



2018 Pre-Arrival Booklet



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

First Year Advisor

To ensure that the transition to university is as smooth and successful as it can be, we have advising available to all first-year students.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can make an appointment and chat with someone in person about the transition, settling in, or your future at Acadia. Please contact our first year advisor at: **firstyearadvisor@acadiau.ca** to schedule an appointment.

Safety and Security

P: 902.585.1103 | E: security@acadiau.ca

Residence

Residence Life

P: 902.585.1417 | E: residencelife@acadiau.ca

Scholarships

Judy Noel-Walsh, Manager, Scholarships & Financial Assistance

P: 902.585.1543 | E: financial.aid@acadiau.ca

Tech Services

P: 902.585.4357 | [http:// hub.acadiau.ca](http://hub.acadiau.ca)

Registrar

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Accounts

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REGISTER FOR COURSES

Academic Calendar

All students should familiarize themselves with the Acadia University Calendar. In addition to describing Acadia's programs and courses, the calendar outlines important academic policies and regulations.

You will find the current Acadia University calendar online at:

<https://registrar.acadiau.ca/AcademicCalendars.html>.

Academic Advising

Each student has an Academic Advisor. Advisors work directly with you to help with any registration related questions and course advising. We recommend that you contact your academic advisor before proceeding with registration. Not sure who your advisor is?

E-mail: **acadia4u@acadiau.ca**.

Choosing First Year Courses

Acadia University has designed a set of "First Year" registration pages assist you as you build your first-year schedule, and to provide you with the necessary contact information should you require assistance.

To get started, please visit: **<https://www2.acadiau.ca/choosing-first-year-courses.html>**.

Registration Process

To register for courses, you must login in to your Acadia Central account. Don't forget that your username will be the last six digits of your Acadia ID number and the first initial of your last name, lower case (i.e. 123456a). If you don't remember your password, you can request to have it e-mailed to you by selecting the "Forgot Password" option.

If any of the courses you would like to register for are full, please email: **waitlist@acadiau.ca**.

WHAT TO BRING

If you're planning to live in residence, you may be wondering what to bring with you when you arrive in September. Below is a list of all the items that we recommend you have for your residence room. Many items can either be brought with you, or purchased when you get here. Read on for more information!

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- A spiral-bound notebook with a light gray cover and a white page. The page contains a list of items to bring to residence, organized into two columns. The left column lists items like a bathroom caddy, identification, laundry bag, pictures/posters, pillow, prescriptions, rain gear, semi-formal/business attire, sewing kit, sports equipment, storage containers, toiletries, towels, warm winter clothes & boots, bed linens, blankets, clothes iron, fan, and first-aid kit. The right column lists items like a flashlight, flip-flops, games, clothes hangers, network cord, cellphone and charger, water bottle and coffee/tea mug, bowl/plate/knife/fork/spoon, surge-protected power bar, and USB flash drive. Below the right column is a section titled 'Where to Shop Locally' with text about local stores.
- ☐ Bathroom caddy for your supplies
 - ☐ Identification
 - ☐ Laundry bag or basket
 - ☐ Pictures/posters and sticky tack
 - ☐ Pillow
 - ☐ Prescriptions
 - ☐ Rain gear
 - ☐ Semi-formal/business attire
 - ☐ Sewing kit
 - ☐ Sports equipment
 - ☐ Storage containers
 - ☐ Toiletries
 - ☐ Towels
 - ☐ Warm winter clothes & boots
 - ☐ Bed Linens
 - ☐ Blankets
 - ☐ Clothes iron with safety features
 - ☐ Fan
 - ☐ First-Aid Kit
 - ☐ Flashlight
 - ☐ Flip-flops for the showers
 - ☐ Games
 - ☐ Clothes hangers
 - ☐ Network cord (if your laptop can use one)
 - ☐ Cellphone and charger (too obvious?)
 - ☐ Water bottle and coffee/tea mug
 - ☐ Bowl/plate/knife/fork/spoon
 - ☐ Surge-protected power bar
 - ☐ USB Flash drive

Where to Shop Locally

There are many stores within a 10-minute drive from campus where you can purchase these items. Local big-box stores include: Walmart, Canadian Tire, Winners, and Staples.

Bed Linens Program

You can order linens through Campus Linens of Canada who work directly with our Residence Life team to ship your order to campus and have your linens waiting for you in your room when you arrive. If you would like more information, please contact residencelife@acadiau.ca.

CAMPUS SERVICES

Scholarships & Financial Assistance

This office is ready to provide you with information on everything from getting your government loans, to special bursaries and scholarships that are available to Acadia Students. Make your financial burden a bit lighter with their help!

