

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY FAQ'S (CANADA)

1. What makes your university unique?

We are Canada's leading comprehensive university with campuses situated in Vancouver, Burnaby, and Surrey. Our students study at programs that operate on a year-round tri-semester schedule, and we are the only Canadian university competing in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

2. What are your most popular programs of study (feel free to provide links)?

Our most popular faculties and programs of study include: Beedie School of Business, Applied Sciences (Mechatronics and Computing Science), Science (Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology), and Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology. You can review all of our programs [here](#).

3. Do you require TOEFL or IELTS scores?

- Students would need to meet our English Language Requirement for admission into our university. One of the ways that they can meet this requirement is taking either the IELTS or TOEFL and meeting the following minimum score:
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS - Academic) with a minimum overall band score of 6.5 with no part less than 6.0.
- TOEFL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language internet based test) with an overall score of 88 or better with a minimum score of 20 in each of the four components (listening, speaking, writing, reading).

4. What is your average/minimum GPA, SAT/ACT scores?

In place of admission averages/GPAs, moving forward for admission we are now looking at an 'admission range', which will vary depending on which faculty/program the student is applying for. These admission ranges will be posted on our website shortly. At this time, we anticipate admitting students starting in the mid-80s% to low-90s%, depending on the program.

If a student is applying from an American high school or from an international high school that follows an American curriculum, our general admission requirements includes meeting an overall SAT score of 1130 out of 1600 as mentioned [here](#).

5. What is the minimum AP classes required?

Rather than looking at the minimum AP class required, we suggest that students and parents review the admission requirements online as this will depend on which faculty

they are applying into and what kind of student they are: <https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/admission-requirements/fall-2019.html>

6. Do you give university credit for AP classes, CLEP tests, etc?

Yes, transfer credit and/or advanced standing are granted to students who complete AP examinations in certain transferable subjects and achieve a score of 4 or 5. Course challenge (credit by examination) is also available in some disciplines. To receive transfer credit for AP exams official test scores need to be sent directly to SFU from the College Board. More information can be found [here](#).

7. What is the average class size?

Average class size depends on the year of study and program. Typically for our more popular first year courses, some lectures can range from 200-400+ students. For most lectures, students will break off into classroom tutorial/discussion groups ranging from 10-20 students. Our seminars hold about 20-40 students per class. As students go into their upper division / 3rd or 4th year courses, they will find that their class sizes may shrink due to specializations.

8. What is the yearly cost for international students?

Estimated costs per term for international students (<https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid/costs/international-students.html>) and Canadian/Permanent Residents (<https://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid/costs/domestic-students.html>). We offer three terms a year (Fall, Spring, Summer). Please note that this is an estimated breakdown and will depend on a variety of factors such as whether the student will be living on Campus Residence, how many courses they take, etc.

9. Do you offer international students scholarships?

Yes, we do offer a range of scholarships and financial aid options for international students, including the Major Entrance Scholarship which will be open for Fall 2019 applications starting October 1, 2018. More information can be found online [here](#).

10. HOW CAN I APPLY TO THIS UNIVERSITY? When is the application available?

Students can start applying for the Fall 2019 term starting October 1, 2018 with the deadline closing on January 31, 2019. They can apply online through EducationPlanner BC at: <http://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply.html>