



**Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada**  
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**19%**

Percentage of International students.



**\$3 M**

Amount available in financial awards each year.



**69**

Number of countries our students come from.

**90%**

Percentage of students satisfied with the quality of teaching at MSVU.



**4,982**

Total number of students in 2021-2022.



**100+**

Number of student clubs and societies.



**100%**

Percentage of undergrad programs offering experiential learning opportunities.



**40**

Number of acres of green space.



**7**

Number of varsity athletics teams representing four sports.



**40+**

Number of years MSVU has been offering distance education.

# A degree with a difference

At MSVU, we're all about challenging the status quo and making a difference, both locally and around the world. This perspective is the foundation of all our programs – and that means you're not just earning a degree, you're earning a degree with a difference.

Whether you're physically sitting in a classroom or signing in online, your classes will be small enough for your professors to know you by name, not by number. And they'll care about your academic and personal success. You'll also take part in group discussions and small team projects that enhance your experience. And it'll all happen while you explore new ideas and the latest discoveries, thanks to our professors' cutting-edge research.

No matter where you are on your educational journey – starting university for the first time, transferring from another university or community college, going back to school, or moving to Nova Scotia from another part of the world – we're ready to offer you an experience like no other.



# Welcome

**Fly to major cities in just a few hours!**

*Toronto, Canada – 2 hours*  
*Montreal, Canada – 1.5 hours*  
*Calgary, Canada – 5 hours*  
*New York, USA – 2 hours*  
*Boston, USA – 1.5 hours*  
*London, England – 7 hours*





# On the coast, in the city

Every year, more than 60,000 university students from all over the world call Halifax home. So what's all the fuss about?

Just a few minutes from our campus, you'll find downtown Halifax. You can also find it in a dictionary – just look up “thriving.” And if you've never been to Halifax before, you're in for a treat.

One minute, you could be trying on an amazing outfit at a fashion-forward boutique. The next minute? Maybe you're kicking back at a waterfront café and watching the ships sail by, or seeing the next big indie rock band at a local venue. With vibrant theatre, music, and arts communities, Halifax is pulsing with life – and you can be part of it!





# Life on the hill

The International Education Centre (IEC) is here to support you throughout your university experience. We'll even help you beyond graduation! Providing you with personal, academic, cultural, career and immigration advising, the IEC will ensure you make a smooth transition to both MSVU and Canada. Our supports include:

- Regulated International Student Immigration Advisors (RISIA)
- Pre-departure and arrival support
- New International Student Orientation
- English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programs
- Free English Language support
- Student mobility and exchange programs
- Volunteer and leadership programs
- Career pathway assistance
- Social activities and events
- Academic and cultural advising

To learn more about how we take care of our international students, visit [msvu.ca/international](https://msvu.ca/international)









# Athletics, fitness and recreation

## Student athletes

Some of the top athletes and coaches in Canada call MSVU home, so joining the Mystics Athletics program is your best bet to becoming the finest student-athlete you can be! Mystics compete regionally in the Atlantic Collegiate Athletics Association (ACAA), and nationally in the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA).

Not to brag, but our varsity women's and men's basketball, soccer and cross country running teams, as well as our women's volleyball team, have more combined ACAA championship titles than any of our competition. Most recently, we added three new ACAA banners to our collection, bringing home the gold in women's and men's basketball and women's volleyball. #MountMystics #OneWayTogether. Learn more at [msvu.ca/athletics](https://msvu.ca/athletics)

## The Mount Fitness Centre (MFC)

Looking to stay physically active on campus? The MFC can help! As an MSVU student, you receive a free membership that gives you full access to our conditioning centre, free group fitness classes, 35% off recreation programs and much more. Sign-up is easy and the Fitness Centre is open seven days a week! Learn more at [msvu.ca/fit](https://msvu.ca/fit)

## Campus Rec

Get involved, make friends and have fun with Campus Rec! Try something new with our intramurals, clubs, societies, and student social events. Or, join the many Mystic fans who don their MSVU gear to cheer on our home team! There's something for everyone! Learn more at [msvu.ca/campusrec](https://msvu.ca/campusrec)

## #Humblebrag

In 2020-21, 35 of our student athletes were CCAA National Scholars with a GPA of 3.7 or higher!











# Home is where the dorm is

Best part about living on campus? Rolling out of bed five minutes before class and still making it on time. OK, actually the best part is spending all your free time hanging out and making new friends. But the sleeping-in part runs a close second. (Just be sure to swap your slippers for some actual shoes before you run out the door.)

Monitored 24/7 by on-campus security, MSVU's residences have the absolute best residence assistants and program coordinators. Their job is to work together to keep you safe and happy.

All in all, you'd be hard pressed to find a more affordable and convenient place to live, learn and just hang out.

Learn more about residence at [msvu.ca/liveoncampus](https://msvu.ca/liveoncampus)

## **BEST PART?**

Rosaria Dining Hall has an all-you-care-to-eat buffet that offers healthy, delicious meal options seven days a week.

