

Information for those visiting MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY

Campus Tours Office

Email: campusvisit@mta.ca / Phone: (506) 364-2257

Online tour request form: http://www.mta.ca/apply/visit/tours_form.html.

HOW LONG DOES A VISIT TAKE?

- Campus tours – normally 90 minutes (minimum 60 minutes)
- Admissions meetings – 30-45 minutes
- Faculty meetings – 15-30 minutes
- Classes – 50 minutes to 1hr 50 minutes
- Financial Aid meeting – 10-15 minutes

WHEN CAN I COME?

Campus tours run seven days a week and on most holiday weekends, though it pays to request a tour on a long weekend or on a public holiday at least a month in advance. There are certain days throughout the year when university events make it difficult to offer our campus tours, and these dates are:

2011 Arriving Students

Thursday, September 1

Friday, September 2

Saturday, September 3

Sunday, September 4

Monday, September 5

2011 Christmas - 2012 New Year Holidays

Friday December 23, 2011 – Monday January 2, 2012

2012 Convocation

Monday, May 14

We hope the above restrictions don't make things difficult for you. If you do find you're in a situation where the only possible day you can visit is one of those above, please email the campus tours office so we can see if we can do something for you. It is always to your advantage to book your tour at least 3-4 weeks before the date you wish to visit.

If you wish to combine any of the following with your tour, please ensure you request a visit from Monday to Friday:

- a class visit
- a meeting with an admissions counselor
- a meeting with a faculty member, the financial aid & rewards officer or any

other staff member
- a sports coach

We're sorry, but these meetings or a class visit are not available on weekends. Classes run from early September to early April.

To help avoid delays with getting your visit set up and confirmed, if you don't hear back from us within 72 hours of sending your request, please phone us. Our aim is to always contact you within 48 hours of your request being received.

To further enhance our communication, please ensure you provide us with your email address, home mailing address, phone number, and also your parents' e-mail address if they have one. Email is the primary way that we stay in touch with you. We will send you an initial acknowledgement upon receiving your booking request, and then once details are finalized, you will receive another email from us with confirmation of your arrangements and directions to the starting point on campus. If you have requested your visit some months in advance, you will hear from us, after our initial acknowledgement, approximately 4-2 weeks prior to your visit. We are unable to book arrangements too far ahead due to the changing environment we work within.

CAN I VISIT DURING THE SUMMER?

Tours continue seven days a week during spring and summer. Faculty meetings and meetings with admissions counsellors are also available Monday to Friday. Unfortunately classes and eating in our dining hall are not available. However Gracie's Café, in our Student Centre, is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am – 2pm.

IS THERE SOMEWHERE FOR ME TO STAY ON CAMPUS?

We love to welcome students for a complimentary overnight stay on campus. Here are a few details to help you with your request:

- For complimentary accommodation with a student host, stays are available from 28 September to 28 November, and 18 January to 18 March
- Please make your request on the usual booking form at least two weeks in advance
- Avoiding holiday weekends and the student study week from Thursday February 18th – Sunday February 26th 2012, inclusive, will help your chances.
- Please bring a sleeping bag (and your pillow if that's important to you)
- You'll receive complimentary meal passes plus an additional one for any other members of your party that are not staying in residence
- You can also request to use our fitness facilities for free.
- Your host will take care of you, and will normally include you in the activities he/she may be involved in during your stay – e.g.: a residence meeting, a sports event, a trip to the theatre, a movie night, or a campus club meeting.
- For accommodation from early May until mid August, please contact the Mount Allison Conference Services at: reservations@mta.ca or by phone:

(506) 364-2247. There is a charge for the room, but it is kept very low, and there is a cheaper rate for students.

- Unfortunately, no accommodation is available on campus during the following periods: 19 March to early May, mid August to 27 September and 19 November to 17 January.

We suggest you look at a backup option for accommodation in case one of our student hosts isn't available. Accommodation options can be found on the final pages of this document.

IMPORTANT!

When staying in residence the normal laws of Canada still apply.

*This includes underage drinking laws,
and the use of illegal substances.*

Smoking is permitted outside of campus buildings.

*Please take care not to be party to anything
that could compromise your ability to follow these laws.*

WHERE CAN I EAT WHEN I VISIT?

During the academic year from early September to mid April, you are welcome to dine at Jennings Dining Hall - our campus meal hall. List it on your visit request form and your meal is always free! Jennings is a state-of-the-art dining hall with many healthy food options and it's a good place to discuss your visit. We can even schedule a meeting over a meal if you have limited time. Just let us know and we'll do our best to set things up. You will receive meal tickets in your Welcome Pack which you hand to the cashier at the top of the stairs leading down to the dining hall. Family members or those accompanying you on your visit are also welcome to dine for free.

In addition to our dining hall we also have cafes in the library and in the Student Centre. Payment is required in these establishments and they stock a variety of lunch and snack food, and drinks. The café in the Student Centre (Gracie's Café) has a large lounge attached to it which overlooks the main campus playing field, so it's a lovely place to sit and eat your meal.

The town also offers many eating options from fast food outlets to cafes and restaurants and two supermarkets. The closest eating establishments and one of the supermarkets are only a 5 minute walk from the university.

ARE THERE PLACES TO STAY IN THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE?

There certainly are, and we're justifiably proud of them. There are bed & breakfast establishments, most within easy walking distance of the campus. Also within walking distance are the Marshlands Inn and The Coastal Inn. You will find information on all of these establishments, plus more, at the end of this Visitors' Information.

