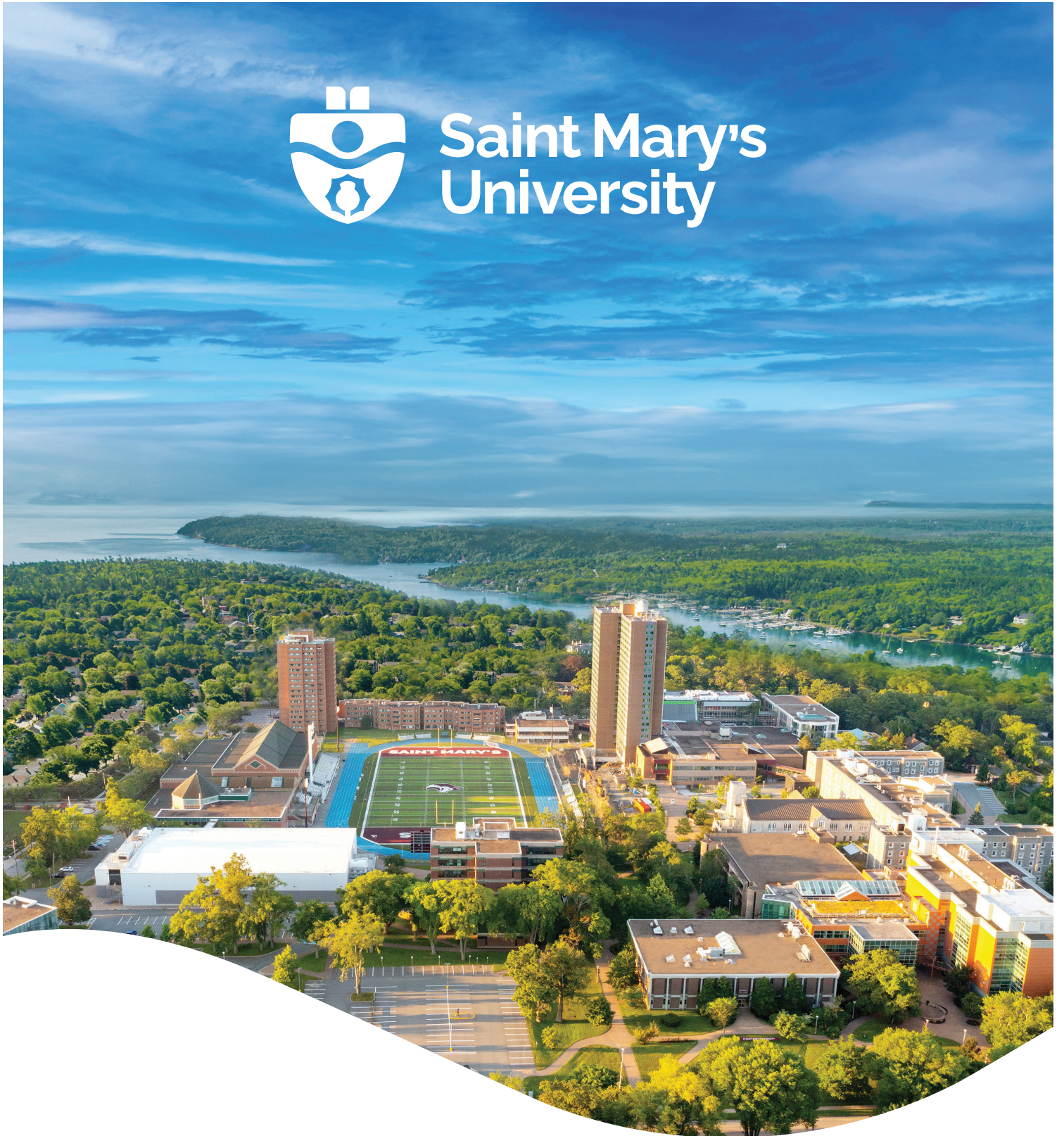




**Saint Mary's
University**



**Course Registration Guide
for New Students
2024/2025**

Before you register

Plan your schedule carefully using the Academic Calendar and the tools below. If you need advice on choosing your courses and electives, we're here to help.

Before you are able to register for courses, you must accept your offer and pay the **Admission Deposit**.

Saint Mary's University requires the use of official University email accounts (firstname.lastname@smu.ca) to conduct all University communications and should be checked regularly throughout each term. To activate your email address, visit smu.ca/activate.

