Embank on an exchange with
Mount Allison University

Established in 1839, Mount Allison University boasts one of the most beautiful and historically rich campuses in Canada. Nestled on the Tantramar marshes in the heart of Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada, the University offers a focused and uniquely personal student experience. Mount Allison attracts some of the most talented and creative minds from across the country and around the world. We offer five degrees to undergraduate students — Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Commerce, and Bachelor of Music, as well as a number of postgraduate degrees in science. Mount Allison has been ranked the #1 undergraduate university in Canada by Maclean’s magazine for 18 of the last 24 years. The University has had 53 Rhodes Scholars, 12 in the last 14 years alone, and counts many of Canada’s top business, cultural, and community leaders among its graduates.

Located in
Sackville, NB

Mount Allison is located in Sackville, New Brunswick — a small town of 5,500 in the centre of Eastern Canada. It is a town that is rich in art, culture and music and has been named as a Cultural Capital of Canada. Residents enjoy living in a close-knit community with the benefits of having easy access to many Maritime urban centres. Moncton, one of the fastest-growing cities in Canada, is a 30-minute drive from campus, and provides specialty services and an international airport in a uniquely bilingual environment. Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick, and Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia are both within a two-hour drive of Sackville. Halifax also has an international airport. Prince Edward Island is just over an hour away.

To learn more about Sackville, please visit the Town’s web site at www.sackville.com

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Course Information

Exchange students may take courses in the following areas:

**FACULTY OF ARTS:** American Studies; Anthropology; Art History; Canadian Public Policy; Canadian Studies; Classics; Drama; Economics; English Literatures; Environmental Studies; French Studies; Geography; Geographic Information Systems (GIS); German Studies; Greek; Hispanic Studies; History; International Economics and Business; International Relations; Japanese Studies; Latin; Philosophy; Political Science; Psychology; Religious Studies; Sociology; Women’s Studies

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE:** Biology; Biochemistry; Chemistry; Cognitive Science; Computer Science; Environmental Science; Mathematics; Physics

**FACULTY OF COMMERCE:** Accounting; Finance, Marketing, Management

*Certain exchange students are eligible to register for Fine Arts or Music courses*

The online course calendar can be found at: [http://www.mta.ca/academic_dept/calendar.html](http://www.mta.ca/academic_dept/calendar.html)

**PRE REQUISITE COURSES:** Visiting exchange students can take upper-year courses provided they have the appropriate prerequisites from their home university. For example, if a course states that the prerequisite to register for the course is ECON 2211, the visiting exchange student must have taken the equivalent of ECON 2211 at their home university. The International Affairs Coordinator will assist visiting exchange students with getting permission to take upper-year courses (and will then as the Registration Helpdesk in the Registrar’s Office to be manually registered in the requested course). For courses that have no prerequisites, students can register directly via CONNECT @ MTA once they have received their letter of acceptance and paid the $100 registration deposit.

For more information about registering for courses visit the Registrar’s Office website: [www.mta.ca/registrar](http://www.mta.ca/registrar)

**Cost of Living**

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**Climate & Weather**

**SUMMER (June - Aug.):** Sackville summers are absolutely beautiful, warm (20°C) sunny days and a cool breeze off the ocean.

**FALL (Sept. - Nov.):** Sackville’s most photogenic season! Enjoy watching the leaves change colors but be prepared for cool nights and crisp (8°C) days.

**WINTER (Dec. - March):** Sackville gets on average 230 cm of snow. Be sure to bring winter clothing to stay warm in the blustery (–10°C) weather.

**SPRING (April - May):** The muddy season. Green grass and melting snow. Still chilly (5-10°C) so don’t put away your jacket yet!
Arrival Guide

Mount Allison offers complimentary airport pick-up from the Moncton Airport for students who register for International Orientation (August) or Winter Orientation (January).

ORIENTATION

Orientation for all new international and exchange students happens prior to or concurrently with regular University Orientation.

To sign up for airport pick-up service and to register for International Orientation, visit: http://www.mta.ca/international/orientation/

ON-CAMPUS ACCOMODATION

Mount Allison offers convenient on-campus housing optional for all exchange students. There are seven on-campus residences for exchange students to choose from, many of which feature single-rooms and/or double-rooms.

