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**The grass is  
greener  
where it's  
watered**

Growth doesn't happen by accident. To reach new heights, you need the right environment and the right support. To truly become the greatest version of yourself, you need to be nurtured. And there's one school that does this better than anywhere else.

At Mount Saint Vincent University, we're small enough to focus on helping you reach your full potential. At every turn, you'll discover what makes small so wonderful. Small classes, small campus, small community—all adding up to big ideas and big opportunities.

Because sometimes, it's the smallest gardens that offer the greatest growth.

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Thank you for taking a closer look at MSVU.

As you flip through the pages of this book, you'll get a glimpse of all that our university has to offer: renowned professors; caring and supportive staff; a close-knit community of students who work hard but also know how to have fun; and a beautiful campus located in vibrant Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

At MSVU, we take a personalized approach to education so you can learn and grow in ways that are important and specific to you. Whether you're destined for the classroom, the boardroom, the science lab or beyond, we're ready to support your journey.

This is especially true in the age of COVID-19. Our 40-year history of delivering distance and online courses has set us up well for bringing more of our exceptional course offerings, academic supports, and student services online. We know this is a strange and challenging time, and we're committed to doing all that we can to make your life easier. But I also know you are incredibly resilient — look at all you've accomplished to get to this point!

Our community is a never-ending source of inspiration, knowledge, and passion, and I would love for you to be a part of it. I look forward to meeting you soon — whether it's in-person or over a screen!

Stay safe and be well.

A handwritten signature in white ink on a blue background. The signature is cursive and reads "Mary Bluechardt". The name "Mary" is written in a smaller, more compact script, while "Bluechardt" is written in a larger, more flowing script with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Mary Bluechardt  
President and Vice-Chancellor

# A degree with a difference

At MSVU, we're all about challenging the status quo and making a positive 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 truly 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.

**SMALL  
CLASSES**

Your professors will know  
you by name, not by number.





# 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 some 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!

**BEST  
PART?**

It's all at your fingertips. Especially when those fingertips are holding your Halifax Transit student bus pass. Jump on any bus at any time to get where you want to go!

# Life on the hill

Whether you're living it up in one of our residence buildings, commuting to campus or studying online, your life at MSVU is guaranteed to rock.

For starters, our student body takes "global perspective" to the next level, with representation from close to 70 countries. So you're not just making friends — you're also discovering diverse points of view.

Speaking of diversity, our student clubs and societies span just about every topic you can imagine. With strong connections to the community, we have something for everyone.

All of this happens at your own little retreat in the city. With more than 40 acres of green space, there's always room to relax and take a break from the hustle and bustle. And study, of course.

CHECK US  
OUT

Want to take a look around? Book a personalized campus tour at [msvu.ca/bookatour](https://msvu.ca/bookatour), or watch our video tour at [msvu.ca/campustour](https://msvu.ca/campustour)





# Residence: Your home away from home



Living in residence will add a unique dimension to your university experience. Apart from the convenience of living close to classes, labs, the dining hall, library, and fitness centre, it's one of the best ways to become more involved in campus life.

There are three types of on-campus housing: traditional dorms (Assisi Hall), townhouses (The Birches) and apartment-style accommodations (Westwood). There's something to suit everyone!

To apply for your room in residence, visit [msvu.ca/liveoncampus](https://msvu.ca/liveoncampus)



Single room - Assisi Hall



Lounge with kitchenette - Assisi Hall



Single bathroom - Assisi Hall

# Dig into the details

## Assisi Hall

### Traditional dorm rooms

Ideal for first-year students, this 12-storey building overlooks the Bedford Basin and houses 142 students, almost all in single rooms. Assisi Hall offers laundry facilities, as well as lounge areas with kitchenettes for socializing.

**Room size: 12' x 9.5'**

## The Birches

### Townhouses

This group of five spacious townhouses offers a nice mix for everyone. The Birches each have 21 single rooms complete with a lounge, kitchen, laundry room and storage.

**Room size: 11' x 10'**

## Westwood

### Apartment-style

MSVU's newest residence is geared for upper-year or transfer students (19 and older). Westwood has mostly four-bedroom, fully-furnished apartments complete with living room, kitchen and two bathrooms. If apartment living isn't for you, Westwood also offers a floor of single dorm-style rooms. This floor also boasts three lounges and a brand new games room.

**Premium single room size: 20' x 8.5' | Apartment room size: 13' x 8.5'**

Check out our Residence tour videos at [msvu.ca/campustour](https://msvu.ca/campustour)

**FUN  
FACT**

There are Living Learning Communities (LLCs) in every residence. An LLC houses a group of students connected by their academic program or other similar interest. They participate in activities that take their learning beyond the classroom, such as monthly study sessions, collaboration with student societies, and meet-and-greets with faculty mentors.

# Dining on campus

Let's be real: there are few things better in life than a good meal. After all, you gotta stay healthy if you want to be sharp as a tack in class. Lucky for you, our dining options offer a ton of variety and flexibility to suit your schedule and taste.

## Rosaria Dining Hall

This all-you-care-to-eat buffet offers healthy, delicious meal options seven days a week. Trust us: the cooking demos, soup, sandwiches, and gourmet pizza are all top notch.

## Seton Café

If you're in more of a rush, Seton Café is your best bet. A popular stop for students at the bottom of campus, you'll find Tim Hortons, The Comfort Kitchen, Create Salads/Sandwiches and Pizza Pizza. This makes for the perfect stop between classes or on your way to the library.