Registration Tutorial

Watch the Registration Tutorial to learn how to log into Self-Service Banner, search for courses and schedules, and register for classes.

--> youtube.com/smu1802

The Academic Calendar

The Academic Calendar contains course descriptions, program and graduation requirements, as well as Saint Mary's University regulations and policies.

--> smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com

Degree Works

Degree Works is a degree evaluation tool that helps you track your academic progress, showing your program requirements, completed courses, and requirements to graduate. Degree Works is available to all Saint Mary's students on **Self-Service Banner** under the **Student Records** tab.

--> smu.ca/academics/degree-works.html

Centre for New Students

Contact the Centre for New Students for registration assistance. Email CNS@smu.ca to book an appointment.



Academic Advising

Academic Advisors are part of your student success team who can assist you with course selection and developing a successful academic plan. Advisors also help you understand the university's rules and regulations.

We recommend you book an appointment with an Academic Advisor to review course registration and discuss your plans for your first year.

Academic Advisors can help you with:

- Exploring majors, minors and certificates
- Sequencing your courses
- Monitoring your academic progress
- Understanding university regulations
- Co-op, study abroad, and other opportunities
- Graduation requirements
- Developing a plan for students experiencing academic difficulty
- Discovering and discussing your education and career goals

Faculty of Arts

Telephone: 902-420-5437

Email: BAadvising@smu.ca

Website: smu.ca/arts/arts-ba-advising-centre

Faculty of Science

Telephone: 902-420-5661

Email: advisor.science@smu.ca

Website: smu.ca/scienceadvising

Sobey School of Business

Telephone: 902-491-6532

Email: bcomm.advising@smu.ca

Website: smu.ca/sobey/advising



Self-Service Banner & Course Registration Process

Self-Service Banner is a site that allows students to look up and register for courses, access course and exam schedules, and view their academic transcript. Students can access Self-Service Banner on the Saint Mary's home page, smu.ca. Select [Quick Links](#) then [Self-Service Banner](#).

With Self-Service Banner, you will be able to:

- Look up and register for courses
- View the exam schedule
- View final grades
- View tuition account balance

To be able to register for courses, you must accept your offer and pay the Admission Deposit. You can follow this easy step-by-step guide to register for your classes. Register early to make sure you get the optimal schedule.

Steps to register for your courses:

1

Activate your account

To use [Self-Service Banner \(SSB\)](#), you must first "activate" your SMU account to receive your SSB login credentials (@smu.ca email address and password). Your initial temporary PIN is your date of birth in the format of ddmmyy (yy is last 2 digits of year). -> activate.smu.ca



Attend a course registration webinar at smu.ca/webinars

2

Check your course requirements

Course requirements are available on the next page of this booklet.

3

Visit Self-Service Banner and select Enter Secure Area

- Enter your SMU email and password.
- Go to the [Student Tab](#) and click on [Registration](#).
- Go to [Look up Classes](#) and select the term you want to start registering for. If the term says "view-only" it means the registration is not open yet.
- Select the subject for the course you are looking for. A full list of courses for that subject in that term will appear.
- Select [View Sections](#) for the course in the list you need.
- Review the course information listed for the available sections.
- When you have decided on a course, click the check box on the left side next to the section you want to register for and then click the [Register](#) button.
- Your [Add/Drop Courses](#) page will appear and you will see the course listed there, or an error message if something is preventing you from registering.
- Once a course is on your [Add/Drop Courses](#) page, you are officially registered in the course.
- Select [Class Search](#) along the bottom to search for your next course to register for.

Spring and Summer Term registration:

Students starting in the Spring or Summer term should speak with an Academic Advisor when planning their first semester. In the Spring and Summer terms, students can take a maximum of 9 credit hours (three courses) at a time. The recommended number of courses is one or two at a time.

4

Check your schedule

Once you have registered for your courses, go to [Week at a Glance](#) to see your schedule. Review and confirm your schedule with your Academic Advisor before the start of the term.

