



**Saint Mary's
University**

World without limits

HALIFAX ~ CANADA



2023-2024

Undergraduate Viewbook

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Welcome to Saint Mary's University.

Welcome to Saint Mary's University—a vibrant campus nestled in the heart of downtown Halifax! Get ready to embark on an incredible journey where the possibilities are truly limitless.

Here, you'll discover a close-knit community that offers a one-of-a-kind experience, where you never have to choose between amazing opportunities and small class sizes. With our impressive student-to-professor ratio, you'll enjoy personalized attention and apply what you learn in real-world settings. Let's not forget about our student resources, and a community that firmly believes in your potential and is excited to support you every step of your way.

So, get ready to explore our exceptional programs, active campus life and unique student supports that will allow you to thrive and make the most of your university experience. We can't wait to welcome you and show you all that Saint Mary's University offers. Let the adventure begin!

Saint Mary's University is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq.



Welcome, Bienvenue, Pjila'si Halifax!

Embrace the energy of Halifax, Nova Scotia's cultural and entrepreneurial hub. **A seaside city that comes alive with student life.**

Immerse yourself in the charm of strolling along one of the world's longest downtown boardwalks or indulge in the rich experiences offered by the many museums, galleries and markets in the heart of the city.

Get swept up in the excitement of the diverse food scene, cheering at a sporting event or enjoying live performances by your favorite bands. All while taking in the ocean breeze.



Tight-knit community on **one city block**



Co-op available in all faculties



Halifax is the second **fastest-growing city** in Canada



Average class **30 students**



\$15.7 million awarded in scholarships, fellowships and bursaries each year



Halifax is known as **Kjipuktuk** meaning the **Great Harbour** in Mi'kmaq



Halifax **ranked #2** in Canada for tech diversity and wage growth



Ranked 3rd among primarily undergraduate universities in Canada*
(*2023 Maclean's University Rankings)



Students from **112 countries**



Home to over 6,000 students, graduate and undergraduate

SCIENCE

Enhance your problem solving and critical thinking skills while exploring the scientific method in a welcoming, community atmosphere. Small class sizes, hands-on learning in excellent facilities, and engaged student societies round out a dynamic academic experience—plus our students have opportunities to work on research projects with professors, even after their first year. Planning a future in technology, applied sciences, research or healthcare? A science education at Saint Mary's will prepare you to take on your next challenge.

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ARTS

Explore our world of possibilities. Tailor your studies to match your interests with more than 40 flexible areas of study—one of the largest program selections in Atlantic Canada! You'll hone your critical thinking and communication skills, learning with inspiring professors who are locally and globally connected. Expand your academic experience beyond the classroom with field study, student societies, work-integrated learning and undergraduate research opportunities.

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See the world with our field schools in Italy, Colombia, France, England and The Gambia, plus study abroad opportunities in Mexico, Japan, Germany and more!

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Learn the application of **Science to the Law** in our forensic sciences certificate program



Put your engineering skills to the test during the **Design Expo Robotics Competition**



Cutting-edge equipment not found anywhere else in the Maritimes



Academic support from the Dean's List tutors



Innovative majors and minors, **specialized** certificates and upgrading opportunities



One of the widest selections of **Humanities and Social Science** programs in Atlantic Canada



Build knowledge and skills to help with complex challenges facing **people and our planet**



International and Intercultural Learn with leading researchers who are locally and globally connected

ENGINEERING

With small class sizes and a dedicated team of professors, the engineering program at **Saint Mary's gives students a strong foundation in engineering mathematics, design and technical communication.** With a Diploma in Engineering, our students are prepared to complete a Bachelor of Science at Saint Mary's or continue their studies in mechanical, civil, electrical, computer, industrial, chemical or environmental engineering at Dalhousie or University of Windsor.

smu.ca/engineering



SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Do you want to make a positive impact on the world? Within this interdisciplinary hub, students gain a deep understanding of complex issues such as sustainability and climate resilience. Our passionate professors are doing ground-breaking work to protect our coastlines, develop climate change policy and more.

smu.ca/environment

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OUR RENEWED BComm

The Sobey School of Business offers a **highly customizable Bachelor of Commerce** that is more than just business as usual. We're all about making a positive impact on the world, developing future business leaders and creating a more sustainable world.

As one of the most established and respected business schools in Canada, our renewed BComm gives you a contemporary, comprehensive business education. With renowned professors, superior facilities and amazing networking opportunities you prepare for careers with local and global businesses with in-demand skills such as adaptability, communication, digital fluency and analytical thinking. Plus, you can enhance your learning with student competitions, international experiences, paid co-op placements, one-on-one personalized support and more.