I NEED TO BOOK MY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS!

It is fairly unusual for a requested tour date and/or time to not be possible, unless that date falls within a restricted visiting period. In the acknowledgement email we send you to advise that we've received your request, we'll let you know if it's fine to go ahead with your travel arrangements or if there is a problem with the date you have chosen. We understand the need to book travel early and so will always let you know as soon as possible when you can book them!

WHERE IS SACKVILLE?

The town of Sackville is located in the eastern part of the province of New Brunswick, in Eastern Canada. It is part of what is commonly called 'The Maritimes'! The town has a population of 5,000 permanent residences and is five minutes from the Nova Scotia border, where the town of Amherst is located. Sackville is also 30 minutes from Moncton city, the largest city in New Brunswick, and one of the fastest growing cities in Canada. Sackville's website is: www.sackville.ca

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Sackville has excellent transport services either directly into the town or to airports that are close by. Services are daily and offer a variety of price ranges to choose from.

Airlines

Moncton Airport is the closest airport to the campus. It is only 30 minutes by car. There is unfortunately no shuttle bus service between the airport and Sackville, but if you book a taxi in advance, with one of the companies listed below, then it will be cheaper than simply jumping in any cab that is standing at the curbside. The reason for this is that nearly all taxis waiting at the airport originate in Moncton city, and so charge extra to take you further away from their base, to Sackville, and then to return back to Moncton. Sackville has two taxi cab companies: Sackville Cab: 364-8000
Squires: 536-3118

Halifax Airport is 2 hours away to the east, in Nova Scotia.

Rental Cars

Both Moncton and Halifax Airports offer a variety of rental car companies.

Trains

Sackville has its own Via Rail Station with a direct passenger service to Halifax in the east and Montreal in the west. The train travelling west also stops at many towns in New Brunswick and Quebec on its way to Montreal. Connections in Montreal are available to Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec City and many other points west or north.

Buses

Acadian Coach Company also services Sackville approximately six times a day while travelling east to Halifax or west to Moncton and points beyond. The bus service will also run to/from Halifax and Moncton Airports if requested in advance. Scheduling and pricing is available on their website but tickets can only be bought in person at their bus depots or agents. These are all listed on their website.

CANCELLATIONS

There is normally no problem if you need to cancel your visit but please let us know as soon as you can. This is particularly important if you have meetings scheduled on campus, especially if it's with a faculty member. We will be happy to rebook you for another visit, once you have decided on a new date.

SEE MOUNT ALLISON ONLINE

There are additional places where you will find Mt Allison on the web.

www.mta.ca – the main site for Mount Allison University where you will find everything you need to know about becoming a student and what things are like on our great campus.

www.youtube.com – you all know 'youtube' right? There are over 100 student made videos where you can see 'raw' footage of the fun had by students at Mt A! Just do a search using 'Mt Allison University' for a full list of what's been posted.

Thanks for taking the time to read through this. Our desire is that you have the best experience possible while visiting Mount Allison, so never hesitate to contact us if you need assistance or extra information about something.

SACKVILLE ACCOMMODATION AND SERVICES

- * Properties are 5-10 minutes walk from the campus.
- ** These properties are 15-20 minutes walk to the campus
- *** A car is required

Bed and Breakfast:

The bed and breakfast options listed below are rated 3 and 4 star in quality. All are pleasant and nicely furnished. Prices start around \$50 a night to around \$125 per night. Please contact the property for reservations and information.

- Savoy Arms*: (800) 583-5133 / (506) 536-0790

- Silver Lake Bed & Breakfast***: (866) 439-3933 / (506) 536-1737

Campus Accommodation: (From early May until mid August)

Mount Allison Hotel: Residence accommodation is available on campus in single and double rooms with prices starting around \$34 per night for a student, and \$69 per night. Early booking is suggested due to Mount Allison's busy conference schedule.
Phone: (506) 364-2247 to inquire and make reservations, or email: reservations@mta.ca.

Inns:

- **Marshlands Inn*:** An historic 4 star inn within walking distance of the campus.
Phone: (506) 536-0170 www.marshlands.nb.ca.

- **Coastal Inn**:** A pleasant modern inn, approximately 15 minutes walk from the campus. Contact their central booking service or the inn directly for bookings: (888) 704-7444 central reservations, or locally at (506) 536-0000. www.coastalinns.com/sackville.html.

Motels:

Sackville has one motel, which is on the edge of Sackville near the highway
Please phone the number listed for bookings or view their website.

- **Tantramar Motel***:** (1800) 399-1327 - www.tantramarmotel.com/index.html

Medical Services:

Sackville has its own hospital and it is situated on the corner of Queen and Main Streets, at 2 Main Street. There is an out-patients' clinic for those who need immediate medical attention. There are two pharmacies in the town. Jean Coutu Pharmacy is located at 93 Main Street and Tantramar Pharmacy is located in the Medical Suites building at 2 Main Street, adjacent to the hospital. Both have highly skilled pharmacists who are also licensed to provide pharmaceutical medical advice, thereby sometimes avoiding the wait in an outpatient's clinic. Jean Coutu is the bigger of the two, selling the products normally contained in a large general pharmacy. Tantramar Pharmacy focuses on filling prescriptions and sells a limited supply of pharmaceutical products.

Town Events and Things to Do:

www.sackville.com/calendar