



St. Michaels University School



St. Michaels University School is an independent, day and boarding school in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Founded in 1906, our school community includes more than 1,000 students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12. Our Senior School (Grades 9-12) has 602 students, hailing from 32 countries around the world. Approximately 20 percent of our student population benefits from tuition assistance programs.

SMUS is committed to academic excellence and offers extensive programs in the arts, athletics, service and leadership, as well as opportunities for experiential education. Six of our graduates have gone on to become Rhodes Scholars.

The school is accredited by the British Columbia Ministry of Education and Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS).

Our Mission

Our school seeks the excellence in all of us, with passion and compassion. We are a community shaped by the pursuit of truth and goodness, providing outstanding preparation for life.

Our Vision

To learn, to lead, to serve.

Our Values

Respect | Courage | Honesty | Service

The Class of 2023

151

Number of graduates

29%

Percentage of graduates who earned scholarships

656

University acceptances received by the graduating class

\$8,449,020

Total amount of scholarships offered to graduates in the last 3 years

112

AP Scholars with Distinction

541

Total AP Exams Written



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Leadership and Extracurricular Opportunities

Through **125 councils and clubs (K-12)**, SMUS offers an array of activities to engage students outside the classroom and in our community in meaningful ways. Students gain skills, develop personal and social responsibility, and practise effective leadership through their involvement. Club and council involvement is voluntary; most SMUS students are involved in two or more clubs or councils.

Experiential Learning and Outdoor Education

SMUS offers experiential education from Kindergarten to Grade 12, providing hands-on learning experiences to complement classroom teaching and empower students to deepen their learning. All students in Grade 9 to 11 participate in outdoor education out trips, ranging from sea kayaking and surfing to hiking and winter camping. Students also have the opportunity to develop their skills in this area through a rigorous and popular Outdoor Leadership elective course in their senior years.

Athletics

Students are able to participate in 13 sports at the varsity level. Our teams regularly qualify for regional and provincial finals in soccer, basketball, golf, tennis, rugby, volleyball, field hockey and badminton. Our squash players, rugby players and rowers compete on a regional and national level. Students also have the opportunity to be part of developmental teams in sports and take part in a variety of non-competitive athletic activities as part of the school program.

British Columbia Grading System

A	=	86-100%
B	=	73-85%
C+	=	67-72%
C	=	60-66%
C-	=	50-59%
F	=	0-49%
I	=	In Progress

Academic Schedule and Reporting Timelines

Our academic schedule is organized into six terms, each six weeks in length; students take a maximum of four courses per term, alternating through the year. **Marks for Grade 12 students will be released on December 1, 2023** reporting on achievement in all their courses. The next reports will be released by **February 28, 2024**.

GPA and Ranking Policy

SMUS does not calculate a GPA, nor do we rank our students.

Standardized Testing

Preparation for standardized testing is not part of our school program. Also, SMUS students have faced challenges accessing SAT and ACT over the past year. We ask that universities take these factors into account when evaluating our students' applications. We are an SAT test centre.

All students in the province of British Columbia are required to complete a course with a First Nations focus. For the 2024 graduating class at SMUS, all Grade 12 students will complete English First Peoples 12 to meet that requirement. It is equivalent to a senior academic English course.

DISCIPLINE	Grade 9 No credits	Grade 10 4 credits per full-year course	Grade 11 4 credits per course	Grade 12 4 credits per course	
English 4 years required	English 9	Literary Studies and Creative Writing 10 English First Peoples Literary Studies and New Media 10	Literary Studies 11 Literary Studies 11 Pre-AP English First Peoples Literary Studies and Writing 11	English First Peoples 12 (required) Creative Writing 12 (elective)	AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition
Mathematics 3 years required	Principles of Mathematics 9	Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-Calculus 10	Foundations of Mathematics 11 Pre-Calculus 11	Advanced Topics in Mathematics (Geometry) 12 Calculus 12 Data Science 12 Foundations of Mathematics 12 Pre-Calculus 12	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics
Social Sciences 3 years required	Social Studies 9	Business Studies 10 Entrepreneurship 10 Global Issues 10: International Relations Global Issues 10: Think Tank Social Studies 10	Economic Theory 12 Law Studies 12 Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12: Decolonization Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12: Social Justice World History 12 <i>(Students in Grade 11 and 12 may take any of the social science 12 courses in Grade 11 or 12; at least one is required for graduation)</i>	AP Comparative Government and Politics AP Human Geography AP Macroeconomics AP Psychology AP World History	
Sciences 3 years required	Science 9 (Integrated)	Marine Studies and Training 10 Science 10 (required) Science Expansion Pack 10	Chemistry 11 Chemistry 11 Pre-AP Environmental Science 11 Life Sciences 11 Life Sciences 11 Pre-AP Physics 11 AP Physics 1 Robotics 11	Anatomy and Physiology 12 Chemistry 12 Environmental Science 12 Physics 12	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics 2 AP Physics C (Electronics and Magnetism) AP Physics C (Mechanics)
Modern Languages 3 years required	French 9 Beginner French 9 French 9 Advanced Mandarin 9 Beginner Mandarin 9 Spanish 9 Beginner	French 10 Beginner French 10 French 10 Advanced Mandarin 10 Spanish 10 Beginner Spanish 10 Spanish 10 Advanced	French 11 French 11 Advanced Mandarin 11 Spanish 11 Spanish 11 Advanced	French 12 Mandarin 12 Spanish 12	AP French Language and Culture AP Spanish Language and Culture AP Chinese Language and Culture
Engineering, Technology, Arts and Design 3 years required	Ceramics 9 Concert Band 9 Concert Choir 9 Drama 9 Drama 9: Improvisation Drama 9: Playwriting Engineering and Design 9 Musical Theatre 9 Painting 9 Strings 9	Art 10 Computer Science 10 Concert Band 10 Concert Choir 10 Drafting 10 Drama 10 Electronics and Robotics 10 Media Design 10 Strings 10 Technical Drawing and Design 10 Engineering and Design 10	Computer Science 11 Concert Band 11 Concert Choir 11 Digital Art 11 Strings 11 Studio Art 11 Theatre Company 11	3-D Applied Design and Installation 12 Art 12 Computer Science 12 Concert Band 12 Concert Choir 12 Digital Art 12 Directing and Script Development 12 Strings 12 Theatre Company 12	AP Art History AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles
Physical Education 3 years required	Physical Education 9	Athletic Leadership 10 Physical Education 10 Sport Science 10	Active Living 11: Human Performance Active Living 11: Lifestyle and Fitness Active Living 11: Yoga and Wellness Fitness and Conditioning 11	Active Living 12: Active Sport Active Living 12: Yoga and Wellness Fitness and Conditioning 12	
AP Capstone Diploma			AP Seminar	AP Research	