## McCain Café

Located in the McCain Centre, this is where you'll find Starbucks drinks and food from local bakeries and delicatessens. It's your one-stop snack shop!

**BON  
APPETIT!**

Pro tip: Make your own culinary creation in My Pantry, a student kitchen located in Rosaria Dining Hall that's filled with an assortment of yummy food!





# Student services

Every now and then, we all need a little help from our friends. And from orientation to graduation, we're here to support you. We have a whole team ready to help with career planning, physical and mental well-being, finances, academic success, and much more.

Our on-campus services include:

- Aboriginal Student Centre
- Accessibility Services
- Athletics & Recreation
- Black Student Support Advisor
- Career and Experiential Education Coordinator
- Centre for Academic Advising & Student Success
- Counselling Services
- Health Office
- International Education Centre
- Learning Strategist
- Library
- Print Shop
- Writing Centre

Learn more at [msvu.ca/student-services](https://msvu.ca/student-services)

HONESTLY,  
THOUGH

How handsome is Charlie, our therapy dog? Charlie is part of our Counselling Services team, which helps students who are dealing with a variety of mental health issues, such as anxiety, depression, social issues and homesickness.

# Your success is our success

Coming to university can be a big adjustment. But our small size means we can offer a range of programs and services designed to help you take full advantage of everything MSVU has to offer. Some of those services include:

## Mount 101

You probably have questions about what life at MSVU will be like and how to get the most out of your time here. Don't stress! As an incoming undergraduate student, you'll complete our Mount 101 program — your free, first-year survival guide. Designed to help make your transition to university as smooth as possible, Mount 101 includes an online program and the support of Mount Mentors. Learn more at [msvu.ca/Mount101](https://msvu.ca/Mount101)

## Centre for Academic Advising & Student Success

The Centre for Academic Advising & Student Success (CAASS) is a hub for advising activities and academic supports on campus. This is where you'll find our Academic Advisors, Learning Strategist, Mount Mentors, and the Mount 101 Coordinator. The Mount Writing Centre, located in the EMF building, is also here to help with all of your writing needs. Whether you need help understanding degree requirements, deciding on a major or minor, developing study skills, writing academic papers, or connecting with the right person or department, the CAASS team is here for you. Learn more at [msvu.ca/CAASS](https://msvu.ca/CAASS)





# Equity, diversity and inclusion

If there's one thing you need to know about us, it's this: MSVU was built upon a foundation of equity and inclusion. That's why those principles remain at the core of everything we do today. We embrace what makes each and every one of us unique, including (but hey—not limited to!) ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, mental and physical ability, socio-economic status, age, religion, and political affiliation.

Of course, it's one thing to say we embrace diversity. But do we actually back it up with support and services for our students? You bet.

## Aboriginal Student Centre (ASC)

As part of a campus-wide commitment to creating a welcoming environment for all Indigenous students, the ASC is a space where students can meet and chat and also have access to an Advisor who can help navigate any questions or concerns pertaining to student life. The ASC also hosts lots of cultural and traditional events and activities. Learn more at [msvu.ca/asc](https://msvu.ca/asc)

## Black Student Support Advisor

Whether you're African Nova Scotian, Black Canadian, or an international student, there may be times when you need support and our Black Student Support Advisor is here to help! Learn more at [msvu.ca/blackstudentsupport](https://msvu.ca/blackstudentsupport)

## 2SLGBTQIA+ resources

MSVU is committed to supporting members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community—from the MSVU Students' Union Pride Centre, to the 2SLGBTQIA+\* Pride Advocacy Committee, to inclusive counselling and health services. Learn more at [msvu.ca/pride](https://msvu.ca/pride)

*\*2SLGBTQIA+ is an acronym for two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual, while + stands for other ways individuals express their gender and sexuality outside heteronormativity and the gender binary.*

## Accessibility Services

MSVU's Accessibility Services team is here to help students identify and access academic supports that are unique to each learner's needs. The team provides individualized support and encourages self-advocacy and an equitable learning environment. Learn more at [msvu.ca/accessibilityservices](https://msvu.ca/accessibilityservices)

# 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 become the best 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 championship titles than any of our competition.

Our newest addition — cross-country running — is already one of our most popular teams and is looking to start pulling in some championship banners of its own. #MountMystics #OneWayTogether. Learn more at [msvu.ca/athletics](https://msvu.ca/athletics)

## The Mount Fitness Centre

Looking for a healthy life balance? The Mount Fitness Centre can help! As an MSVU student, you'll get a membership that gives you access to fitness, active living, wellness, and recreational programs. 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 fans who don their MSVU gear to cheer on our Mystics. There's something for everyone! Learn more at [msvu.ca/campusrec](https://msvu.ca/campusrec)

#HUMBLEBRAG

In 2019-20, 21 of our student athletes were CCAA National Scholars with a GPA of 3.7 or higher!





*Photo submitted by MSVU BEd student Daniel Muise. It was taken while he was teaching on practicum in Shanghai, China. What an experience!*

# Small school, broad horizons

Got the travel bug? Well, every year (when we're not dealing with a global pandemic) a number of MSVU students take their studies abroad via one of our exchange partners.

This is the definition of "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity." Spend a term or two exploring new countries, languages and cultures, while getting academic credit for a full-time course load.

