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Acadia University

Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Founded in 1838, Acadia University is consistently ranked among Canada's top undergraduate universities. Our small size and welcoming community make us a special destination, drawing in students from nearly every Canadian province and over 50 countries worldwide. Take advantage of our strong academic programs within our four faculties – Arts, Pure and Applied Sciences, Professional Studies, and Theology. Our liberal arts curriculum encourages personal development, and collaborative learning experiences led by award-winning professors. Acadia is a place devoted to helping its students succeed academically and in life. By choosing Acadia, you enter a world of opportunity with an unparalleled learning experience.



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Admission Procedure

1. Partner universities must nominate internally selected students
 - Submit Student Nominations
2. Acadia University will provide written confirmation of nomination acceptances directly to students, CC'ing partner university contacts in email communications
3. Accepted students must formally apply to Acadia University as an Inbound Exchange Student and submit all required documents
4. Acadia University will provide student admission letters

Required Documents

- Official student nomination from partner university
- Completed Acadia University Admission Application
- Copy of passport
- Academic transcript
- ID photo [Requirements listed on p.10]

Key Exchange Dates

Academic Terms	Full Academic Year OR Semester 1 (Fall)	Semester 2 (Winter)
Nomination Deadline	February 15	September 30
Application Deadline	March 31	October 31
Guaranteed On-Campus Residence Application Period	May 1 - June 30	November 1 - December 15
On-Campus Residence Move-In/Out	September 1, 2024 / December 19, 2024 Note: Full academic year exchange students can request to stay in residence over the winter break.	January 2, 2025 / April 18, 2025
Start of Orientation	September 1, 2024	January 3, 2025
Semester Dates [Start & End – Including Exam Period]	September 4, 2024 - December 18, 2024	January 6, 2025 - April 17, 2025



Important Dates

Academic Calendar

Please see an example below of university-wide dates that are important for exchange students to know, as listed in Acadia's [Academic Calendar](#).

These include:

- Academic/Administrative Dates
- On-Campus Housing (Residences) & Meal Plan Dates
- Payment Deadlines
- Holidays/Study Breaks/Scheduled University Closures
- Etc.

CALENDAR DATES

2024	
September	
Sunday, 1	Residences open for all new students (International and Canadian). New student orientation activities begin for students (International and Canadian).
Monday, 2	Labour Day. Residences open for returning students (12:00 noon).
Wednesday, 4	Classes begin for Fall and Fall/Winter courses. Fee payment deadline.
Friday, 6	Last day to apply for Fall Graduation (all students).
Friday, 13	Last day to add/change any Fall or Fall/Winter course sections. Last day to withdraw from a Fall or Fall/Winter course without a "W" appearing on the transcript.
Thursday, 19	Deadline for approved honours theses for Fall graduands.
Wednesday, 25	Last day to submit final Master's theses.
Friday, 27	Last day to receive grades for Fall graduands. Last day to decrease meal plan for Fall term.
Monday, 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – no classes. Last day to opt out of ASU Health Plan or add dependents.
October	
Tuesday, 1	Co-op Application Deadline
Thursday, 3	Exam schedule posted for December examinations.
Tuesday, 8	Faculty meeting for approval of Fall graduands.
Wednesday, 9	Senate meeting to approve Fall graduands and declaration of award of degrees and diplomas*.
Monday, 14	Thanksgiving Day - no classes.
Monday-Friday, 28-Nov. 1	Fall study break - no classes.
November	
Monday, 11	Remembrance Day - no classes.
Friday, 15	Last day to withdraw from a Fall term course and receive a "W". Any Fall course withdrawals after today will receive an "F" grade.
December	
Wednesday, 4	Last day of classes. Please note that "Monday" classes will be held on this day to make up for holidays.
Thursday-Friday, 5-6	Examination study days.
Saturday, 7	Fall term examinations begin.
Wednesday, 18	Fall term examinations end. Last day to submit final Master's theses.
Thursday, 19	Residence close (12:00 noon)



Housing & Dining

On-Campus Accommodations

Accepted inbound exchange students are guaranteed housing in on-campus residence, if they apply for housing within the specified periods listed below.

For Full Academic Year & Semester 1 Exchange Students:

May 1 - June 30

For Semester 2 Exchange Students:

November 1 - December 15

Once exchange students have an accepted nomination, they can complete the [On-Campus Housing Preference Request Form](#). This information will be used to set aside rooms in Acadia's residence booking system, to be only reservable by exchange students, within the date periods listed above.

Explore Housing Resources:

- [On-campus residence options](#)
- [Residence fees](#)
- [Room selection guide](#)
- [Apply for residence](#)
- [Residence packing list](#)
- [Student Residence Portal](#)

Each exchange student's room/bed will be set up with basic linens prior to their arrival.

