

StFX UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

INFORMATION

APPLICATION PROCESS - INCOMING EXCHANGE

Initial notice of nomination by home university (email is sufficient). Followed by:

- An International Exchange Application form
- Original or certified copies of university transcripts.
- Evidence of ability to study successfully in English (TOEFL is not required)
- An indication on the application form if interested in residence accommodations

Forms are available on the International Exchange Office website. Send all documents to the International Exchange Office.

See our website at https://sites.stfx.ca/international_exchange/formsguides.html for more details.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Students should apply to StFX as soon as possible for study in fall or winter semesters. A minimum of 2 months is expected for students to receive approval from StFX and make travel arrangements.

Fall Semester Only OR Fall & Winter Semesters

Nominations: **May 1**
Applications: **May 15**

Winter Semester Only

Nominations: **Oct. 1**
Applications: **Oct. 15**

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

English - TOEFL score of 580 or IELTS test score of 6.5. is expected as the minimum competency to be successful in a full degree program. Exchange students can show other evidence of academic English competence (such as a statement from a current professor or advisor).

OTHER RELATED OFFICES

Office of Internationalization
<https://www.stfx.ca/international>

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMICS

The Office of the Registrar manages program and course offerings. See https://sites.stfx.ca/registrars_office.

Academic Calendar

The Academic Calendar is available online at https://sites.stfx.ca/registrars_office/academic_calendar.html. The Academic Calendar outlines regulations that relate to academic affairs at StFX. The Academic Calendar also contains a list of course descriptions. Not all courses in the Academic Calendar are offered each academic year. The Academic Calendar is updated annually in the spring.

Timetable

The Timetable is the schedule of courses offered during the academic year. See https://sites.stfx.ca/registrars_office/Course_Timetable.html. A final timetable of course offerings for the following academic year is available in June.

Course Restrictions

Some courses require prerequisites and these are indicated in the course description in the Academic Calendar. Some exceptions are made for exchange students. This is the prerogative of the professor. Not all courses are offered each year or each semester.

Course Load

A full course load per semester is 15 credits. The minimum course load for full time student status is 9 credits per semester. International students are expected to take a minimum of 9 credits per semester.

Typical Academic Year:

Fall Semester

International Welcome:

Last week of August

Orientation All New Students:

First week of September

Classes:

First week of September to first week of December

Exam period:

Second and third weeks of December

Winter Semester

Classes:

First week of January to first week of April

Winter Break:

Third week of February

Exam period:

Second and third weeks of April

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ACCOMMODATIONS AND LIVING COSTS

UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE OPTIONS

Traditional Room

https://sites.stfx.ca/residence_services/what_is_in_traditional_residence.html

Apartment Style

https://sites.stfx.ca/residence_services/what_is_in_apartment_style.html

Suite Style

https://sites.stfx.ca/residence_services/what_is_in_suite_style.html

OFF-CAMPUS

Off-campus housing prices in Antigonish range from \$400-500 a month for shared apartments or houses, to \$600+ per month for a one-bedroom apartment.

MEALS

Residence students must purchase some level of food service on campus, either a meal plan or declining balance (DCB). The DCB functions like a debit card when the student purchases food items on campus. See https://sites.stfx.ca/dining_services/. Off-campus students should budget \$60 – \$100 per week.

TRANSPORTATION

Most places are within walking distance of campus. Local taxi service is approximately \$5 and \$7 per ride. Transportation to Halifax International Airport is approximately \$60 one way.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

All international students, including exchange students, are required to purchase medical insurance from the StFX Students' Union Health Plan. This coverage is approximately \$475 Cdn per semester. For information on the health and dental coverage under this plan see <https://studentbenefits.ca>

FEE PAYMENTS

Non-Tuition Fees:

- Information Technology Fee
- Facilities Renewal Fee
- Students' Union Fee
- Recreation Fee
- Health Insurance

Fee amounts can be found at

https://sites.stfx.ca/financial_services/StudentAccounts.html

Fees are subject to change annually.

Changes are posted in June for the following academic year.

Posted amounts are for the full year.

Students at StFX for one semester pay half the posted amount based on 15 credits of course work.

Fee payments are expected within the first 2 weeks of each semester. A late payment charge is added and interest charged on overdue accounts.