Our many exchange partners are located in the following countries:

- Austria
- Cayman Islands
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- Estonia
- France
- Kenya
- Mexico
- Norway
- South Korea
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Sweden
- The Netherlands
- United Arab Emirates

Looking for a shorter experience? How about immersing yourself in Chinese culture? We're happy to offer a three-week China Summer Institute. You and other students from MSVU will take classes in language, history and culture at one of our partner universities for two weeks, followed by a week of exploring Beijing and Shanghai. And yes, you get credit for this, too — what's not to love?

# Take your classroom with you

No matter how far apart we are, Online Learning can bring us together. At MSVU, we've been delivering distance and online courses for 40 years and we're bringing all that experience forward in these transformative times.

MSVU's Online Learning platform offers access to a range of fascinating courses, as well as programs that you can complete fully online, such as our longstanding Bachelor of Business Administration degree. We take a student-centered course design approach to develop courses that are interactive, easy to navigate, and fun.

## What to expect

Depending on your course, you may find options in our platform to work in groups, engage in discussions, access library resources, deliver presentations, complete quizzes, respond to questions in discussion forums, and so much more. Your online courses may include extras like interactive video, real-time polling, and Yammer—a 24/7, mobile-friendly social media app.

Our virtual classroom software takes flexible education to the next level, allowing you to join classes online in real-time and revisit recorded classes. In a live online class, you will get to listen to your professor, view slideshows, talk to your peers, brainstorm on whiteboards, work in small groups, and do a variety of activities and polling. You can ask questions, give answers, and engage throughout the class meeting with both microphone and chat options.

MSVU is welcoming students to the online classroom of the future. Learn more at [msvu.ca/online](https://msvu.ca/online)



# Study up

Learning is not a one-size-fits-all kind of situation. That's why it's important to have a variety of programs that offer hands-on experience, alongside the more traditional kind of teaching.

And the great thing about MSVU is that, no matter what you want to learn or how you want to learn it, we probably have something for you.

For information on courses available at MSVU, go to [msvu.ca/academics](https://msvu.ca/academics)

## Faculty of Arts and Science

### Bachelor of Arts

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

### Bachelor of Science

Biology  
 Chemistry  
 Mathematics  
 Neuroscience\*  
 Physics \*  
 Psychology  
 Science Communication\*

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

\* Denotes subjects offered only as minors

\*\* Denotes subjects offered only as minors and concentrations

# Faculty of Professional Studies

## Bachelor of Arts

*Child and Youth Study  
(Practicum required)*

## Bachelor of Business Administration

*(Co-operative Education option)*

- Accounting
- International option
- General
- Management
- Marketing
- Strategic Human  
Resource Management
- Nonprofit Leadership
- 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 & Hospitality Management

*(Co-operative Education or  
Practicum required)*

# Certificates & Diplomas

## Diplomas

Business Administration

Tourism & Hospitality Management

## Certificates

Accounting

Business Administration

Marketing

Proficiency in French

Nonprofit Leadership

Tourism & Hospitality Management

See lists of our Education and  
Graduate programs on pages  
49 & 50.

# Science

MSVU's science program is home to Dr. Kathy Darvesh (named Canada's best Chemistry educator by College Chemistry Canada in 2016), Dr. Tamara Franz-Odendaal (the NSERC Chair for Women in Science and Engineering for Atlantic Canada, and recent recipient of a grant from the Canadian Space Agency), and Dr. Ian Pottie (leading groundbreaking research in Alzheimer's detection). And then there's Dr. Christine Lackner and Dr. Derek Fisher, Psychology professors and cognitive neuroscientists who use brain imaging technology to study how different populations respond to stimuli.

It's safe to say there's no shortage of big science opportunities at this small school. With the opening of our new applied science research facility in the fall of 2018 and recent multi-million dollar investments in our science labs, you'll dig into hands-on lab work with top-tier technology, alongside some of the most innovative and experienced researchers and instructors around.

Our Arts & Science Internship Program also gives you the opportunity to apply in-class training to real-world scenarios through paid work experience before finishing your degree. This experience will be invaluable when it comes time to apply for jobs, medical school, or a master's degree.

Learn more at [msvu.ca/academics](https://msvu.ca/academics)

*Note that Applied Human Nutrition can be found under Professional Studies.*



## Biology **I**

Biology studies the diversity of all life — from single-celled microbes to highly complex multicellular organisms such as plants and animals — and the genetics, cell biology, biochemistry and metabolism, molecular biology, developmental biology, morphology (form), and physiology (function) of many organisms. Biology students at MSVU have many opportunities to develop valuable analytical and hands-on skills in teaching labs and in state-of-the-art faculty research labs, preparing them for meaningful careers in science. Faculty conduct cutting-edge research on plant physiology, climate change, plant and microbial ecology, molecular and cell biology, and the evolution and development of animals. Since 2011, the Biology Department has been home to the NSERC Chair for Women in Science and Engineering Atlantic.

## Chemistry **I**

Chemistry is the study of matter, its composition, the forces that determine its interactions, the changes it undergoes, and the accompanying changes in energy. The chemistry program at MSVU challenges students to be analytical and creative. As a chemistry student, you will have the opportunity to work directly with faculty in different areas of research such as quantum chemistry and biochemistry, organic and inorganic chemistry, and more. In 2016, MSVU chemistry professor and researcher Dr. Ian Pottie, and colleagues, published the results of a groundbreaking study that identified a new agent for Alzheimer's diagnosis in living patients. The next step? Clinical trials toward earlier and accurate detection of Alzheimer's disease. MSVU is also the home of Canada's top Chemistry educator (2016), Dr. Katherine Darvesh, and an internationally-visible research program in theoretical and quantum chemistry and biochemistry led by award-winning faculty member Dr. Chérif Matta.