Bachelor of Arts Breadth Requirements

Category	Credit Hrs	BA Breadth Requirements
(a)	3 hrs	<p>Development of literacy and cultural understanding</p> <p>Any ENGL at the 1000 level.</p>
(b)	6 hrs	<p>Development of logical reasoning and analytical skill</p> <p>6 credit hours from the following:</p> <p>i. A natural science ASTR (astrophysics), BIOL (biology), CHEM (chemistry), ENVS (environmental science), GEOL (geology), or PHYS (physics). Please note that PSYC courses do not fulfill this requirement.</p> <p>ii. A language other than English.</p> <p>iii. A course in mathematical science (MATH 1190; MATH 1202; MGSC 1205 (management science); MGSC 1206 OR CISY 1225 (computing information systems).</p> <p>iv. PHIL 1200 Critical Thinking (philosophy). This is a six (6) credit course and no other philosophy course satisfies its requirement.</p>
(c)	9 hrs	<p>Interpretation of human imagination and experience</p> <p>9 credit hours from at least TWO of the following programs: Atlantic Canada Studies (ACST); Ancient Studies (ANCS); Asian Studies (ASNT); English (ENGL); History (HIST); Intercultural Studies (ICST); Public Humanities & Heritage (IPHH), Philosophy (PHIL) other than PHIL 1200; or Department for Study of Religion (RELS); or Language courses in literature and culture taught in English, Chinese (CHNS), French (FREN), German (GRMN), Japanese (JPNS), Irish Studies (IRST), or Spanish (SPAN).</p>
(d)	12 hrs	<p>Analysis of structures and systems of social life and aspects of nature</p> <p>12 credit hours from at least THREE of the following programs: Anthropology (ANTH); Criminology (CRIM); Economics (ECON); Environmental Studies (ENVS); Geography (GEOG); Health, Wellness and Sport in Society (HWSS); Global Development Studies (GDST); Linguistics (LING); Political Science (POLI); Psychology (PSYC); Social Justice and Community Studies (SJCS); Sociology (SOC); or Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS).</p>

Important Reminder

- The BA Breadth Requirements are degree requirements, meaning they must be done before you graduate. The Breadth Requirements are a useful course selection guide for your first year, but do not have to all be done in your first year.
- See academic calendar for a detailed listing of courses meeting these requirements. Go to smu.ca/calendar for more information.



Programs in the Faculty of Arts

Undergraduate Degrees

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Environmental Studies (BES)

Programs available as both majors and minors

- Ancient Studies
- Anthropology
- Asian Studies
- Atlantic Canada Studies
- Criminology
- Economics
- English
- Entrepreneurship
- French
- Geography
- Global Development Studies
- History
- Intercultural Studies
- Irish Studies
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Social Justice and Community Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish and Hispanic Culture

Additional majors

- Public Humanities & Heritage (IPHH)
- Law & Ethics

Additional minors

- Applied History
- British Studies
- Chinese Studies
- Climate Change
- Creative Writing
- Culture, Race and Resistance in Literature
- Dramatic Literature
- English Language
- Film Studies
- German Studies
- Global Environmental Politics
- Indigenous Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Certificate programs

- Atlantic Canada Studies
- Chinese Studies
- German Language and Culture
- Health, Wellness and Sport in Society
- Human Resource Management
- Japanese Studies
- Linguistics
- Proficiency in French
- Spanish Language and Hispanic Culture



Bachelor of Environmental Studies First-Year Requirements

Twenty-four (24) credit hours in core social and life science courses:

ENVS 1200 - Environmental Challenges

GEOG 1100 - Global Perspectives on Land and Life (Group D)

GEOG 1200 - People, Place and Environment (Group D)

ECON 1201 - Principles of Economics: Micro

SJCS 1211 - Social Power Relations

Three (3) credit hours chosen from: POLI 1201, POLI 1230, POLI 1250 or POLI 1260

Six (6) credit hours in chosen electives (BES students should reach out to BAadvising@smu.ca for assistance in choosing electives)

Six (6) credit hours chosen from the following Arts courses:

ANCS 1001 - Ancient Civilizations of the Near East and Egypt (formerly CLAS 1001)

ANCS 1002 - The Ancient Civilizations of Greece and Rome (formerly CLAS 1002)

ENGL 1205 - Introduction to Literature

ENGL 1220 - Literature and Science

ENGL 1230 - Literature and the Environment

HIST 1203 - The Twentieth Century in Europe (6 credit hour course)

PHIL 1200 - Critical Thinking (6 credit hour course)

Bachelor of Commerce

BComm Core

Year 1 Core Classes

Academic Literacy Requirement - Humanities Elective
(See Electives Page)

ACCT 2241 – Introductory Financial Accounting

BCOM 1201 - Exploring Sustainability

CISY 1225 - Introduction to Computer Applications

ECON 1201 – Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 1202 – Principles of Macroeconomics

MGMT 1281- Introduction to Business Management

MGSC 1205 – Quantitative Methods I

MGSC 1207 - Introduction to Data Analytics for Business

1 Elective* (See Electives Page)



Registration Tips

ECON 1201 and 1202 should not be taken in the same semester. MGMT 1281 requires a lab; you must register for the course and the lab at the same time. Check the **Attribute** column to see which lab you need.

