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**Your home
away from home.**



Discover a Hidden Gem...

Located on the traditional territory of the Abenaki people and founded in 1843, Bishop's University is quite unique amongst other public, government-funded Canadian Universities. Our primary mandate is to offer students a quality education in the fine arts, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, business and education. With 2,800 full-time students (more than 25% of which are international students), we offer the ideal climate to engage in our community. Our intimate class settings provide a very warm and friendly experience for international exchange students to learn and explore. We promote exceptional cooperation between students and professors and conduct frequent seminars, laboratories and tutorials.

Although located in the province of Québec, we are an English-speaking university, and all courses are taught in English. However, when students leave campus to go shopping or sightseeing, they will hear both French and English; a most advantageous and rich learning experience.

Bishop's is situated in the bilingual community of Lennoxville, a suburb of the city of Sherbrooke, Quebec, located about 1.5 hours southeast of Montreal. The U.S.A. border with Vermont is a 45-minute drive away from campus. The Eastern Townships region is known for offering a safe and welcoming atmosphere, exceptional nature and outdoor recreational opportunities, and a great quality of life.



Academic Programs and Requirements

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Strong academic standing at your home institution
- Support from your home institution for your proposed exchange

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The proposed exchange program must correspond with the field of study followed at your home institution, unless specified by an agreement between your institution and Bishop's University. Your course selection at Bishop's University must be approved by your home institution. Please note that some courses may not be accessible to incoming exchange students, and since course offerings are posted only a few months before the following semester, we cannot predict in advance which courses will be available.

LIST OF PROGRAMS

- Bishop's University offers a variety of Academic Programs. ubishops.ca/academic-programs
- For a description of the courses we may offer, view our Academic Calendar. ubishops.ca/academic-calendar
- For a general idea of our course offerings, see our current and previous Timetables. ubishops.ca/timetable

The logo for Bishop's University, featuring the word "BISHOP'S" in white, bold, serif capital letters on a purple pennant-shaped background.

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Language Proficiency

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

When applying to Bishop's University, a proof of English language fluency is required if you currently study at an institution where the language of instruction is neither English nor French. ubishops.ca/proof-english

The proof can take the form of:

- IELTS test score of 6.5
- TOEFL test score of 90
- A letter from your home institution attesting to your equivalency in proficiency in written and spoken English

LANGUAGE SUPPORT

If you meet the proficiency requirements but still wish to improve your English, our English Language Studies program offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes that you could take as electives in any program. ubishops.ca/ELS

You will also have access to the Writing Centre where you can receive assistance in perfecting your writing style and proofreading your written assignments.

ubishops.ca/writing-centre

FRENCH COURSES

Bishop's University is an English-speaking institution, and all services on campus are offered in English. However, you can take French language courses and use your French on campus if you so desire since most faculty and staff are bilingual. You will also meet students from across Canada and around the world with whom you can practice. An English university in a French-speaking city: The opportunities are endless!

ubishops.ca/fsl



Immigration Process and Insurance

IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES

In order to study at Bishop's University as an exchange student, you must apply for immigration documents. You may be required to apply for a Quebec Acceptance Certificate (CAQ), a Study Permit or a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) / Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).

1-Term Exchange Student (less than 6 months):

- Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to enter Canada

2-Term Exchange Student (more than 6 months):

- CAQ
- Study Permit
- Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to enter Canada

For more information, see our www.ubishops.ca/immigration

Please stay up to date with travel restrictions and the immigration process: travel.gc.ca/travel-covid

Is it possible to do an internship during an exchange program at Bishop's?

No. Since an internship is not mandatory in the program of study in Canada, exchange students cannot apply for a co-op or intern work permit. If you would like to do an internship after your exchange at Bishop's University, you will need to apply for a work permit through the International Experience Canada (www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/work-canada/iec) program. The University is not responsible for the internship.

MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE

The Quebec Government regulations require all international and exchange students to purchase the mandatory Cowan Insurance Plan to study at Bishop's University.

If you are a citizen and a resident of Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Serbia or Sweden, you may qualify for the Quebec Health Insurance Plan - Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ).

For more information on health insurance, visit the ubishops.ca/health-insurance.

Important Dates

FALL SEMESTER

(early September to the end of December)

- Nomination Deadline: March 15th
- Application Deadline: April 1st
- Residence Application Deadline: Mid-June
- International Student Onboarding – A few days before the semester starts
- Fall Reading Week (no classes): A week in late October
- Semester Dates: Early September – End of December
- Student Representative Council Orientation Week: First week of school
- Exam Period: Mid-December
- Holiday Break: End of December – Early January

WINTER SEMESTER

(beginning of January to the end of April)

- Nomination Deadline: September 15th
- Application Deadline: October 1st
- Residence Application Deadline: beginning of November
- International Student Welcome Session: At the start of the semester
- Student Representative Council Orientation: First week of school
- Reading Week (no classes): A week in early March
- Exam Period: Mid-April

You can also find more accurate dates on ubishops.ca/sessional-dates and on ubishops.ca/living-on-campus.