Note: Full academic year exchange students can request to stay in residence over the winter break.

If you have specific housing questions or need assistance, please contact residencelife@acadiau.ca and CC globallearning@acadiau.ca.

On-Campus Dining

Acadia's dine-on-campus plan is mandatory for all students living in residence. Find out more about our [meal plans](#).

Explore Dining Resources:

- [Dining on campus](#)
- [What's On The Menu?](#)
- [Hours of Operation](#)
- [Campus dining map](#)
- [Food assistance](#)

Off-Campus Housing

In collaboration with the Coordinator of Student Conduct and Community Support, the off-campus housing support service is geared towards all students and aims to assist students in finding affordable housing and information on living in Wolfville and the surrounding area.

Learn more and find [off-campus housing](#).

If you are interested to sublet from or arrange a housing swap with an Acadia outbound exchange student, please email offcampushousing@acadiau.ca and CC globallearning@acadiau.ca with your inquiry. Please include:

- Exchange Term at Acadia
- Expected Arrival & Departure Dates
- Home Institution Name & Location
- Preferred Contact Information
- Housing Rental Inquiry and/or Housing Swap Inquiry

Note: Canada is experiencing a housing crisis. Acadia International encourages exchange students to live on-campus.



Key Course Information

Services Provided by the Registrar's Office

The Registrar's Office (RO) supports teaching and learning at Acadia University by maintaining the integrity of academic policies and student records.

The RO helps with many academic and non-academic questions – registration, degree audits, prerequisites, verification of enrolment, transfer credits, important dates, examinations, academic regulations, and more!

Where to Find & How to Contact the RO

The Registrar's Office is in University Hall. Enter through the doors on the west side of the building (parallel to University Ave) and walk past the post office, the Registrar's Office, and Student Accounts are on your left.

You may also contact the Registrar's Office by:

- Phone: 902-585-1222
- Email: regis@acadiu.ca

Adding, Changing, or Dropping Courses

Students who wish to add a course, substitute one course for another, or withdraw from a course must do so through [Colleague Student Self-Service](#), or in writing through the Office of the Registrar. Specific dates and deadlines for course changes and withdrawals are outlined in the [Academic Calendar](#).

It is the student's responsibility to initiate course changes. Discontinuing attendance in classes or notifying an instructor does not constitute an official withdrawal from a course. To ensure a smooth transfer of credits from Acadia University to your Home Institution, please inform your Home Institution to any course changes.

Course Offerings & How To:

Please follow the guide on '[How to register for a course](#)' and dive into our [course catalog](#), spanning a variety of disciplines.

Programs not available to exchange students:

- Education
- Mathematics Education
- Music Therapy
- Nursing

Note: Other programs may have restrictions for courses that limit exchange student enrollment, such as pre-requisite requirements, class size capacity, etc.



Key Course Info | Cont.

Course Add/Change:

Students may add or change course registrations up to the 'Course Add/Change' date specified in the [Academic Calendar](#).

If you are attempting to register for courses with pre-requisite restrictions and the system is not allowing you, you will need to contact [Jennifer Gerrits](#) in the Registrar's Office and she can liaise with the respective academic departments to help you get registered.

Course Withdrawal:

The time in which a student withdraws from a course has implications for the grade received. Deadlines are specified in the [Academic Calendar](#).

- To receive a No Record Withdrawal (course does not appear on the transcript), a student must withdraw by the 'Last day to withdraw from a Fall/Winter course without a "W" appearing on the transcript' deadline.
- To receive a 'W' (Withdrawal), a student must withdraw by the 'Last day to withdraw from a Fall/Winter term course and receive a "W". Any Fall/Winter course withdrawals after today will receive an "F" grade.' deadline.
- The notation 'F' (Fail) will appear on a student's official record when a student withdraws from a course after the last day to withdraw, unless permission has been granted by the Dean for the course to be discontinued without academic penalty, generally for substantial medical, psychological, or compassionate reasons.

Note: If a student does not complete a course, and has not officially withdrawn, an 'F' (Fail) will be recorded on the student's transcript.

Having Trouble?

If you are having difficulties with registering in, changing, or withdrawing from a course, please contact Jennifer Gerrits, Coordinator of Transfers and Articulations, with the Registrar's Office: jennifer.gerrits@acadiiau.ca

In your email request, please include:

- Student Type: Inbound Exchange
- Request: (e.g. Add Course(s), Change Course(s), and/or Drop Course(s))
- Course Semester & Year: (e.g. 2024 Winter OR Semester 2, 2023-2024)
- Course Name(s): (e.g. Human Resource Management)
- Course Code(s): (e.g. BUSI-3313-WI01)
- Course Time & Day: (e.g. T/Th 9:30 AM - 10:50 AM)