Suggested Schedule

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
CISY 1225	BCOM 1201
ECON 1201	ACCT 2241
MGMT 1281	ECON 1202
MGSC 1205	MGSC 1207
ELECTIVE*	ELECTIVE*

**Students can choose between a non-Commerce elective (a course in Arts or Science), the Academic Literacy requirement (a humanities elective), or a free elective (a course in Arts, Business or Science)*

This is a suggested schedule, however courses can be taken in either semester. Students starting in the Spring or Summer term should speak with an Academic Advisor when planning their first semester or visit smu.ca/sobey/advising. In the Spring and Summer terms student can take a maximum of 9 credit hours (three courses) at a time. The recommended number of courses is one or two at a time.

Course Code Summary

ACCT - Accounting

BCOM - Commerce

CISY - Computing Information Systems

ECON - Economics

MGMT - Management

MGSC - Management Science

- Students interested in the **Sports Business Certificate** can take BCOM 2000 in second semester as their elective.
- Students interested in the **Sustainability Business Certificate** can consider the following courses for their electives: ANTH 1280, ENVS 1200, GDST 1000, GEOG 1200, GEOL 1202, GEOL 1206, POLI 1201, POLI 1260, SJCS 1211 or SOCI 1210

1000-level Electives for BComm Students

Ancient Studies (Humanities)

ANCS 1002 – Ancient Civil. Of Greece and Rome
ANCS 1004 – Intro to Archaeological Methods
& Theory

Anthropology (Social Science)

ANTH 1202 – Intro to Socio-Cultural
Anthropology
ANTH 1271 – Intro to Archaeology
ANTH 1280 – Intro to Biological Anthropology
ANTH 1290 – Intro to Language and Society

Asian Studies (Humanities)

ASNT 1105 – Intro to Chinese Culture
ASNT 1107 – Intro to Korean Culture

Astronomy & Astrophysics (Sciences)

ASTR 1000 – The Sky and Plants
ASTR 1001 – Stars and Galaxies
ASTR 1010 – Life in the Universe
ASTR 1100 – Intro to Astrophysics

Atlantic Canada Studies (Humanities)

ACST 1000 – Making Sense of Atlantic Canada

Biology (Sciences)

BIOL 1211 – Molecular & Cell Biology
BIOL 1212 – Organismal & Ecological Biology
BIOL 1213 – Applications in Biology

Chemistry (Sciences)

CHEM 1190 – Fundamental Chemistry
CHEM 1210 – General Chemistry I
CHEM 1211 – General Chemistry II for Physical
Sciences
CHEM 1212 – General Chemistry II for Life
Sciences
CHEM 1213 – General Chemistry II for
Engineering

Chinese (Language)

CHNS 1101 – Intro to Modern Chinese I
CHNS 1102 – Intro to Modern Chinese II

Computing Science (Science)

CSCI 1226 – Intro to Computing Science and
Programming
CSCI 1227 – Computer Programming and
Problem Solving
CSCI 1228 – Advanced Computer Programming
and Problem Solving

Criminology

CRIM 1303 - Introduction to Criminology

Education (Non-Commerce)

EDUC 1000 – Intro to University Education

English (Humanities)

ENGL 1205 – Intro to Literature
ENGL 1220 – Literature and Science
ENGL 1230 – Literature & the Environment
ENGL 1250 – Literature and Law
ENGL 1270 – Reading Monsters

Environmental Science (Science)

ENVS 1200 – Environmental Challenges
ENVS 1250 – Physical Processes in the
Environment

French (Language) [Students must do online placement test]

FREN 1111 Beginners' French Level I
FREN 1112 Beginners' French Level II

Geography (Social Science)

GEOG 1100 – Global Perspectives on Land
and Life
GEOG 1200 – People, Place and Environment

Geology (Science)

GEOL 1200 – Understanding the Earth
GEOL 1201 – The Dynamic Earth
GEOL 1202 – Planet Earth: Atlantic Canada
GEOL 1203 – Earth History: Atlantic Canada
Perspective
GEOL 1204 – Geology for Engineers
GEOL 1206 – Global Change
GEOL 1207 – Environment, Radiation and Society
GEOL 1208 – Environmental Geology: Atlantic
Canada Perspective
GEOL 1210 – Dinosaurs and Their World
GEOL 1211 – Atlantic Ocean: Formation, Fossils,
Phenomena