# Work-integrated learning

Looking for experience outside the classroom? Every program at MSVU provides students with the opportunity to put theory to the test through experiential learning. That's right, every program at MSVU has an internship, co-op or practicum opportunity attached.

As an Arts or Science student, you can apply for a 13+ week internship in your third year. History buff? You could find yourself working in a museum in Halifax. Or, as a Science student, you could be working in a lab or in the field doing hands-on research.

For our Professional Studies students, a co-op work term, internship or practicum is available for every program.

Our co-ops span three terms over your degree, giving you a full year of work experience in three different settings prior to graduation—and a leg-up on your peers.

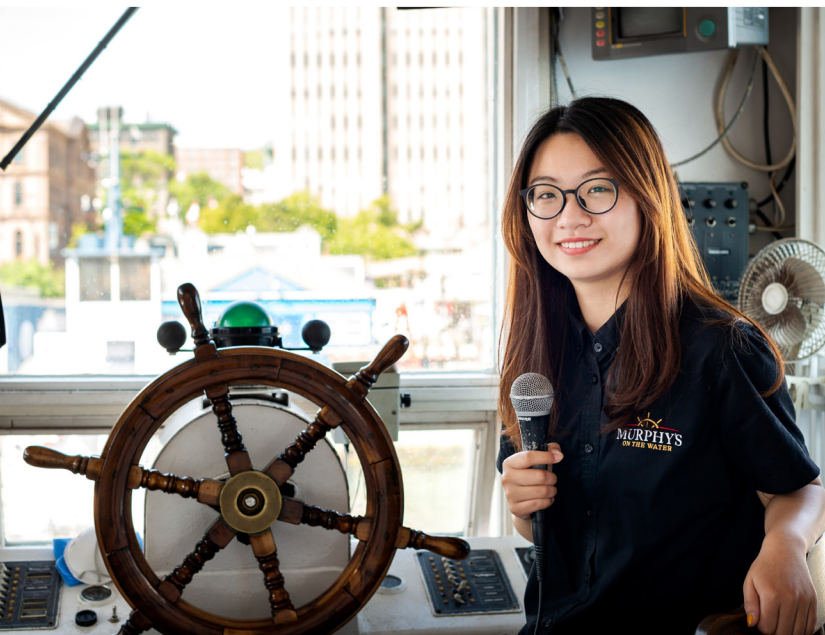
Finally, all Education students are required to complete a practicum. MSVU is the first university in Nova Scotia to offer Education students a non-traditional practicum, meaning your work experiences aren't restricted to the classroom. In fact, we encourage our Education students to explore what other opportunities exist as an educator beyond the school environment.

Learn more about our Experiential Learning opportunities at [msvu.ca/explearning](https://msvu.ca/explearning)

**THAT'S  
RIGHT**

MSVU is home to the longest-standing accredited Co-operative Education program in our region!





# Programs

## Faculty of Arts and Science

### Bachelor of Arts

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Applied Statistics **	Public Policy Studies
Business Administration *	Queer Studies *
Canadian Studies	Religious Studies **
Child and Youth Study *	Sociology/Anthropology
Communication	Spanish **
Communication Technology *	Women's Studies
Cultural Studies	Writing *
Economics	
English	
Family Studies +	
French	
Gerontology +	
History	
Mathematics	
Peace and Conflict Studies *	
Philosophy **	
Philosophy & Religion *	
Political Studies	
Psychology	

### Bachelor of Science

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Biology
Chemistry
Mathematics
Neuroscience *
Physics *
Psychology
Science Communication *

+ Denotes subjects offered only as combined majors, minors and concentrations

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## Faculty of Professional Studies

### Bachelor of Arts

Child and Youth Study (*Practicum required*)

### Bachelor of Business Administration

(*Co-operative Education option*)

- Accounting
- Community Leadership
- International option
- General
- Management
- Marketing
- Strategic Human Resource Management
- Information Technology \*

### Bachelor of Public Relations

(*Co-operative Education required*)

### Bachelor of Science Applied Human Nutrition

(*Internship option for Dietetics program*)

- Dietetics
- Nutrition

### Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management

(*Co-operative Education or Practicum required*)



## Faculty of Education

### Bachelor of Education

*Applicants may pursue a Bachelor of Education after receiving an undergraduate degree*

- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education

## Faculty of Graduate Studies

Master of Applied Human Nutrition

Master of Arts in Child and Youth Study

Master of Arts in Communication

Master of Arts in Education

Master of Arts in Family Studies and Gerontology

Master of Arts in School Psychology

Master of Arts in Women and Gender Studies  
*(awarded jointly with Saint Mary's University)*

Master of Education

Master of Science in Applied Human Nutrition

Master of Public Relations

Research Master of Arts

PhD in Educational Studies  
*(awarded jointly with Acadia and St. Francis Xavier universities)*

## Diplomas & Certificates

### Undergraduate Diplomas

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Business Administration

Tourism & Hospitality Management

### Graduate Diplomas

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Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (Children)

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (Adults)