Note: Students living on campus are automatically registered for an unlimited meal plan at the University Dining Hall.

Please note: Exchange students need to pay the $100 registration fee, and the $250 residence deposit (one term only) or $500 residence deposit (two terms). Once the online residence application has been submitted, the student will automatically receive an email confirming receipt. No further action is required. The Housing Office will contact the student (directly) if any further information is required.

*All fees can be paid through Flywire*

“Tjé Lan Wesseling
Fall 2014 Exchange Student
The Hague University

“I had the most amazing time at Mount A. I joined the rugby team and it was the best way to meet a lot of new people and stay in shape. I would recommend everyone to go there and I wished I could stay longer than one semester.”

TRANSCRIPTS

Student transcripts are available via CONNECT @ MTA as soon as grades are released. Transcripts for exchange students are sent directly to the home institution at the end of their study period at Mount Allison. Transcripts are posted in late-January following the Fall term, and late-May following the Winter term.

COURSE LOAD REQUIREMENTS

Exchange students are required to maintain full-time student status while at Mount Allison.

Minimum Course Load: 9 credits per term (3 courses)
Maximum Course Load: 15 credits per term (5 courses)

Most courses are 3 credits each. Exchange students are normally advised to take 4 or 5 courses per term. Check with your home university for requirements.

COURSE HOURS

Students can expect to spend approximately three hours per week in class per course. Science courses usually have an additional lab component once a week.

MOUNT ALLISON GRADING SCALE

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MTA offers seven different on-campus residences for exchange students to choose from!
How do I apply?

Application Process

1. The exchange student must be nominated by the home university to attend Mount Allison for one term or two terms.

2. The exchange coordinator at the student’s home university sends the visiting exchange student application to Mount Allison’s International Centre along with the student’s most recent transcript, a nomination letter, a passport copy, and proof of English proficiency via e-mail. Hard copies are not required. Please send to studyabroad@mta.ca

3. Applications should be received by May 27th for the Fall term or October 28th for the Winter term.

4. Acceptance letters will be sent to applicants approximately 3-4 weeks after the application has been received.

5. To confirm a position in the exchange program at Mount Allison, students must pay the $100 registration deposit. This can be done through Flywire.

Temporary Resident Visa & Study Permit

DO I NEED A VISA/PERMIT?

Most exchange students who come to Mount Allison for one term (less than six months) do not require a study permit. Students studying at Mount Allison for more than six months must obtain a study permit prior to their arrival in Canada.

In addition to a study permit, students from certain countries/territories may need a visa to enter Canada. For a list of these countries and for more information about visas (including forms) visit: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp

ELIGIBILITY TO WORK

Exchange students enrolled for one year (two terms) at Mount Allison may be eligible to work on campus if they hold a valid study permit and are registered as a full-time student. Exchange students are not eligible to work off campus. Students registered at Mount A for only one term are not eligible to work in Canada.

Requirements

If an exchange student’s first language is not English, he/she must provide documentation to show that he/she meets Mount Allison’s English language proficiency requirements in one of the following ways:

- TOEFL score of 580 (paper test), 90 (IBT)
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.5
- Successful completion of at least three years of academic instruction at a Canadian secondary institution, as recognized by Mount Allison University.
- Successful completion of at least 30 credit hours (or equivalent) at a post-secondary institution, as recognized by Mount Allison University, where English is the primary language of instruction.

Home university verification that the student is currently taking all of his/her classes in English and has met the English language proficiency requirements for admission of the home university.

Please note: Meeting the University’s minimum English proficiency requirement does not guarantee admission. Mount Allison reserves the right to request additional information in support of your application.

Language Standards

Health Insurance

All exchange students are required to have health insurance for the duration or their studies at Mount Allison. As such, they will be automatically registered for the Student Union’s foreign health insurance plan when they register for courses. Students wishing to be exempt from the Student Union’s plan will have to go to the Student Union website to opt out. They will also need to provide an English language copy of proof of equivalent health insurance, including a copy of the insurance policy, by the posted deadline. For more information, please visit: www.masu.ca/what/insurance

Do I need health insurance?