## Mathematics **I**

Mathematics is one of the most original products of the human mind. It has many important applications in science, engineering, and statistics, but mathematics is also an important field of study for its own sake. Throughout history, each culture has developed its own mathematics to solve its problems. Today, there is an internationally accepted mathematics that is studied and used across the world. With our increasing need for information and technology, mathematics will play an even more important role in most occupations and fields of study. It will also continue to be a critical topic in the history of ideas, documenting fundamental modes of human thought.

## Psychology **I**

Psychology is the science of the mind and behaviour. It encompasses the entire lifespan and ranges from the firing of individual neurons in the brain to the actions of large groups of people. Our program includes courses from many different subfields of psychology, which allows students the opportunity to study human behaviour from a variety of different perspectives. To ensure a well-rounded view of the subject matter, we require that our students take courses from four different streams: Developmental Psychology, Biological Psychology, Social/Personality Psychology, and Applied Psychology. Many of our students design and conduct original studies during their undergraduate years as well. Recent project topics include the effect of picture-taking on memory, lie detection through instant messaging, motivations for attending post-secondary institutions, and the impact of caffeine on brain function in individuals with schizophrenia.

A close-up photograph of a flower, likely a lily, with petals in shades of pink, purple, and yellow. The word "Arts" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font across the center of the image. The petals are layered, with some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background.

# Arts

There's a reason we refer to the Arts as plural: it just makes sense when you're studying humanity from different angles, asking different questions, employing different methods, and knowing that each approach can learn from the others.

That's also why we hope our students spend some time getting to know all the different programs before deciding on a major or concentration. In the process, you'll pick up habits of critical inquiry and empathy, and develop skills in writing, discussion and presentation.

There's a lot to choose from, with over 20 programs including languages, English, history, and public policy studies, as well as contemporary programs in women's studies, cultural studies, and communication. Plus, Arts students can take courses in the sciences and professional programs, too.

Our Arts faculty are making waves in the world of research. Just look at Dr. Zachary Zimmer and Dr. Maya Eichler, who are both Canada Research Chairs. Dr. Zimmer's research focuses on global issues in health and wellbeing of older people, studied from a demographic perspective, while Dr. Eichler's research focuses on gender, sexual violence, and the Armed Forces, the transition from military to civilian life, and community stories of war and peace.

We know what you're thinking: what about jobs? Well, what you may not know is that Arts students acquire some of the most desirable skills for employment, including critical thinking, public speaking, group work, research, and writing.

MSVU also offers an internship program in Arts, which means you could have the opportunity to pair classroom knowledge and skills with hands-on work experience before finishing your degree.

Learn more at [\*\*msvu.ca/academics\*\*](https://msvu.ca/academics)



## Canadian Studies **I**

Canadian Studies is an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary program that spans Canadian culture and society past, present and future. You will gain a greater understanding of our country and our place in the international community. You'll study Canadian values, politics, history, art, economics and literature. You'll explore and debate a variety of topics such as the art of the Group of Seven, First Nations governance and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

## Communication **I**

Communication is a multidisciplinary program that draws from a variety of approaches, theories, methods, and other resources to analyze communication in social, political and cultural environments that are rapidly changing and becoming increasingly complex. This program is designed to meet the needs of students interested in an undergraduate degree in Communication, grounded in a foundation of communication and media theory, research and ethics. Students who have an interest in media literacy, interpersonal, small-group and organizational communication, as well as the socio-political aspects of communication within today's society, are well-suited to this program.



## Cultural Studies ⓘ

We all live in a matrix of meaning, materiality, ideas and expression. Each one of us is a cultural product and a cultural agent. What does that mean? And who/what has the power to shape our possibilities? Cultural Studies examines media, popular culture, political dynamics, music, film, speculative fiction, religion, drama, subcultures, and visual culture (and more) to figure that out, by analyzing texts and practices in context. Whether you're in the Sciences or the Arts, if you're interested in the images, sounds, and practices that embody and transform culture — and you have ideas, curiosity, and imagination — Cultural Studies is for you.

## Economics ⓘ

Economics is the study of rational decision-making in the face of scarcity. As such, an understanding of economics is helpful in any field where decisions are made. Thus, economics is useful in business, in politics, in international relations, in alleviating poverty and inequality, in managing our environmental resources, in promoting development, in managing our health-care system, and much more.



