



# Saint Mary's University Fact Sheet for Visiting Students from Partner Institutions

1 General Information	
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<b>Characteristics</b>	Saint Mary's University is one of Canada's top primary undergraduate universities--known for its international collaborations, leadership in entrepreneurship, and research that benefits local and global communities. Our programs in Arts, Science, Graduate Studies and the Sobey School of Business are among Canada's best and feature professors who are committed to the success of their students. Saint Mary's provides our 7,000 students with a place that fosters possibility, excellent research opportunities, and distinguished graduate and professional programs combined with a caring community. Nestled in the heart of Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Canada's east coast, Saint Mary's University is marked by iconic buildings, green spaces and fresh ocean air. The Saint Mary's University community is committed to a prosperous future for the world—a world without limits.
<b>Website</b>	▶ <a href="#">University homepage</a> ▶ <a href="#">Visiting SMU Info Page</a> ▶ <a href="#">Quick facts</a> ▶ <a href="#">Why Saint Mary's?</a> ▶ <a href="#">Academic programs</a> ▶ <a href="#">Life in Halifax</a> ▶ <a href="#">Cost of living</a>

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2. Academic Information	
<b>Academic Dates</b>	Fall 2021: September 8 – December 8 <sup>th</sup> (exams Dec. 11-21) Winter 2022: January 4 – April 7 (exams Apr. 11-26)
<b>Course Load</b>	3-5 courses in a semester - each course meets for approx. 3 hours/week for 13 weeks and is worth 3 credit hours.
<b>Course list</b>	1 Go to <a href="http://selfservice.smu.ca/">http://selfservice.smu.ca/</a> □ select “Class Schedule” 2 Select ‘Sept-Dec 2021’ or ‘Jan-Apr 2022’ □ ‘Submit’ 3 Select the subject □ click on “Class Search”. 4 Look up undergraduate courses, numbered from 1000 to 4999.
<b>Course Registration Period</b>	<a href="#">Registration is completed online</a> beginning April 13 <sup>th</sup> until September 14 <sup>th</sup> for Fall term and until January 14 <sup>th</sup> for Winter Term <b>Register once accepted to SMU, since courses will close for registration once full. Permission from SMU academic advisors is required before registering in courses with pre-requisites.</b>
3 Eligibility	
<b>Language Requirements</b>	TOEFL iBT 80, IELTS 6.5 or equivalent (test result is <u>not</u> required)
<b>GPA Requirements</b>	There is no GPA requirement, but pre-requisite courses for a SMU course need a pass at a grade of 65% or higher at the home institution.
<b>Other Considerations</b>	<b>Not all course options may be available due to insufficient pre-requisites, enrollment limit, etc.</b> Thus, Saint Mary's exchange program may not be suitable for students who need a specific set of courses.
4 Application for Admission	
<b>Application Period</b>	Fall 2021: Beginning March 15 <sup>th</sup> ( <b>recommended, especially for fall semester-only students applying for on-campus housing</b> ) to Late May*  Winter 2022: March 15 <sup>th</sup> (recommended) to Mid-September*  *Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and past the above periods on an individual basis. Please email <a href="mailto:Miyuki.arai@smu.ca">Miyuki.arai@smu.ca</a> and consult.
<b>Application Materials</b>	<b>Home Institution Coordinator</b> will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Confirm the number of exchange places available for their institution.</li> <li>2) Complete the <a href="#">Nomination form</a></li> <li>3) Send a PDF copy of the Letter of Permission (<a href="#">see template</a>) to the students, to include in their admission application.</li> </ol> Email a scan of official grades in English as a PDF issued by the home institution to <a href="mailto:global@smu.ca">global@smu.ca</a> .