Advanced Placement

The Advanced Placement (AP) program at SMUS is the leading AP program among all independent schools in Canada. SMUS was one of nine schools in Canada selected to pilot the AP Capstone program and students have had the opportunity to earn a Capstone Diploma since June 2016. In May 2023, 253 students wrote a total of 541 AP exams across 32 different subjects. Of the exams written, 96% were graded 3 or higher.

Post-Secondary Acceptances

Ninety-eight percent of SMUS graduates attend a four-year, degree-granting institution. Graduates from the classes of 2017 to 2023 have matriculated to the following universities and colleges (among others):

Canada

Acadia University	Mount Allison University	University of British Columbia
Bishop's University	Queen's University	University of Calgary
Brock University	Quest University	University of King's College
Camosun College	Ryerson University	University of Lethbridge
Carleton University	Simon Fraser University	University of Ottawa
Concordia University	St. Francis Xavier University	University of Toronto
Dalhousie University	Thompson Rivers University	University of Victoria
Emily Carr University of Art and Design	Toronto Metropolitan University	University of Waterloo
Huron University College	Trent University	Western University
McGill University	University of Alberta	Wilfrid Laurier University
McMaster University		York University

United States

Amherst College	Northeastern University	University of California, Riverside
Barnard College	Northwestern University	University of California, San Diego
Boston College	Notre Dame University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Boston University	Parsons School of Design -The New School	University of Chicago
Brown University	Pomona College	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Carnegie Mellon University	Pratt Institute	University of Michigan
Chapman University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Colgate University	Santa Clara University	University of Pennsylvania
Columbia University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Rochester
Cornell University	Stanford University	University of San Diego
Duke University	Swarthmore College	University of Southern California
Emory University	The New School	University of Washington
Harvard University	University of California, Berkeley	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Johns Hopkins University	University of California, Irvine	
Lafayette College	University of California, Los Angeles	
Middlebury College		
New York University		

International

Chinese University of Hong Kong	London School of Economics	University of Bristol
Duke Kunshan University	Maastricht University	University of Cambridge
Durham University	Parsons Paris	University of Edinburgh
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	University of Leicester
Esade Business School in Italy	Sciences Po	University of Melbourne
Griffith University	TEC de Monterrey	University of Oxford
Hong Kong University	The Hague University of Applied Sciences	University of St Andrews
Ibero-American University, Mexico City	Trinity College Dublin	University of Surrey
IE University Spain	Università Bocconi	University of Sussex
Imperial College of London	University of the Arts London	University of Sydney
King's College London	University College London	Yale-NUS College Singapore
KU Leuven	University of Bath	

2023 SMUS AP Exam Data *		
Exam Name	Number of exams written	Average Score
Capstone		
AP Research	17	3.82
AP Seminar	36	4.00
Languages		
AP Chinese Language and Culture	6	4.83
AP English Language and Composition	23	4.13
AP English Literature and Composition	21	4.24
AP French Language and Culture	17	4.00
AP German Language and Culture	5	5.00
AP Spanish Language and Culture	11	4.09
Mathematics		
AP Calculus AB	17	4.12
AP Calculus BC	19	4.16
AP Statistics	29	4.38
Sciences		
AP Biology	8	4.38
AP Chemistry	31	3.81
AP Computer Science A	13	4.15
AP Computer Science Principles	8	3.00
AP Environmental Science	4	3.00
AP Physics 1	34	3.71
AP Physics 2	4	4.25
AP Physics C: E&M	21	3.71
AP Physics C: Mechanics	21	3.90
Social Sciences		
AP Art History	10	4.60
AP Comparative Government and Politics	34	3.85
AP Human Geography	28	3.93
AP Macroeconomics	70	4.04
AP Microeconomics	2	4.00
AP Psychology	25	4.36
AP US Government and Politics	1	3.00
AP World History: Modern	14	4.64
Fine Arts		
AP 2-D Art and Design	8	4.25
AP 3-D Art and Design	3	3.67
AP Drawing	11	4.18
Music Theory	1	5.00

* At time of publication, Canadian AP Exam Data averages had not been published.