## English **I**

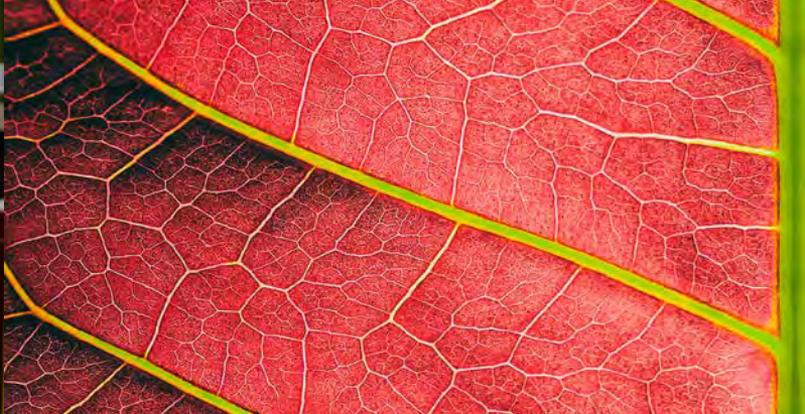
Take English to study what you love and help prepare for any future career. You will gain a comprehensive understanding of English literature and its forms, as you explore topics relevant to today's global environment such as gender, culture, race, identity, sexuality, and socio-political concerns. Working both independently and in small groups, and with opportunities for hands-on learning, you will develop invaluable skills in critical reading, writing, analysis, argumentation, and research. In addition, majors in any field should consider our distinctive Writing minor, which is a useful complement to all programs. It covers creative writing, editing, researching in the digital age, publishing, classical rhetoric, scientific writing, and contemporary theories about composition. English and Writing will help you to become a strong, confident communicator and to be more flexible and innovative in your thinking and writing — abilities that are vital for the job market.

## Family Studies & Gerontology **I**

Our programs in Family Studies and Gerontology examine contemporary issues that affect this field: family dynamics and development, or individual and population aging. Our faculty will help you understand the fields of Family Studies and Gerontology, and how these fields intersect and impact each other. As a student in our Family Studies and Gerontology programs, you'll be able to build on your course readings, lectures, discussions, and assignments by accessing research and practical resources like The Nova Scotia Centre on Aging (located at MSVU) and the Caregiver Assessment Tool.

## French **I**

French programs at MSVU have a global focus while reflecting Canadian reality and needs. By choosing sequences of courses at appropriate levels, students can enrich their knowledge, strengthen their professional qualifications, or plan a career in French (teaching, translation, speech therapy, writing, tourism and hospitality, public relations, and many more). Furthermore, you can take advantage of a year abroad in France, exploring the country's culture and history while studying at one of our partner universities.

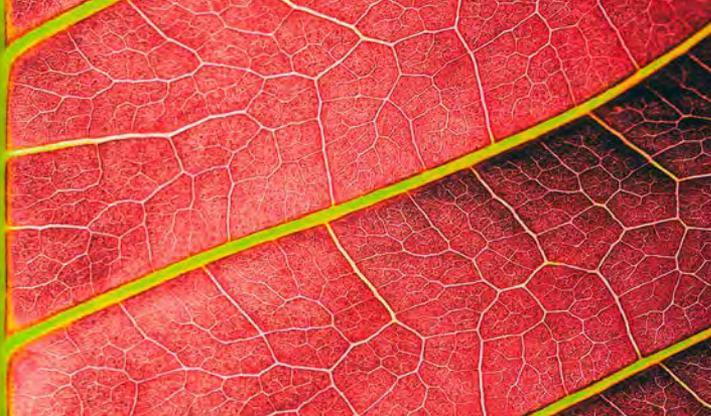


## History **I**

If you want to change things in the present, it helps to know how people changed things in the past. History examines all aspects of recorded human experience (social relations, cultural expressions, political events, economic activities) and seeks to understand how the thoughts, actions, emotions and habits of people have changed over time. Students are exposed to a wide range of courses covering topics including North American, European, world and women's history; the historical evolution of subject matter such as food, witchcraft, childhood, the environment, health and healing, science and religion, warfare, gender, and sexuality.

## Political Studies **I**

Our Political Studies program looks at socio political change, conflict and governance at all levels of society, from the local to the global stage. Political ideas and values mould our society and shape the way we see and think. Political Studies helps you understand why governments make the decisions they do, teaches you to critically evaluate these decisions and allows you to be an informed, active citizen. Students are also provided with tools essential to creating and implementing policy change. As a Political Studies student, you'll educate yourself in how political systems work, look at the sources of local, national and international conflict and grapple with current issues in political life.



## Public Policy Studies ⓘ

Delve into real-world problems and issues — health, the economy, foreign affairs and the environment. Examine who makes the rules, how they are made and how they shape our lives. Public Policy students learn how domestic actors and global forces impact our society and shape our future, as well as how to promote a cause and influence government decisions. Developing skills in critical thinking, policy analysis and communication, Public Policy Studies prepares students for potential careers in public service, law, government, and to be effective participants in democratic society.

## Sociology/Anthropology ⓘ

Our Sociology and Anthropology program is committed to providing a dynamic educational experience that explores some of the most pressing and complex social issues of our time while prioritizing students' development as social researchers. While remaining grounded in the best traditions of sociology and anthropology, our program goes beyond them to offer an innovative and interdisciplinary research-focused learning experience. Right from our first-year introductory courses, students will delve into social research, working closely with our faculty to build and apply this research skillset in ways that are meaningful to them. The program's offerings are diverse including topics such as gender, sexuality, crime, the lifecourse, inequality, and social change. Our program goes beyond describing the world and gives students the tools to make a difference in it.

## Women's Studies **I**

MSVU is home to the first Women's Studies program in Canada. In the program, we place women's experiences and knowledge at the centre of critical gender analysis inquiry. Students in Women's Studies courses learn about the ways in which women's societal position can be transformed. In examining the accomplishments and struggles of women, it considers the complexities of gender, race, class, sexual orientation, sexualities and ability, from cross-cultural and interdisciplinary perspectives.