German (Language)

GRMN 1101 – Intro to the German Language I
GRMN 1102 – Intro to the German Language II

Global Development Studies

GDST 1000 - Global Development in Turbulent
Times

History (Humanities)

HIST 1000 – Making History
*HIST 1203 – The Twentieth Century in Europe
HIST 1215 – Ireland: An Intro
HIST 1222 – Intro to East Asian History
HIST 1252 – Canada to Confederation
HIST 1253 – Canada: Confederation to Present
HIST 1254 – The United States to 1877
HIST 1255 – United States: 1865 to the Present
HIST 1301 – Intro: History of Science and
Technology

Intercultural Studies (Humanities)

ICST 1000 - Intercultural Communication

Irish Studies (Humanities/Language)

IRST 1201 – Intro to Modern Irish
IRST 1202 – Modern Irish Language
IRST 1203 – Scottish Gaelic Intro I
IRST 1204 – Scottish Gaelic Intro II
IRST 1215 – Ireland: An Intro
IRST 1216 – Ireland: Culture and Society

Japanese (Language)

*JPNS 110 – Intro to Japanese

Latin (Language)

LATN 1100 – Introductory Latin

Linguistics (Social Science)

*LING 1200 – Intro to Linguistics

Mathematics (Sciences)

MATH 1190 – Fundamental Mathematics
MATH 1202 – Concepts and Topics in Math
MATH 1203 – Concepts in High School Math
MATH 1210 – Intro to Calculus I
MATH 1211 – Intro to Calculus II
MATH 1250 – Calculus for Life Sciences I
MATH 1251 – Calculus for Life Sciences II

Philosophy (Humanities)

*PHIL 1200 – Critical Thinking
*PHIL 1201 – Intro to Philosophy
PHIL 1244 – Human Freedom
PHIL 1245 – Philosophies of Life
PHIL 1246 – Sex and Sexuality
PHIL 1255 – Scientific Method
PHIL 1304 – Propaganda and Truth
PHIL 1306 – Reality, Thinking and Self
PHIL 1600 – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Physics (Sciences)

PHYS 1190 – Fundamentals of Physics
PHYS 1210 – University Physics I
PHYS 1211 – University Physics II
PHYS 1370 – Scientific Method
PHYS 1500 – Intro to Modern Physics

Political Science (Social Science)

POLI 1201 – Contemporary Issues
POLI 1230 – Law and Politics
POLI 1250 – Politics and Globalization
POLI 1260 – Politics and Development:
People, Ideas and Good

Psychology (Social Science)

PSYC 1000 – Intro to Psychology
PSYC 1100 – Intro to Biological Psychology
PSYC 1120 – Intro Evolutionary Psychology
PSYC 1310 – Intro to Memory
PSYC 1320 – Intro to Learning
PSYC 1400 – Intro Developmental
Psychology
PYSC 1510 – Intro to Social Psychology
PYSC 1520 – Intro to Personality Psychology

Study of Religion (Humanities)

RELS 1251 – Religion in Contemporary
Culture
RELS 1252 – Religious Diversity in Canada
RELS 1351 – Love
RELS 1352 – Death

Social Justice & Community Studies (Social Science)

SJCS 1211 – Social Power Relations

Sociology (Social Science)

SOCI 1210 – Intro Sociology

Spanish (Language/Humanities)

SPAN 1000 – Intro Latin American Studies
*SPAN 1100 – Intro to Spanish Language

Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (Social Science)

WGSS 1200 – Intro to Women and Gender
Studies

Bachelor of Science Foundational Course Requirements

ASTROPHYSICS

University Physics I & II.....	PHYS 1210 & PHYS 1211
Introductory Calculus I & II.....	MATH 1210 & MATH 1211
Introduction to Astrophysics.....	ASTR 1100 (January term)
Introduction to Modern Physics.....	PHYS 1500 (January term)
Introduction to Computing Science & Programming or Computer Programming and Problem Solving.....	CSCI 1226 or CSCI 1227
3 credit hours in Humanities.....	You choose!
6 credit hours Science Electives.....	You choose! (Recommended: CHEM 1210, 1211 or CSCI 1228)

BIOLOGY

Molecular & Cell Biology.....	BIOL 1211
Organismal & Ecological Biology.....	BIOL 1212
Applications in Biology.....	BIOL 1213
General Chemistry I & II.....	CHEM 1210 & 1212 (or 1211)
3 credit hours in MATH.....	MATH 1250 or MATH 1210
3 credit hours in MATH/CSCI.....	MATH 1251, MATH 1211 or CSCI 1227
6 credit hours Humanities Elective.....	You Choose!
3 credit hours in Arts.....	You Choose!