### Undergraduate Certificates

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Accounting

Business Administration

Community Leadership

Marketing

Proficiency in French

Tourism & Hospitality Management

### Graduate Certificates

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Health Communication and Aging

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (Children)

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (Adult)

# Admission requirements

Bachelor of	First language (min 65%)	Math	Science	Additional academic requirements	Minimum overall average
Arts	✓	*		4 other courses	70% with no mark below 60%
Arts (Child and Youth Study)	✓	*		4 other courses	70% with no mark below 60%
Business Administration	✓	**		3 other courses	70% with no mark below 60%
Public Relations	***			4 other courses	70% with no mark below 60%
Science in Biology or Chemistry	✓	**	1 Chemistry recommended + 1 Natural Science****	1 other course	70% with no mark below 60%
Science in Mathematics or Psychology	✓	**	1 Natural Science****	2 other courses	70% with no mark below 60%
Science in Applied Human Nutrition	✓	**	1 Chemistry + 1 Science (Biology recommended)	1 other course	70% with no mark below 60%
Tourism and Hospitality Management	✓	**		3 other courses	70% with no mark below 60%

\* Grade 11 or 12 academic math required to declare a major in Child and Youth Study and Psychology

Grade 12 academic math required to declare a major in Economics, Public Policy Studies or Math

\*\* Grade 12 academic math required

\*\*\* Grade 12 academic English with a minimum average of 75% required for Public Relations

\*\*\*\* Natural Science = Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Geology



# Language requirements

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If your first language is not English, official reports with acceptable scores from one of the following tests must be submitted:

<b>Undergraduate</b>	Full-time studies at MSVU	University Bridging Program (part-time)
IELTS	6.5 or higher (no mark below 6.0)	6.0 (no mark below 5.5)
TOEFL iBT	86 or higher (no mark below 21)	80-85 (no mark below 20)

<b>Graduate</b>	Full-time studies at MSVU	Graduate Preparatory Program (part-time)	University Bridging Program (part-time)
IELTS	7.0 or higher (no mark below 6.5)	6.5 (no mark below 6.0)	6.0 (no mark below 5.5)
TOEFL iBT	93 or higher (no mark below 23)	86-92 (no mark below 21)	80-85 (no mark below 20)

If you are close to meeting our English language requirements, our English for Academic Preparation (EAP) Programs allow you to study and complete your language training on MSVU's campus.

See which programs are right for you at [msvu.ca/eap](https://msvu.ca/eap)

## Free Language Assistance

The International Education Centre offers unlimited language support to you free-of-charge, including one-on-one language tutorials, study groups, and workshops.

Need help? Check out [msvu.ca/international](https://msvu.ca/international)

# Tuition & other fees

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## Average costs for September to April

### International Student Tuition (undergraduate)

\$17,335 - \$17,765

### International Student Health Plan\*

\$654

### Textbooks and Supplies

\$800 - \$1,800 (depending on program)

### Students' Union Fees

\$228

### Other Fees (approximate)

\$544

## Residence

### Single (Birches 1 - 4 or Assisi Hall)

\$10,551 - \$11,401 (includes meal plan)

### Single (Birch 5 mature/international)

\$6,217 (plus \$1,035 meal plan)

### Single (Westwood)

\$11,401 (includes meal plan)

### Apartment (Westwood, per occupant)

\$7,148 (plus \$1,035 flex cash for food services)

## Financial Assistance

The Financial Aid Office will help you with student bursary applications and budgeting. We administer three types of bursaries at MSVU — Entrance, In Course and Student Works. You will receive your Entrance bursary application in your acceptance package.

For more information visit [msvu.ca/moneymatters](https://msvu.ca/moneymatters)

## Scholarships

MSVU makes available more than \$3 million in scholarships and bursaries to students each year. If you apply by March 1, you will be guaranteed a scholarship if you are a high school (domestic or international) applicant with an 80% or higher average.

For more information, visit [msvu.ca/entrancescholarships](https://msvu.ca/entrancescholarships)

\*International students are required to take the International Student Health Plan unless they are covered by MSI (Nova Scotia's provincial health plan). An opt-out process is available for those students who have MSI coverage, in which case the student will be assessed for the Students' Union Medical Plan.



# Three steps to becoming an MSVU student

# 1

## Apply

Apply by March 1 to be eligible for our generous entrance scholarships! There is no deadline for general applications and many of our programs start in September, January or May. Complete our application form and pay the application fee (CAD\$40) at [msvu.ca/apply](https://msvu.ca/apply)

# 2

## Official Transcripts

Ask your school to send us your original transcripts and a notarized translated copy if the language of instruction is not in English. Be sure to pay attention to program-specific requirements.

If English is a foreign language to you, please send us your proof of English proficiency.

# 3

## Confirm Your Seat

Once conditionally accepted to MSVU, your CAD\$500 confirmation deposit secures your spot and we can then provide you with the official letter required to apply for a Canadian study permit.

You can pay your deposit at any time by visiting [msvu.ca/pay](https://msvu.ca/pay)

## Connect with us

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## Questions? We're here to help

Office of Student Recruitment

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1-902-457-6651

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