and Poor's rationale: Ratings reflect strong student demand and strong reputation, good modified accrual surpluses, and moderate, stable external debt burden. Possible reductions in provincial funding and erosion of unrestricted financial resources through internal financing of capital projects, constrain the rating assessment.

Recommended Action

None