CHEMISTRY

General Chemistry I & II.....	CHEM 1210 & CHEM 1211 (or 1212)
University Physics I & II.....	PHYS 1210 & PHYS 1211
Introductory Calculus I & II.....	MATH 1210 & 1211
6 credit hours Humanities electives.....	You Choose!
6 credit hours Arts electives.....	You Choose!

COMPUTING SCIENCE

Intro to Programming & Advanced Programming.....	CSCI 1226 & CSCI 1228
Introductory Calculus I & II.....	MATH 1210 & MATH 1211
6 credit hours Science electives.....	You Choose!
6 credit hours Humanities electives.....	You Choose!
6 credit hours Arts electives.....	You Choose!

COMPUTING SCIENCE & BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Intro to Programming & Advanced Programming.....	CSCI 1226 & CSCI 1228
Introductory Calculus I & Intro Math Statistics.....	MATH 1210 & MATH 1216
Quantitative Methods I.....	MGSC 1205
Introduction to Business Management.....	MGMT 1281
Principles of Economics: Micro.....	ECON 1201
Principles of Economics: Macro.....	ECON 1202
Introduction to Financial Accounting.....	ACCT 2241
3 credit hours in Humanities.....	You Choose!

ENGINEERING (DIPLOMA)

Introductory Calculus I & II.....	MATH 1210 & 1211
University Physics I & II.....	PHYS 1210 & 1211
Engineering Mechanics I: Statics.....	EGNE 1203 (January term)
Technical Communications.....	EGNE 1206 (September term)
Engineering Design I: Graphics.....	EGNE 1210 (September term)
Computer Programming and Problem Solving.....	CSCI 1227
General Chemistry I & II.....	CHEM 1210 & 1213
Intro to the History of Science & Technology.....	HIST 1301

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Environmental Challenges.....	ENVS 1200 (September term)
Physical Processes in the Environment.....	ENVS 1250 (September term)
6 credit hours in Math or CSCI.....	MATH (1250 & 1251) or (1210 & 1211) or CSCI 1226 & 1227
Applications in Biology.....	BIOL 1213
Organismal & Ecological Biology.....	BIOL 1212
General Chemistry I & II.....	CHEM 1210 & 1212 (or 1211)
People, Place and Environment.....	GEOG 1200
3 credit hours Humanities.....	You Choose!



Registration Tip

MATH 1210 has a placement test during the first week of classes. Reach out to Science Advising or your instructor for more information.

Bachelor of Science Foundational Course Requirements

FORENSIC SCIENCE (CERTIFICATE)

BIOL 1211 Molecular & Cell Biology	CHEM 1210 General Chem I
BIOL 1212 Organismal & Ecological Biology	CHEM 1211/1212 General Chem II
BIOL 1213 Applications in Biology	*Refer to intended major for additional info

*Please note a separate application is required after you complete these requirements to be admitted into the Forensic Science certificate program. This certificate must be completed in conjunction with a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts degree. Refer to intended major for additional information.

GEOGRAPHY

Global Perspectives on Land & Life.....	GEOG 1100
People, Place and Environment.....	GEOG 1200
6 credit hours in Math or CSCI.....	MATH 1250 & 1251 or MATH 1210 & 1211 or CSCI 1226 & 1227
6 credit hours Science electives.....	You Choose!
6 credit hours Humanities electives.....	You Choose!
6 credit hours Arts electives.....	You Choose!

GEOLOGY

Understanding the Earth & The Dynamic Earth.....	GEOG 1200 & GEOG 1201
6 credit hours Math or CSCI.....	MATH 1250 & 1251 or MATH 1210 & 1211 or CSCI 1226 & 1227
6 credit hours Science electives.....	You Choose!
6 credit hours Humanities electives.....	You Choose!
6 credit hours Arts electives.....	You Choose!

MATHEMATICS

Introductory Calculus I & II.....	MATH 1210 & MATH 1211
Intro to Computing Science & Programming.....	CSCI 1226
Problem Solving & Programming.....	CSCI 1227 or CSCI 1228
6 credit hours Science electives.....	You Choose!
6 credit hours Humanities electives.....	You Choose!
6 credit hours Arts electives.....	You Choose!