## Mathematics **I**

Mathematics is one of the most original products of the human mind. It has many important applications in science, engineering, and statistics, but mathematics is also an important field of study for its own sake. Throughout history, each culture has developed its own mathematics to solve its problems. Today, there is an internationally accepted mathematics that is studied and used across the world. With our increasing need for information and technology, mathematics will play an even more important role in most occupations and fields of study. It will also continue to be a critical topic in the history of ideas, documenting fundamental modes of human thought.

## Psychology **I**

Psychology is the science of the mind and behaviour. It encompasses the entire lifespan and ranges from the firing of individual neurons in the brain to the actions of large groups of people. Our program includes courses from many different subfields of psychology, which allows students the opportunity to study human behaviour from a variety of different perspectives. To ensure a well-rounded view of the subject matter, we require that our students take courses from four different streams: Developmental Psychology, Biological Psychology, Social/Personality Psychology, and Applied Psychology. Many of our students design and conduct original studies during their undergraduate years as well. Recent project topics include the effect of picture-taking on memory, lie detection through instant messaging, motivations for attending post-secondary institutions, and the impact of caffeine on brain function in individuals with schizophrenia.



# Professional Studies

There's no better place than MSVU to become a one-of-a-kind professional.

Balancing classroom instruction with real-world work experience, our professional studies programs will connect you to cutting-edge research, excellent professors, and industry professionals who are at the top of their game and want to help you get to the top of yours.

We offer the only Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Study in the Atlantic region, we were the first university in Canada to establish a program dedicated to tourism and hospitality management, we're home of one of the only Nonprofit Leadership programs in Atlantic Canada, and our Bachelor of Public Relations degree (which recently celebrated its 40th anniversary) is known as the flagship undergraduate degree PR program in Canada.

And then there's the fascinating research being conducted by Professional Studies faculty! Dr. Jessie-Lee McIsaac, Tier II Canada Research Chair in Early Childhood: Diversity and Transitions, focuses on early childhood wellness. Dr. Kyly Whitfield, who runs the Milk and Micronutrient Assessment Lab (MAMA Lab), focuses on early feeding, and micronutrient deficiencies in low-resource settings. Dr. Shuyue Huang, faculty member in the Business and Tourism Department, is researching online booking platforms to shed light on ways to enhance services for different types of travelers.

We're setting the bar when it comes to prepping you for an exciting career.

Learn more at [msvu.ca/academics](https://msvu.ca/academics)

## Applied Human Nutrition **I**

The Applied Human Nutrition program has three streams: Nutrition, Dietetics, and Dietetics with Internship. When you enroll in one of these programs, you'll be working with world-class faculty to understand the principles and research developments in this innovative and highly relevant field. Regardless of the stream you choose, by the end of your degree you'll have a strong understanding of food, nutrition, and health, and be equipped to tackle some of the most pressing issues facing the world today. You may plan to become a dietitian, a researcher, a food product developer, or work alongside communities to make our food and health systems better. Perhaps you want to work in food security, community nutrition, or health care, and plan to build your career in Canada or abroad. Whatever path you choose, our programs will give you the skills and the knowledge that you need to excel.

## Business Administration **C**

The Business Administration degree at MSVU is unique in its flexible and innovative learning opportunities. Available as general studies, or with a major in Accounting, Management, Strategic Human Resource Management, Marketing or Nonprofit Leadership, you can tailor your degree to your specific career goals. The program offers an International Option, which allows you to explore global issues from both a business and public policy viewpoint with a semester spent outside of Canada. An optional co-operative education program is available, which gives students one year of relevant work experience before graduating, and you will be encouraged to participate in the Learning Passport program, which provides an additional opportunity to gain exceptional learning experiences through extracurricular activities.



## Child and Youth Study

MSVU is proud to offer the only Bachelor's program in Child and Youth Study in Atlantic Canada. In our program, you'll engage in practical training and theoretical explorations in such areas as early childhood education, youth care, early intervention, play-based approaches, inclusive programming and design. Supervised practicum placements in early learning and child care programs, pre-primary programs, schools, residential youth programs, hospitals and other community-based organizations will enable you to apply knowledge learned in the classroom to hands-on, real-world experience. You may also engage in experiential learning, in contexts ranging from boat building with community youth, reading buddies, and reflective observation and documentation, to the PACE (Physically Active Children Excel) program. Meanwhile, an on-site child study centre presents the opportunity for observation and research related to early childhood development and practices, allowing you to move confidently into your future career with the skills and knowledge to transfer theoretical concepts into practice. Our program also provides the foundation for further study in education, speech-language pathology, social work, counseling, or graduate school. In addition to on-campus courses, you can also choose to take some, or all, undergraduate courses online.



## Public Relations

The Bachelor of Public Relations is a four-year degree that is respected nationally and attracts students from across Canada and beyond. MSVU has been recognized for excellence in public relations education by the Canadian Public Relations Society, and boasts an impressive roster of faculty with interests ranging from change management to social media, literacy and ethics. Throughout the course of the degree, students will gain critical analysis and decision-making skills that can be applied not only in the management of public relations, but also in the development of a professional identity in the field. Students hone skills in writing for diverse audiences, using a wide range of communication platforms including social media, public speaking, audiovisual development, broadcast media production and more.

## Tourism & Hospitality Management

Tourism is the world's largest service industry and the second largest industry overall. At MSVU, we know tourism is about more than hotels, restaurants and resorts. It is excursion and adventure tour companies, bed and breakfasts, experiences and memories that last a lifetime. Careers in tourism and hospitality are available locally and around the world. Here in Nova Scotia, the tourism and hospitality industry is an exciting, vibrant and rapidly growing sector. Students in our program benefit from small class sizes, experiential learning opportunities, and faculty who have a wide range of research interests and industry experience.