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	Following their nomination, the visiting student will receive an email from our office that explains how to apply to Saint Mary's University as a visiting exchange student.		
<b>5 Insurance</b>			
	The <a href="#">SMU Students' Association (SMUSA)</a> Basic Health, Extended Health and Dental Plans are mandatory, unless the student's alternative coverage arranged through their home institution meets the " <a href="#">Opt-Out</a> " requirement.		
<b>6 Housing</b>			
<b>Options</b>	<a href="#">Single Student Housing</a> or <a href="#">Senior Apartments</a>		
<b>Application</b>	<a href="#">Apply online</a> with a \$25 application fee. A \$500 residence confirmation deposit via credit card is required when a bed space is offered.		
<b>When to Apply</b>	<b>For Fall 2021: as soon as the student ID is issued upon admissions.</b> For Winter 2022: Early October. <b>Spaces are limited.</b>		
<b>Move-in and Move-out</b>	<a href="#">Move-in is usually 2-3 days</a> before the semester begin. Move out is 24 hours after your final exam.		
<b>7 Student Support &amp; Resources</b>			
	Resources and support for visiting students are available through the Global Learning Office and Student Services including <a href="#">Welcome Week orientation</a> , <a href="#">Airport pick up</a> , <a href="#">SMUfit gym membership</a> , and <a href="#">International Student support</a> . For a full list of resources visit <a href="https://studio.smu.ca/visiting-smu">https://studio.smu.ca/visiting-smu</a> .		
<b>8 Fee</b>			
<b>Tuition fees for fee-paying students</b>	(the below tuition rate is for academic year 2020-21)		
	<b>Per course tuition in Arts is CAD\$1906</b>	<b>Per course tuition in Sobey School of Business is CAD\$2115</b>	<b>Per course tuition in Science is CAD\$2054</b>
	Arts Resource Fee (\$10); Tuition – UG Arts Int'l (\$1708); Campus Renewal Fees (\$35); Copyright Access Fees (\$3); Sport and Recreation Fees (\$5); Student Services Fees (\$5); Rec. Facilities Renewal Fees (\$11)	Sobey Career Service Fee (\$10); Tuition – UG SSB Int'l (\$1904); Campus Renewal Fees (\$35); Copyright Access Fees (\$3); Sport and Recreation Fees (\$5); Student Services Fees (\$5); Rec. Facilities Renewal Fees (\$11)	Science Tech Fee (\$30); Tuition – UG Science Int'l (\$1828); Campus Renewal Fees (\$35); Copyright Access Fees (\$3); Sport and Recreation Fees (\$5); Student Services Fees (\$5); Rec. Facilities Renewal Fees (\$11)
<b>Additional Fees mandatory for ALL students</b>	<p><b>The following fees are mandatory for all students, including tuition-waiver and tuition-discount students.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Totaling approximately \$1450. <a href="#">Fee breakdown</a></li> <li><a href="#">Residence Fees</a></li> <li>Includes: Students' Association, The Journal, Bus U-Pass, and</li> </ul>		

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	<b>Insurance Plan</b> (mandatory unless 'Opt-out' is approved based on CAD\$2 million alternative coverage through home institution)
<b>Payment due dates and payment methods</b>	<p>Course tuition (as applicable), student fees, insurance, and housing &amp; meal plan (mandatory for Loyola and Vanier Single/Double rooms) are paid via the Saint Mary's <a href="#">Self Service Banner</a> account by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>September 17 2021 in Fall semester</b></li><li>• <b>January 18 2022 for Winter semester</b></li></ul> <p>Students can <a href="#">view the Account Summary by Term</a>, and explore the <a href="#">payment methods</a>. CIBC International Student Pay is the most convenient payment methods for international students. Saint Mary's cannot accept credit card payments, however <b>CIBC International Pay allows students to use Visa &amp; MasterCard Debit and Credit Cards</b>, Wire Transfer, etc.</p>
<b>9 Immigration</b>	
<b>Study Permit</b>	<p>While the <a href="#">Canadian Border remains closed</a> to non-essential travel, all visiting international students require a <a href="#">study permit</a> to travel to Canada regardless of the duration of their stay.</p> <p>When the Canadian Border opens again, all international students staying for less than 6 months will need either <a href="#">an Electronic Traveller Authorization (eTA)</a> or a <a href="#">visitor visa</a> to enter Canada. In addition, students on a two-semester exchange will need <a href="#">a Study Permit</a></p>