Registration Tip

Many courses have mandatory labs.
You must register for the course and the
lab at the same time.

PHYSICS

University Physics I & II.....	PHYS 1210 & PHYS 1211
Introductory Calculus I & II.....	MATH 1210 & MATH 1211
Introduction to Modern Physics.....	PHYS 1500
Introduction to Computing Science & Programming OR Computer Programming and Problem Solving.....	CSCI 1226 or 1227
6 credit hours Science electives.....	You Choose! Recommended: CSCI 1228. Prerequisite is CSCI 1226 with a grade of C or higher and/or CHEM 1210 & 1211
6 credit hours Humanities electives.....	You Choose!

PSYCHOLOGY

Introduction to Psychology.....	PSYC 1000
3 credit hours PSYC 1000-level.....	PSYC 1100, 1120, 1310, 1320, 1400, 1510, 1520
6 credit hours Math or CSCI.....	MATH 1250 & 1251 or MATH 1210 & 1211 or CSCI 1226 & 1227
6 credit hours Science electives.....	You Choose!
6 credit hours Humanities electives.....	You Choose!
6 credit hours Arts electives.....	You Choose!

Elective Subject Options

Sciences: Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Computing Science, Environmental Science, Geography (Group B only), Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology (Excluding ASTR 1010, CHEM 1221, MATH 1202 and MATH 1203)

Arts: Anthropology, Arabic, Asian Studies, Atlantic Canada Studies, Chinese, Ancient Studies (Classics), Criminology, Economics, Education, English, French, German, Geography (Group A, C, D only), Health Wellness and Sport in Society, Hispanic Studies, History, Intercultural Studies, Global Development Studies (International Development Studies), Irish Studies, Japanese, Linguistics, Philosophy, Political Science, Public Humanities and Heritage, Religion, Sociology, Social Justice and Community Studies, Spanish and Women, Gender Studies and Sexuality Studies

Humanities: Atlantic Canada Studies, Asian Studies, Ancient Studies (Classics), English, History, Intercultural Studies, Irish Studies, Philosophy, Public Humanities and Heritage, Religion and Modern Languages (courses in literature and/or culture)

Can I take a different course or fewer courses than what is recommended?

Students have the flexibility to design their course plan to best fit their individual needs and goals. The course plan for first year is a suggested course plan. If students want to modify the suggested course plan by taking fewer or different courses, we recommend booking an appointment to meet with an Academic Advisor to discuss prerequisites and course sequencing.

Do I have to take courses in the spring and summer?

The Spring (May-June) and Summer (July-August) are optional terms in the academic year. Not all courses are offered in the spring and summer. Check with your Academic Advisors regarding availability.

What if a course is full?

Waitlist registration is available for students who wish to register for a course that is at capacity. Students on the waitlist will not be guaranteed a seat in the course; however students on a waitlist are given the first chance at any spaces that become available in a course that is full.

Visit smu.ca/academics/registration-waitlist for more information.

What is the deadline to select my courses?

Find important dates, including registration deadlines, holidays, and the exam period, at smu.ca/servicecentre.

Important Information

When you register for classes, you are claiming a seat in each course. Courses have a financial and academic component and the university has set withdrawal deadlines and payment due dates. It is extremely important you are committed to attending Saint Mary's University before these deadlines to avoid financial or academic penalties should you choose to withdraw. Check out smu.ca/registration for more information.

Registration Tips

It is recommended you don't put all your classes on a two-day cycle (for example, all your courses on Mondays and Wednesdays). Spread them out over the week so you have time between classes to prepare for the next one. It also helps around midterms so you are less likely to have multiple midterms on the same day.

Courses ending in XX and YY are full-year courses (for example, PHIL 1200 XX). XX indicates the fall or spring term and YY the summer or winter term. You must register for both parts of the course. Full-year courses require you to complete both halves of the course. This is not done automatically, so you will need to add both terms during your registration process. You cannot drop the course halfway through and get credit for the first half.

Refer to the Academic Calendar for descriptions and prerequisites for each course.

If you are having trouble adding or dropping a course, contact your Academic Advisor.

Important Vocabulary

Term/Semester

Term/Semester is the time frame during which courses are offered. Not all courses are offered each term. Term and semester are often used to mean the same thing.

Fall Term: September to December

Winter Term: January to April

Spring Term: May to June

Summer Term: July to August

Note: Spring and Summer terms are only 6 weeks each. These terms are optional.

