



2024 INFORMATION SHEET FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Hiroshima University Study Abroad (HUSA) Program

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Name of university	Saint Mary's University
Contact person for incoming exchange students	Miyuki Arai Miyuki.arai@smu.ca and Global@smu.ca (please remove mobility.international@smu.ca since that email is phased out)
University website	https://www.smu.ca/
General information about the university	Saint Mary's University is one of Canada's top primary undergraduate universities--known for its international collaborations, leadership in entrepreneurship, and research that benefits local and global communities. Our programs in Arts, Science, and the Sobey School of Business are among Canada's best and feature professors who are committed to the success of their students. Saint Mary's provides our 7,000 students with a place that fosters possibility, excellent research opportunities, and distinguished graduate and professional programs combined with a caring community.
University features	Nestled in the heart of Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Canada's east coast, Saint Mary's University is marked by iconic buildings, green spaces and fresh ocean air. The Saint Mary's University community is committed to a prosperous future for the world—a world without limits.
Short description of the city	https://www.smu.ca/future-students/whysmu/halifaxisagreatcity/
Exchange program website	https://studio.smu.ca/visiting-smu
Areas of study open for exchange students	Most undergraduate courses are open to exchange students who meet the pre-requisites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The upper-year courses with pre-requisites are not open to visiting exchange students unless the student obtains approval from Saint Mary's academic advisor of the subject area ahead of time. Our academic advisor uses the student's home university transcript to assess their academic background. The student's academic transcript in English should be sent to Global@smu.ca, and we will ensure that our academic advisors can access a copy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not all pre-requisite override requests may be approved. ○ Not all times courses students want to choose may be available; thus, we do not recommend our exchange program to students who have a specific set of courses they must complete during the exchange program.
Areas of study NOT available to exchange students	Graduate programs Saint Mary's exchange program is best set up for undergraduate students who are seeking to register in undergraduate-level courses. If your university is considering nominating a graduate candidate, please email Miyuki.arai@smu.ca to discuss the plan before nominating the graduate student. Not all times graduate students will be accepted on the visiting exchange program.
Course catalogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go to our website here and follow the prompts on the page to see the courses offered in the current year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At "Select a term", choose "September-December 2023" or "January-April 2024" from the dropdown menu and press "continue". ○ At "Enter Your Search Criteria", choose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Undergraduate" for "Academic Level"; ▪ the subject area of interest for "Course Subject"; ▪ "Main" for "Campus" and press "Search". • To look up course descriptions, check the

	<p>Undergraduate course catalog here. Use this catalogue only to search for course descriptions; not all courses on the catalogue are offered every semester!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must take a minimum of 3 courses (9cr) to a maximum of 5 courses (15cr) per semester to be a full-time student.
Summer courses	Spring term (May-June) and Summer term (July-August) offer a limited selection of courses and are not recommended for exchange students.
Academic calendar	Fall semester: September-December Winter semester: January-April https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/calendar-events/
Orientation schedule for incoming students	Welcome week events will be posted at the following website closer to the start of each semester https://www.smu.ca/newtosmu/events-activities.html
Number of exchange students to be accepted per academic year	2 semesters (=2 students for one semester each or 1 student for two semesters from Sept 2024-April 2025) ※If you cannot count one semester student as 0.5 student for an academic year, please specify how to count.
Availability for fall semester	Exchange student can be accepted in Fall 2024. ※If you cannot accept our students for fall semester, please inform us here.
Application deadline for admission	<p>Fall 2024 intake Nomination period March 1-May 1 Application due within two weeks from nomination</p> <p>Winter 2025 intake Nomination period March 1-September 1 Application due within two weeks from nomination</p> <p>Late nominations and applications may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.</p>
Application material	Admission Application and a Letter of Permission issued by the home university should be submitted via an online portal. Home university transcript should be emailed to Global@smu.ca .
Language requirements	Please refer to https://www.smu.ca/future-students/internationaladmissions/is-language-requirements.html Please ensure that the selected candidate meets the language requirement. An official English test score will not be required.
Degree Requirements (Only Bachelor's degree, etc)	n/a
Other requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no GPA requirement, but pre-requisite courses for a SMU course need a pass at a grade of 65% or higher at the home institution. Students should have flexibility in their course selection to ensure they can change their preferred courses if needed.
Preparatory language course for incoming students	Students who do not meet the language requirements are recommended to attend Intensive English training program at The Language Centre of Saint Mary's University. https://www.smu.ca/tlc/learn-english.html Tuition fees for English training is the responsibility of the student.
Housing assistance	https://www.smu.ca/student-life/residences-and-housing.html
Housing application deadline	As soon as an admission letter is issued to the student (a Saint Mary's student ID number is required before an application can be completed online). There have been shortages of student housing. In the event that you want to look for private housing as an alternative option, information about off-campus living is provided here .
Living costs	The amounts below are approximate, based on the AY2023-24. <On-campus living>

	<p>Single room in residence with meal plan for Sept-Apr CAD\$15,000 Double room in residence with meal plan for Sept-Apr CAD\$13,000 Single room in Senior Apartment (room only) for Sept-Apr CAD\$9500 Double room in Rice Apartment (room only) for Sept-Apr CAD\$7800</p> <p>Residence https://www.smu.ca/student-life/residences-fees.html Meal plans https://smuca.campusdish.com/</p> <p><Off-campus living> Off-campus apartment (1 bedroom) in City Centre per month: CAD\$1900 Off-campus apartment (1 bedroom) in Outside of Centre per month: CAD\$1600 Utilities (Electricity, heating/cooling, water, etc.) per month: CAD\$280 (source https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Halifax) Grocery per month: CAD\$480 (source https://www.careerbeacon.com/en/cost-of-living/halifax_nova-scotia/)</p> <p><i>“The average cost of living in Halifax is \$3,508/month for a single person who rents.”</i> (source https://www.careerbeacon.com/en/cost-of-living/halifax_nova-scotia/, December 2023)</p> <p>Textbooks for Sept-Apr paid at SMU Bookstore: up to CAD\$1800</p> <p>SMU Students Association (part of SMU Student Fees) for Sept-Apr: CAD\$180 Local Transportation “U-Pass” (part of SMU Student Fees) for Sept-Apr: CAD\$180 Health and Dental Insurance (part of SMU Student Fees) 12-month plan from Sept-August: CAD1300</p> <p>Sample prices for living in Halifax https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Halifax Cost of living (CareerBeacon website): https://www.careerbeacon.com/en/cost-of-living/halifax_nova-scotia/</p>
Meal plan	See https://smuca.campusdish.com/
Insurance packages exchange students are required to purchase	<p>As above, Health and Dental Insurance (part of SMU Student Fees) 12-month plan from Sept-August: CAD1300</p> <p>To find out more about SMUSA’s plans, please see the basic health plan here and the extended health and dental plans here.</p> <p>The only time students are not required to enroll in the SMUSA’s health/dental plan is when students have health insurance coverage of a minimum of CAD\$2million through your home university.</p>
Vaccination requirements	See COVID information on the Government of Canada website https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid
Health facilities on campus	See https://www.smu.ca/healthclinic/index.html
Visa requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please visit the website here to find out if you need a study permit. • Please visit the website here to find out if you need a visa to travel to Canada. • If you are unsure about any of the information given, please contact the Immigration & Citizenship Help Centre here, contact Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada here, or Saint Mary’s University’s International Student Services by email at international.centre@smu.ca.