# Education

Our undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs in education offer a number of different opportunities for professional growth, and experienced professors will guide you as you develop strategies to meet the diverse needs of learners. In fact, our Faculty of Education offers the most programs for aspiring or experienced teachers of any Maritime university (from undergraduate and graduate programs to an inter-university doctoral program).

Our graduates go on to apply their knowledge and skills in a variety of educational and community settings, at home and abroad, in classrooms, boardrooms, non-profit organizations and businesses.

## Bachelor of Education programs

- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education

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

Learn more at [msvu.ca/academics](https://msvu.ca/academics)

# Graduate Studies

From community centres in rural Nova Scotia to the bustling streets of Beijing, our graduate students are creating change in the world and in their own lives, becoming leaders in their chosen fields. Want to join them?

Engage with professors and peers, researchers, and leaders in your profession, as you explore the principles and philosophies that transform professional practice, social policy and issues that affect people around the world. With a comprehensive list of programs, we offer dynamic learning opportunities across a variety of fields and the flexibility to complete select courses and graduate programs through online learning.

## Graduate programs

- Master of Applied Human Nutrition
- Master of Science in 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 Public Relations
- Research Master of Arts
- PhD in Educational Studies  
*(awarded jointly with Acadia and St. Francis Xavier universities)*

## Graduate Certificates

- Health Communication and Aging
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages *(Children)*
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages *(Adults)*

## Diplomas

- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages *(Children)*
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages *(Adults)*

Learn more at [msvu.ca/gradstudies](https://msvu.ca/gradstudies)

# Experiential 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)

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# Groundbreaking research

At MSVU's new state-of-the-art Centre for Applied Research in Human Health, students have the opportunity to push the boundaries of scientific discovery in many areas of human health. Not to brag. (OK, totally to brag.)

Working alongside faculty researchers across campus and in the field, MSVU students are working hands-on to help improve health outcomes, educate our community on better nutrition, enhance quality of life in seniors, and inform better policies supporting early childhood development.

But student research opportunities at MSVU don't stop there. Faculty across all our programs are leaders in their fields — from quantum chemistry to neuroscience, history to tourism, and so much more!

Learn more at [msvu.ca/research](https://msvu.ca/research)

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The Centre for Applied Research in Human Health was once a church. The space has been transformed into a completely new facility that houses laboratories, collaborative research areas, and office spaces.





# Here to there

Once you've joined the MSVU community, you are part of our family for life. From the first day you set foot on campus, throughout the rest of your academic and professional careers, MSVU will support, encourage and celebrate you every step of the way.

Our community is not restricted to the city limits of Halifax, Nova Scotia. A network of over 35,000 proud MSVU alumnae is spread across the globe. Whatever you do, and whatever greatness you achieve, MSVU and its community will always be a resource and champion for you.

Learn more about our alumnae and MSVU life post-graduation at [msvu.ca/alumni](https://msvu.ca/alumni)



# Admission Requirements

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Bachelor of	English (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, Psychology, and Public Relations

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

\*\*Grade 12 academic math required, however Pre-Calculus 12 is strongly recommended

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

# Math courses that meet admission requirements

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## **Alberta, Northwest Territories, Nunavut**

Applied Math 30, Pure Math 30, Math 31

## **British Columbia, Yukon**

Applications of Math 12,  
Principles of Math 12, Calc 12

## **Manitoba**

Applied Math 40S, Pre-Cal 40S

## **New Brunswick**

Foundations of Math 120,  
Pre-Calculus 120 or Calculus 120

## **Newfoundland**

Math 3204, 3205, 3207

## **Nova Scotia**

Adv. Math 12, Math 12, Pre-Calc, Calc 12

## **Ontario**

Data Mgmt (MDM4U), Advanced Functions  
(MHF4U), Calc & Vectors (MCV4U)

## **Prince Edward Island**

Math 621A, 621B, 611A

## **Québec**

CEGEP Math

## **Saskatchewan**

Math B30, Math C30, Calc 30

## **Outside Canada**

Senior Level Math

## **IB Curriculum**

Standard or Higher Level Math

# Additional admission information

## International Students

International students must have graduated from high school with university preparatory level courses and must submit an official transcript or original translations from an authorized translator.

If English is not your first language, you must have an acceptable Standardized English Test score (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS – see Undergraduate Calendar for more information) or a letter of enrolment from an English Language School Program.

## Mature Students

Mature students must submit an official transcript of their high school grades or GED scores (please refer to Undergraduate Calendar for definition of 'mature student').

## Transfer Students

Transfer students must submit transcripts of all post-secondary education, and course descriptions may be requested. You must also be in good academic standing, with a GPA of at least 2.0 or 63%-66%, and meet individual program requirements. Please note that transfer credits not under an articulation agreement are assessed on an individual basis after you have been accepted to MSVU. You can transfer up to 50% of the course requirements for your intended program.

## International Baccalaureate Students

International Baccalaureate students will be accepted with a predicted score of 24 or above. Advanced university credit may be granted for both Standard and Higher Level courses (including Theory of Knowledge) with scores of 5, 6 or 7. Students can receive up to 5.0 units of university credit required to earn a degree.