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72% 

of Sobey School of Business students **secured work terms** between Winter 2020 to Summer 2023

40% 

International students from **80+ countries**



Students manage the **Impact Investment Fund** - a real securities portfolio worth **\$500,000+**



Hands-on learning

At Saint Mary's University, you won't just benefit from your professors' research—you'll be part of it. Our mission is to engage in research valued by communities around us at home and abroad. You'll be exposed to a world without limits when you take your learning beyond the classroom through opportunities for service learning, co-op education, undergraduate research, case competitions, study abroad and more.

smu.ca/research • smu.ca/servicelearning
smu.ca/coop • smu.ca/studyabroad

Many of our students participate in paid research work during the summer.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Discover a wide range of services provided to support your academic and personal growth. Academic specialists are available for consultations and guidance with assignments. Connect with students and campus life through our JumpStart, peer mentor and coaching programs. SMUSA, the Saint Mary's University Students Association, will be one of the first groups to help welcome you to campus and are always available to offer support, advocacy and representation.

For our students, help is never far away.

Resources include:

- Black Student Advisor
- Career & Experiential Learning
- The Counselling Centre
- Digital Learning Services
- Fred Smithers Centre for Student Accessibility
- Student Health Clinic
- Global Learning Services
- Indigenous Student Advisor
- International Student Centre
- Patrick Power Library
- The Writing Centre
- Student Success Centre

Athletics

We are known for our enthusiastic school spirit as we cheer on our Saint Mary's Huskies in all sports. Whether you dream of taking the field or cheering from the stands, there are endless ways to get in on the excitement.

Visit smuhuskies.ca for more information.

► **1st university**

in Atlantic Canada with an esports club and on-campus esports arena!



Each faculty has Academic Advisors available to help you reach your academic and career goals. Find out more at smu.ca/academicadvising.



To learn more, please visit:
smu.ca/studentlife • smu.ca/library • studio.smu.ca

Campus life

Make the most out of campus life by joining a sports club, academic or cultural society. Take your pick and be a part of something amazing! Find more details at smusa.ca.



i Book a campus tour or check out our virtual tour
smu.ca/campustours
smu.ca/virtualtour



Life in residence

Minutes from your next class and close to adventures with new friends, our residence options allow you to experience life at the heart of campus.

Our three interconnected residences (Loyola, Vanier and Rice) include 24-hour security and Residence Assistants (RAs), ensuring a safe and welcoming environment. Residence rooms are assigned on a first-come-first-serve availability, so apply early!

Residence and meal plan options

- Single, double and apartment-style rooms
- Co-ed, same-gender, quiet and alcohol-free floors available
- All Access Plan meal options available with flex dollars to use across campus

Visit smu.ca/residence to view our FAQ page, floor plans, meal plan options and more!



Admission requirements

Five senior-level academic courses with an overall average of 70%, and no individual mark below 60%, or equivalent, is required for admission. Admission requirements vary between degrees and by country curriculum. We encourage you to apply early to ensure we have enough time to review your application and provide a decision before the start of classes. Missing an individual minimum course requirement? Visit smu.ca/uprep for information about upgrading courses.

| Degree | Required Courses |
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| Arts | English and four other academic courses |
| Environmental Studies | English and four other academic courses |
| Commerce (Business) | English, Mathematics*, and three other academic courses |
| Science <i>Accepted science courses: Biology, Physics, Chemistry</i> | English, Pre-Calculus Mathematics*, one academic science course and two other academic courses |
| Diploma of Engineering | English, Pre-Calculus Mathematics, Chemistry, one other science course (Physics recommended) and one other academic course |

*Access pathways are available for Science and Commerce students who are missing these requirements. Please contact international@smu.ca for more information.

Language requirements

Students whose first language is not English may be required to provide proof of their proficiency.

For example:

- A minimum of 80 overall on the TOEFL iBT with no individual band score below 20
- A minimum of 6.5 overall in IELTS with no individual band score below 6.0
- Nova Scotia International Student Program students—and other provincial equivalencies—with a 70% in Grade 12 English

Saint Mary's will offer a conditional acceptance to academically qualified students who have not submitted a test score. A conditional acceptance can help you obtain your study permit. Our on-campus Language Centre offers year-round intensive English language programs as pathways to full-time undergraduate study.

For more information, visit smu.ca/tlc or contact language@smu.ca.

Scholarships

Saint Mary's University rewards academic excellence with \$15.7 million dedicated to student scholarships, fellowships and bursaries annually. The deadline for scholarship and award applications is March 1. Learn more at smu.ca/scholarships.

For more information
on undergraduate credit for your IB, AP or A Level courses as well as admission requirements by country, please visit smu.ca/internationaladmissions.

