Historical Entrance GPA for UBC Engineering Programs

Background

Placement into second year engineering programs is done competitively, and space in each program is limited. You will complete a second year placement form, due May 15, to rank your program choices and to provide a personal statement that describes more about you than your GPA alone can. In general, programs consider your GPA and your personal statement together when determining whether to accept you to that program. Importantly, your personal statement is read *only* by the program you indicate as your first choice on your placement form. More information on program selection and placement can be found under "2nd Year Placement" here: http://students.engineering.ubc.ca/enrolment/placement/.

To assist you in ranking your program choices and in determining which program you will write your personal statement for, the attached chart has been prepared. It shows historical entrance GPA data, by engineering program at UBC Vancouver, for students who got into their first choice.

What this chart is

- This is a summary of historical data from 2014W to 2017W
- This is a rough guide to help inform program selection and ranking decisions

What this chart is not

- This is NOT an assessment of the quality of the different programs
- This is NOT a statement of the capabilities of students in the different programs, other than what is described by aggregate GPA
- This is NOT a guarantee of minimum requirements for placement in a program
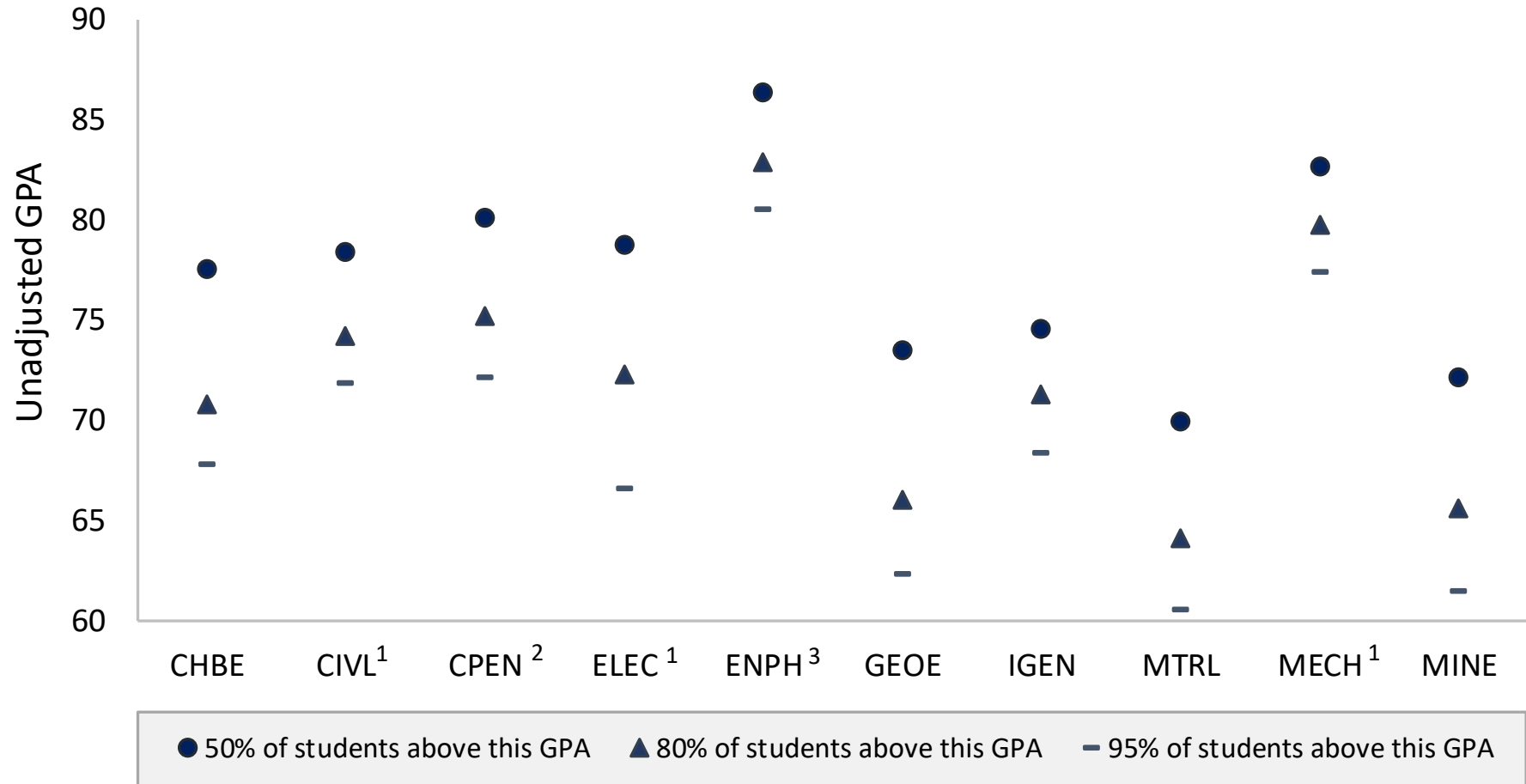
How to read this chart

For each program, there are three datum points. Each point is based on the unadjusted GPA of students who had selected that program as their first choice and were ultimately admitted to that program. The "unadjusted GPA" is the GPA before the consideration of the personal statements (which some programs use to generate an "adjusted GPA"). The circle (●) represents the median unadjusted GPA – 50% of students admitted over the last four years had an unadjusted GPA above this value, and 50% had an unadjusted GPA below this. The triangle (▲) represents the 20th percentile (80% of students had a GPA above this, and 20% below), and the dash (–) represents the 5th percentile (95% of students were above, and 5% below).

How to use this information

This chart cannot tell you which program is best for you or what the cut-off GPA will be for any program this year; however, it gives you some rough indication of how competitive your application to your first-choice program *might* be. If your GPA at the end of first year is near the median value in a program, there is a very good chance (but no guarantee) that you will be accepted into that program if you rank it as your first choice. If your GPA at the end of first year is closer to the 5th percentile in a program, there is still a chance that your application to that program could be successful, and your personal statement will be all the more important.

Historical First Choice Entrance GPA - 4 year average

● 50% of students above this GPA   ▲ 80% of students above this GPA   − 95% of students above this GPA

Notes

1. Values shown are for UBC Vancouver. The School of Engineering (SOE) at UBC Okanagan also offers programs in CIVL, ELEC, and MECH. At the SOE, there is a common second year and then students declare their specialization in CIVL, ELEC, or MECH prior to third year. The number of seats in each program at the SOE is typically *not* capped (i.e. if you are admitted to the SOE for second year, you typically have your choice of specialization in third year.) Speak to the SOE for details.

2. For the last several years there was an increase in the average GPA for CPEN and the data in the chart might not be representative for this coming year. For 2016W and 2017W combined, the 50%, 80%, and 95% values were 82.0%, 78.5%, and 76.8%, respectively.

3. Engineering Physics uses interviews as part of its admissions process, and successful candidates are determined by a mix of overall grades, math and physics grades, and a personal interview. The grade distribution shown in this document should not be used to estimate likelihood of being admitted to ENPH.