# Tuition & other fees

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## Average costs for September to April

### Canadian Student Tuition (undergraduate)

\$8,170 - \$8,575

### Students' Union Medical and Dental\*

\$473

### International Student Tuition (undergraduate)

\$16,340 - \$16,745

### International Student Health Plan\*\*

\$654

### Textbooks and Supplies

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

### Students' Union Fees

\$227

### Other Fees (approximate)

\$536

## Residence

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

\$10,262 (includes meal plan)

### Double (Assisi Hall)

\$9,434 (includes meal plan)

### Single (Birch 5 mature/international)

\$7,174 (plus \$957 meal plan)

### Single (Westwood)

\$11,112 (includes meal plan)

### Apartment (Westwood, per occupant)

\$8,105 (plus \$957 flex cash for food services)

### ATTENTION NOVA SCOTIA STUDENTS

You're entitled to a tuition reduction of \$128.30 per course, in the form of a bursary, from the Nova Scotia Provincial Government. More info on page 59.

Note: Some costs shown above differ from actual 2020/21 fees because of changes for the current year related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

\* The medical and dental plans are mandatory for all full-time on-campus undergraduate students unless you are covered under an alternate health and/or dental plan. An opt-out process is available if you have alternate coverage.

\*\*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.

# Scholarships & financial aid

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## **Nova Scotia University Student Bursary Program**

Currently all Nova Scotia students (as determined by a definition established by the province) are entitled to a tuition reduction of \$128.30 per course, in the form of a bursary, from the Nova Scotia provincial government. This reduction is not reflected in the fees noted in this book.

## **Financial Assistance**

The Financial Aid Office will help you with government student loans, in-course scholarships, bursary applications and budgeting. The office administers three types of bursaries at MSVU — Entrance, In-Course and Student Works. You will find more information about the Entrance bursary program in your acceptance package.

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

## **Scholarships**

MSVU makes available more than \$2.7 million in scholarships and bursaries to students each year. You will be guaranteed a scholarship if you are a high school (domestic or international) applicant with an 80% or higher average if you apply by March 1.

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



# Five steps to becoming an MSVU student



## Visit our campus

COVID-19 will likely impact how we welcome you to campus. Not to worry, we still have a number of wonderful ways you can interact with faculty, staff and students through our modified tours program and virtual events. To book your personalized campus tour, visit [msvu.ca/bookatour](https://msvu.ca/bookatour). To receive information about our virtual open houses, community recruitment visits and more, create your prospective student account at [beamontstudent.msvu.ca](https://beamontstudent.msvu.ca)



## Apply

Start by completing the application form at [msvu.ca/apply](https://msvu.ca/apply). If you're a high school student, we need your most up-to-date official high school transcript. For transfer students, we need an official, sealed transcript for each institution you have attended. If you're applying as a mature student, you must meet with an academic advisor and submit an official high school transcript or GED scores.

Your application fee can be paid online, in person, by mail or over the phone.

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### Secure your spot

When you've been accepted to MSVU, your \$100 confirmation deposit secures your spot. You must pay this deposit before you can apply for residence or register for classes. Once you've secured your spot, visit [msvu.ca/nextsteps](https://msvu.ca/nextsteps) to get acquainted with your new university!

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### Apply for residence

You can complete the residence application quickly and easily online. We start processing the applications in early March and you will get your room assignment as soon as possible. For more information visit [msvu.ca/liveoncampus](https://msvu.ca/liveoncampus)

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### Apply for a scholarship

The entrance scholarship deadline is March 1, 2021. You will be automatically considered for an entrance scholarship if you submit a completed undergraduate application to MSVU by that date. If you applied earlier in the school year, send us your most recent transcript.

Our major student leadership scholarships – the Presidential Scholarship and the Student Leadership Award – are available to high-achieving entering students. To be considered for these, you must complete a separate application. Transfer students who come to MSVU through articulation agreements with Nova Scotia Community College, Holland College and New Brunswick Community College will be assessed for transfer student entrance scholarships. For applications and more information, visit [msvu.ca/scholarships](https://msvu.ca/scholarships)

# Important dates

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## October 1 – Undergraduate Application Opens

Get a head start on your university application by submitting your application at [msvu.ca/apply](https://msvu.ca/apply)

## March 1 – Scholarship Deadline

March 1 is the deadline for Entrance Scholarships, the Leadership Award, the Presidential Scholarship and more. Check out [msvu.ca/scholarships](https://msvu.ca/scholarships) for all the details.

## May 15 - Deadline to confirm Scholarship

Confirm your scholarship by sending in your scholarship letter to the Admissions Office. Questions? [admission@msvu.ca](mailto:admission@msvu.ca)

## June – Final transcripts

If you are just finishing your classes, make sure to send us your final transcripts.

## Early September – Welcome to MSVU!

Kick off the school year with Orientation. [msvu.ca/orientation](https://msvu.ca/orientation)

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Follow us on social media for reminders about important dates and to get a sense of what life is like on the hill. Our mascot, Captain Crow, makes regular appearances on our Instagram!



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## Questions? We're here to help

Office of Student Recruitment

[questions@msvu.ca](mailto:questions@msvu.ca)

1-902-457-5540

Book a tour of campus

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1-902-457-6651

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## HowToU.ca

The HowToU.ca website is a go-to guide for high school students looking for practical advice and information about planning for university. Get tips from current university students, as well as information about choosing the right school for you, the application process, picking courses, costs and financial supports, and so much more!



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