Safety & Security

Acadia's Safety and Security Department has security staff on patrol at all times. In addition to surveillance cameras, swipe-card residence access, direct line emergency phones and safety training on campus, they offer a night time courtesy shuttle and walk-home service for students

Student Health and Wellness

Student Health Services offer a full range of medical services to meet the health and wellness needs of Acadia students. There are physicians who are able to fill the role of your family doctor during your time on campus. Student Health Services also focuses on health education and prevention planning. Student Health Services is located at the West End of Dennis House. Contact: studenthealth@acadiau.ca

Wong International Centre

The Wong International Centre (WIC) supports international students in their academic, personal and professional skill development. Through its programs and services, the Centre assists in promoting cross-cultural understanding and global citizenship throughout Acadia University, the surrounding communities and our global partners.

Accessible Learning Services

We respect that students have diverse learning needs and through Accessible Learning Services we provide a supportive and inclusive environment for students with disabilities. The accommodations that can be facilitated with faculty are based on recommendations that are outlined in a student's medical or psychological education documentation. Contact: disability.access@acadiau.ca or abu.kamara@acadiau.ca

Acadia Chapel

The Chapel is a space of sanctuary open to people of all world views. Throughout the term there are regular Christian, ecumenical services as well as secular events and activities that take place in the chapel sanctuary, hall and library. The Chaplain is also part of the counselling services which are offered on the Acadia campus.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Acadia believes in an education that develops you as a whole person. In order to achieve that, we know you'll need personal attention and access to top-notch people, programs and student services.

Academic Support

We have academic advisors who can help students choose programs and courses that suit their educational needs. Free tutoring is available on many subjects, and the MASH (Math and Stats Help) Centre and the Writing Centre are just two of the free services offered. The Acadia Tutoring Service can connect you with tutors for hire, to complement the academic supports available for free.

Co-operative Education

Acadia has one of the best Co-op programs in the country. Our Co-op program allows students to integrate their studies with periods of paid work experience in a job within their field. Students can test drive potential careers and find out where their real strengths and interests are. These real-world skills give students a distinct advantage in the job market after graduation. Contact co-op@acadiau.ca

Student Resource/Counselling Centre

The transition to university can present a number of challenges for students. The Student Resource/Counselling Centre provides a professional and confidential environment that will support the mental health needs of students. Counsellors can work with students to improve overall wellbeing or with issues related to depression, anxiety, stress, and other mental health concerns. The Student Resource/Counselling Centre also facilitates career exploration and decision making. We are located in the lower level of the Old Sub. Contact: counselling@acadiau.ca

PURCHASE A LAPTOP

All Acadia University students are required to have a laptop. This provides a technology-rich educational experience and a familiarity of today's technology. Acadia partners with Apple and Dell, providing several models designed to meet your academic needs. The webstore details the specific Acadia pricing, configurations, and warranty packages. Visit the Technology Services Store (<https://ts.acadiau.ca/tech-store.html>) to purchase a laptop via the customized purchasing program or to view the recommended specifications. Every student receives a license for Microsoft Office 365, at no additional cost. Please the TS website for further details.

Services

The HUB portal (hub.acadiau.ca) is the first stop to find answers to questions. The BAC Service Desk provides an additional level of support and assists with academic application software, laptop problems, printing, and accessing the Acadia network. TS@Library Support Kiosks are available during the school year. Students requiring access to academic programs can use dedicated computers in the library. The kiosks are available during regular library hours but are only monitored by a Service Desk consultant in the evenings. The campus network provides wireless internet access in classrooms, libraries, dining areas as well as many hotspots. Power outlets are generously distributed throughout the campus.

Contact: Acadia Technology Services, website: <http://ts.acadiau.ca>, service portal: <https://hub.acadiau.ca>, phone: **902-585-HELP (4357); 1-888-609-3330**.

PURCHASE TEXTBOOKS

Where to buy your books

Once your textbook list is available, you can purchase your textbooks from our Campus Bookstore which is located on the main level of the Wheelock Dining Hall. We also offer a "Books on Beds" program that will allow you to purchase your textbooks online (in August) and have them delivered directly to your residence room. For more information, please visit acadiashop.ca

Where to find your book list

When your book list is available, you will find it on your Acadia Central account (<http://central.acadiau.ca>) through the "Course List/Online Text Book Ordering" link. Your book list doesn't typically become available until July. Each course is different, so we recommend that you check your account regularly during the month of July and early August.