Credit Hours

Credit hours represent the number of classroom hours per week that a course is taught. Students must complete a certain number of credit hours to graduate from a degree program (120 credit hours). Most courses are valued at 3 credit hours (1 term) or 6 credit hours (2 terms). They will be referred to as a full-year course which will be noted as an XX (first term) or YY (second term).

In the schedule you will usually see courses listed as M/W or T/R when offered twice a week, or a single letter if offered once a week. The letters correspond to the days of the week the course is taught.

M - Monday

T - Tuesday

W - Wednesday

R - Thursday

F - Friday

On-Campus Course

The course is held in person (on campus).

Hybrid Course

A hybrid course is a blend of in-person and online classes. Students will be required to participate in person and online to complete the course.

Dual Mode

Dual mode is a course that can be completed fully in person OR fully online.

Remote Course

Remote courses are completed online only. This can be in asynchronous or synchronous format. When registering, those courses will appear as REMOTE or WW (Web Course) next to the course selection option in Self-Service Banner.

Synchronous Course

A synchronous course is completed online only. Students are required to connect at specific times of day listed in Banner in order to be assessed or evaluated, or to receive information critical to succeed in the course. This means that quizzes, tests, participation, and other activities will be held during the specified times.

Asynchronous Course

An asynchronous course is completed online only. The course does NOT require students to connect at specific times in order to be assessed or evaluated, or to receive information critical to succeed in the course. This means that quizzes, tests, participation, and other activities will be available in broad windows of time. NOTE: A final exam may be scheduled at a specific time in some courses.

Web Course

A web course may include many different means of engaging students, but has been developed over several months with the intent that this will be the normal mode of delivery for this course. These courses are generally asynchronous.

Waitlist

Waitlist registration is offered for select courses. This process is available for students who wish to register for a course that is at capacity. Students on the waitlist will not be guaranteed a seat in the course, however waitlists will be monitored and seats will be made available at the discretion of the University up to the final day to add/change courses in the term.



Additional Resources

Academic Success & Advising Centre Brightspace

Brightspace is a platform the university uses to provide online information for courses. Every one of your courses will have a Brightspace page. Each Academic Advising office has its own Brightspace page where you can find information about university processes, general program information, and other resources to help with your academic journey. Important information, reminders and deadlines will also be posted in the "News and Announcements" section.

BComm Academic Success Program

Free academic support designed for students in the BComm program. The academic success programming strives to connect students with an inclusive environment to access free extra help in commerce courses as well as sessions and resources to build on and improve learning and study skills.

- Peer Academic Support (PAS) Program supporting first-year courses including: ACCT 2241, CISY 1225, ECON 1201, ECON 1202, MGSC 1205 and MGSC 1207
- Academic Success Sessions
- Academic and Course Resource Library
- Back in Business Program

Science Numeracy & Academic Proficiency (SNAP) Centre

The SNAP Centre was created to provide free academic support for first-year Science students in math, chemistry, computing science, physics and biology courses. Through the SNAP Centre, first-year students can make appointments with peer tutors to help with their conceptual understanding of topics, assignments and study skills and strategies. SNAP Centre tutors are all Dean's list students, and they have the experience and knowledge to help you succeed.

Academic Advisors

Faculty of Arts

Telephone: 902-420-5437

Email: BAadvising@smu.ca

Website: smu.ca/arts/arts-ba-advising-centre

Faculty of Science

Telephone: 902-420-5661

Email: advisor.science@smu.ca

Website: smu.ca/scienceadvising

Sobey School of Business

Telephone: 902-491-6532

Email: bcomm.advising@smu.ca

Website: smu.ca/sobey/advising

CONTACT US

902.420.5415
recruitment@smu.ca

923 Robie Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3H 3C3



[/smufuturestudents](#)



[/smufuturestudents](#)

Timetable Worksheet

First Semester				
M	T	W	R	F
8:30	8:30	8:30	8:30	8:30
10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00
11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30
1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
2:30	2:30	2:30	2:30	2:30
4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
5:30	5:30	5:30	5:30	5:30
7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00
8:30	8:30	8:30	8:30	8:30

Timetable Worksheet

Second Semester				
M	T	W	R	F
8:30	8:30	8:30	8:30	8:30
10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00
11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30
1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
2:30	2:30	2:30	2:30	2:30
4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
5:30	5:30	5:30	5:30	5:30
7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00
8:30	8:30	8:30	8:30	8:30