Supports & Services

Pre-Arrival Support

- Regular email communication is provided to students from the Wong International Centre (international@acadiau.ca) and/or the Exchange & Study Abroad Office (globallearning@acadiau.ca) with information to assist with student arrival
- The Wong International Centre (WIC) hosts pre-arrival webinar information sessions. The sessions touch on the various supports available on campus as well as academic expectations.
- A pre-arrival guide for international/exchange students is accessible on [ACORN](#). It covers topics such as coming to Canada (study permits, airport pick up, etc.), living in Wolfville, health and wellness, and other critical pieces of information.
- Within the ACORN platform, students can connect with their peers and form friendships before their arrival on campus.
- The iCent app for incoming international/exchange students outlines various items that must be completed pre- and post-arrival as well as services available on campus. The app is available in a wide range of languages.
- Incoming exchange students can [book virtual meetings](#) with the Coordinator of Exchange and Study Abroad.

Arrival Support

- [Free Airport Pick-Up](#): The WIC offers a free airport pick-up service to new international/exchange students.
- [Arrival Welcome Centre](#): The on-campus Welcome Centre (located in the ASU building) is operated by student leaders welcoming students to the Acadia campus. Upon arrival, students will receive welcome bags containing Acadia items, resource brochures, and snacks.
- Orientation activities occur at the start of each semester, in September and January.

Post-Arrival Support

- [International Student Employment Program \(ISEP\)](#): Offered to provide meaningful on-campus work experiences to international/exchange students. Students must have a valid study permit that allows them to legally work in Canada.
- [Grocery Shuttle Bus Program](#): The shuttle bus picks up students at the WIC every second Tuesday in the evening and drops them off at the Atlantic Superstore in New Minas. Students get 2 hours to shop for groceries and any other items they need before getting picked up again to be dropped off on campus. This program is only open to international/exchange students.
- Non-academic advising
- Weekly programming
- Advocacy on behalf of students
- On-campus informational sessions
- Acadia International Mentor Program



Additional Information

Airport Pick Up

Acadia offers a free airport pick-up service to new international and exchange students each semester.

An airport welcome desk will be situated in the baggage collection area where new international/exchange students will be greeted by Acadia student leaders.

The free airport shuttle service will be offered on specific dates, with set departure times. Registration for the shuttle service is required.

Check Acadia's [International Student Arrival & Orientation](#) page to find the most up to date information regarding this service.

Arriving at another date or time?

Students who arrive before or after the specified free airport shuttle service dates and/or outside of the pick-up times will be responsible for their own transportation and the costs associated with it.

If you fall in this category, you can contact [World Class Executive Transportation](#) to arrange a time for them to pick you up at the airport or you can book a ride with [Maritime Bus](#).

Study Permit

Answer a few simple questions using the Government of Canada's '[find out if you need a study permit](#)' tool.

Learn [about the process and how to apply](#) for a study permit.

Language Requirement

No English language proficiency assessment is required; however, Home Institutions should be confident in a student's English language ability and consider this during the student nomination selection.

To succeed academically, we recommend an English language skill level of/equivalently to:

- CAEL 70
- TOEFL 90
- IELTS 6.5

Application Fee

There is no cost to submit an application to Acadia University as an incoming exchange student. If an application fee automatically populates in your portal, it will be waived once your profile is updated as 'exchange' in the system.

Exchange students do not pay Acadia tuition fees, however, there are other fees associated to participating in exchange. Learn about the [expenses you need to budget for](#).

Academic Transcript

Acadia University will automatically send one free digital or hard copy transcript per student to their Home Institution.

If students wish to receive a copy of their own, they must [individually request/pay for it](#).



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ID Photo

This picture is for identification purposes. The picture must clearly identify you as a person.

Requirements:

- Accepted file format - JPG/JPEG
- You must be looking straight at the camera (no side profiles)
- The background must be a light solid color (white/off white)
- There can be no borders on the photo
- There should be a small space between your head and the top of the image, as well as a definite contrast between you and the background
- The photograph must be in color
- No red eye or flash reflection on glasses or contact lenses
- No hats, sunglasses, jewelry or garments of any sort that obstruct the view of your face

Once your Acadia network account is setup you can [submit a picture](#) for your Acadia Access Card.

More Resources

We're here to support you. [Explore service categories and student resources.](#)

Acadia Snapshot



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Average Class Size



3500

Undergraduate Friends



5-min

Walk to Class from any Residence



15:1

Student - Faculty Ratio



100s

Of Ways to get Involved



50+

Countries Represented at Acadia

Discover Wolfville

Discover what our town has to offer!

- [@when_in_wolfville](#)
- [About the Town of Wolfville](#)
- [Things to do](#)

Questions?

Visit [Acadia's Exchange website](#) for in-depth information and FAQ, or [book a meeting](#) with the Coordinator of Exchange and Study Abroad.



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