International Student Onboarding



International Student Onboarding is Bishop International's comprehensive welcome experience designed to assist new students in their transition to university life on our campus. Whether they are exchange students or degree-seeking students, activities are intended to support and equip international students for a successful start to their academic journey. Onboarding is comprised of a mandatory 3-day program prior to the start of the fall semester, and a Personalized Welcome period during the first two weeks of the term. Thanks to information sessions, social activities, and personalized support, students will have the opportunity to connect, learn, and thrive in their new environment.

Exchange Students: How to Apply

NOMINATION BY HOME INSTITUTION

Bishop's has two nomination dates and two application deadlines per year. Nomination by the home institution should be done before March 15th for the following fall semester, winter semester or full academic year. Nominations for the winter semester should be done by September 15th for the following winter. ubishops.ca/study-abroad.

STEP 1 Apply online using the International Exchange Student application form, which will be sent by email after the nomination.

STEP 2 Students are required to upload the following supporting documents through their myBU portal or send scans to admissions@ubishops.ca.

- Copy of the ID page of your valid passport
- Official transcript from home institution
- Proof of English language fluency, if you study at a university where the language of instruction is neither English nor French.

STEP 3 Students staying for 2 semesters or more must upload the following supporting documents through their myBU portal or send scans to admissions@ubishops.ca upon arrival at Bishop's University.

- Copy of CAQ
- Copy of Study Permit

STEP 4 Register for the mandatory International Student Onboarding Session.

*This Orientation will be before the start of the Semester. There is a small registration fee. Further information will follow by email after your acceptance.



Fees and Living Expenses

YEARLY TUITION AND FEES

For more up-to-date information, visit ubishops.ca/tuition-and-fees and ubishops.ca/academic-calendar.

	1-Term Exchange	2-Term Exchange
Tuition	\$0*	\$0*
Compulsory Fees	\$0*	\$0*
Mandatory Health Insurance	\$400	\$750
Accommodation	\$2,647	\$5,294
Meals	\$2,540	\$5,080
Books and Supplies	\$700	\$1,400
ESTIMATED TOTAL **	\$6,287	\$12,524

*Exchange students pay tuition to their home institution, however, some courses may have extra fees.

**Please note that these fees are estimates based on costs for the 2023-2024 academic year. Costs may fluctuate based on the academic program, style of residence, and chosen meal plan. All costs are shown in Canadian dollars (CAD).

Note: Attendance to the SRC Orientation week is \$103 CAD (price subject to change), but optional.





Services on Campus

STUDENT SERVICES

We provide many opportunities for individual growth in a community of learning, where the student is the center of our educational mission. We commit ourselves to improving the quality of student life so that each student can achieve success.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

We provide confidential, on-campus services to support your physical, mental and spiritual health. The Campus Security team also ensures the safety and security of everyone, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Bishop's is proud to be an institution that welcomes and supports a diverse student body and strives to ensure that students have equal opportunities and equitable treatment to take full advantage of their education. Explore the services available to you with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) during your BU journey.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMIC FACILITATOR

We offer professional and specialized services focusing on academic success, career development and leadership. At Bishop's, we provide resources to aid you in the next steps following your graduation.

INDIGENOUS STUDENT SUPPORT

The Indigenous Student Support Center (ISSC) provides a safe and welcoming environment and academic support to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students as well as Indigenous international students. ISSC strives to create a space for Indigenous Students to feel at home and cared for on campus.

RECREATION AND FITNESS

With sports facilities, services and activities to match a multitude of tastes and needs, we offer tons of options to get you moving and having fun.

To learn more about all of our student services, visit ubishops.ca/student-services

Housing

RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL

We recommend that you arrive a few days prior to the start of the semester to have time to get settled in. For students who will live on campus, you can move into your room the Saturday before the beginning of the semester or according to the Onboarding schedule.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Living on campus is more than just a choice of where you are going to live while studying at Bishop's; it is a bridge to our community and everything it has to offer. Our residence buildings are at the heart of campus, located in the center of it all. Our students come from across Canada and from countries around the world. There is no better way to become a Gaiter, than by joining our diverse community right here on campus. Exchange students are welcome to apply for on-campus housing.

ubishops.ca/living-on-campus

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Some students choose to live off-campus. Visit the off-campus housing section on our website to help you find accommodation.

off-campus-housing.ubishops.ca



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