Money matters

We know university is a big investment. When creating your budget, remember to consider costs like residence, meal plans and textbooks, in addition to tuition. Calculate your costs at smu.ca/calculator.

Tuition fees below are based on course load as recommended by Academic Advisors for one full year (two semesters), including ancillary fees, and are for a single room with the 7 Day All Access Plan meal option. Other room and meal plan options are available.

| Fall and Winter Term ¹ (30 credit hours) | Arts and Environmental Studies | Commerce | Science (33 credit hours) | Engineering |
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| Tuition | \$23,270 | \$25,062 | \$24,332 | \$27,287 |
| Student Fees ² | \$1,638 | \$1,638 | \$1,638 | \$1,638 |
| Residence and Meals ³ | \$14,460 | \$14,460 | \$14,460 | \$14,460 |
| Total (for students choosing residence) | \$39,368 | \$41,160 | \$40,430 | \$43,385 |

1. Costs are in Canadian dollars, include mandatory fees, and are based on 2023-2024 rates that are subject to change.
2. Student fees include: student association membership, bus pass, gym membership, medical and dental coverage. Costs of books are additional and will vary.
3. Residence and meal rates are based on a single room with a 7 Day All Access Plan meal option. For other options, please visit: smu.ca/residence.

Study and work in Canada

As an international student, you are required to obtain a study permit issued by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) before you arrive in Canada. You may apply for your study permit once you receive your official letter of acceptance. Apply early as processing times can vary. International students are permitted to work part-time (on or off campus) while studying in a full-time degree program. Additionally, international students may qualify for a post graduate work permit (PGWP) of up to three years following graduation.

How to apply

- 1 Apply online at smu.ca/apply
- 2 Upload your official transcripts and required documents to the application portal
- 3 Check your admission status and download your acceptance letter through your application portal at smu.ca/login
- 4 Pay your admission deposit at smu.ca/login
- 5 The deadline to be considered for Admissions Awards is **March 1**
- 6 Apply for and confirm a room in residence. Applications open as early as **February 1**
- 7 Apply online at cic.gc.ca for your study permit

First-year course registration opens in May!

Areas of study

Faculty of Science

Majors and Minors

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| Astrophysics | Environmental Science |
| Biology | Geography |
| Chemistry | Geology |
| Computing Science | Mathematics |
| Computing Science and Business Administration | Physics |
| | Psychology |

Diploma

Engineering

Certificates

Forensic Sciences
Human Resource Management

Pre-Professional Stream

Pre-Health Sciences

Engineering

Following your diploma, choose:

Dalhousie University

Chemical
Civil
Electrical and Computer
Environmental
Industrial
Mechanical

University of Windsor

Civil
Mechanical (*Option to specialize in:*)

- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Environmental
- General
- Materials

Sobey School of Business

Majors

Accounting
Computing and Information Systems
Economics
Entrepreneurship
Finance
General Business Studies
Global Business Management
Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations
Management
Marketing

Minors

Business*
Economics*
Entrepreneurship

**Minors in Business and Economics are only available to students in the faculties of Arts and Science.*

Certificate

Human Resource Management*
**Also available for Arts students*

Faculty of Arts

Majors and Minors

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| Ancient Studies | Irish Studies |
| Anthropology | Law and Ethics |
| Asian Studies | Linguistics |
| Atlantic Canada Studies | Mathematics |
| Criminology | Philosophy |
| Economics | Political Science |
| English | Psychology |
| Entrepreneurship | Public Humanities and Heritage |
| French | Study of Religion |
| Geography | Social Justice and Community Studies |
| Global Development Studies | Sociology |
| History | Spanish and Hispanic Culture |
| Intercultural Studies | |

Additional Minors

Applied History
British Studies
Chinese Studies
Climate Change Studies
Creative Writing
Culture, Race and Resistance in Literature
Dramatic Literature
English Language

Film Studies
German Studies
Global Environmental Politics
Japanese Studies
Latin American Studies
Peace and Conflict Studies
Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Certificates

Atlantic Canada Studies
Chinese Studies
German Language and Culture
Health, Wellness and Sport in Society

Japanese Studies
Linguistics
Proficiency in French
Spanish Language and Hispanic Culture

School of the Environment

Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Environmental Science
Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Geography

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Geography
Bachelor of Environmental Studies (BES)

Co-op is available in every faculty and most majors! Visit smu.ca/coop for more information.

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Considering applying?

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recruitment@smu.ca

Explore upcoming events

smu.ca/events
smu.ca/webinars

 
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Residence

residence.housing@smu.ca
Tel: 902.420.5598

Application status inquiries

admission.status@smu.ca
Check your application portal at:
smu.ca/login

Resources for future students

smu.ca/futurestudents
Text us at 902.706.9549

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