PAYING YOUR FEES

In the fees section of the Academic Calendar, you will find updated tuition costs for each academic year. Below are the fees for 2018-2019 for a full-time undergraduate Canadian student for the Fall-Winter term. These fees do not include the Bachelor of Education program. If you would like to see a more detailed fee list please visit https://financial-services.acadiu.ca/Tuition_Fees.html

Fees are paid in two installments, one in first semester and the other in second semester. First semester fees are due to be paid by Wednesday, September 5, 2018. To locate your Student Account information, please sign in to your Acadia Central account at central.acadiu.ca. We allow students to submit payment of fees through online banking or in person to our Students Accounts team. Did you know you could use your loyalty points to help fund your education at Acadia using the HigherEdPoints program? This program allows students to pay part of their fees with Aeroplan and TD points. For more information, please contact us at student.accounts@acadiu.ca or phone **902.585.1297**.

For more detailed information about fees and payment methods please visit http://financial-services.acadiu.ca/Tuition_Fees.html.

2018–2019 Tuition Rates for Canadian Students

**Full-time undergraduate,
Fall-Winter term, excluding BEd
(Nova Scotia residents)**

Tuition: \$7,390

Information and Technology Fee: \$568

Athletic and Health Services Fee: \$247

Student Organization Fees: \$304.40

Acadia Access Fee: \$10

**Full-time undergraduate,
Fall-Winter term,excluding BEd
(Non-Nova Scotia residents)**

Tuition: \$8,673

Information and Technology Fee:\$568

Athletic and Health Services Fee: \$247

Student Organization Fees: \$304.40

Acadia Access Fee: \$10

2018-2019 Residence & Meal Plan Fees

To locate a complete list of residence and meal plan fees, please visit the Academic Calendar online at acadiu.ca/registrar or email acadia4u@acadiu.ca to have the link emailed to you.

HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE

Eligible students attending Acadia University are automatically enrolled in the Acadia Students' Union Health and Dental Plans. Fees are automatically charged to your student account.

Rates:

Canadian Plan (which supplements your provincial health coverage, i.e. MSI, OHIP)

Single student, 12 months \$231.00

Family, 12 months* \$535.00

International Plan (for those students who do not have provincial health coverage, i.e. MSI, OHIP)

Single student, 12 months \$750.00

Family, 12 months* \$1500.00

Dental Plan (Flat Rate)

Single person, 12 months \$165.00

Family*, 12 months \$350.00

*In order to activate family coverage, students register online and provide details of their dependents at **www.studentbenefits.ca** before September 30. Please direct all inquiries to Health Plan Administrator, Cindy MacDonald at **cindy.macdonald@acadiau.ca**

To opt out:

If you are covered under another comparable health plan, you must show proof of the other health coverage before the fees associated with the plan can be removed from your account. Acceptable proof of coverage includes an insurance card from your provider or a letter from the insurer or employer providing the coverage. Proof of alternate dental coverage is not required when submitting the opt out request.

You must opt out by September 30th, no exceptions. To learn more about your benefits, or to opt out and have the fees removed, visit **www.studentbenefits.ca** and select "Acadia Students' Union". The opt out portal will open July 1 for students starting in September.

GET YOUR I.D. CARD

Using our new Online ID Photo Submission system, new students are able to submit their own ID photo online. This new system will save you time when getting your ID card. You will receive your ID during Welcome Week after a confirmation of your identification is provided. To submit your photo, go to **central.acadiau.ca/accounts** and log in using your Acadia Central username and password. Click on "Access Card Picture Upload". Please read over the guidelines and make sure your picture is appropriate. An example photo is available. Visit **security.acadiau.ca** for more information.

Contact: **nadine.wilson@acadiau.ca**

WOLFVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA

Located just an hour from Halifax, Wolfville is the kind of college town you have always pictured in your mind.

Streets lined with bistros, coffee shops, lively pubs, and quirky boutiques. All framed by the rolling hills of the beautiful Annapolis Valley.

The town is as friendly as it is beautiful. On move-in weekend, you'll find welcome banners lining the streets, greeting you into the community that will soon feel like home. Wolfville supports Acadia just as much as our students love the town. Keep an eye out for the "Go Acadia Go!" signs in store windows during varsity game days and homecoming weekend.

"This is a town you want to pick up and hug"

– Jim Byers, *National Post*

THINGS TO DO IN WOLFVILLE:

TAKE A HIKE ON ONE OF WOLFVILLES MANY TRAILS
OR PLAN A DAY TRIP TO CAPE SPLIT.

EXPERIENCE THE BAY OF FUNDY, HOME OF THE
HIGHEST TIDES IN THE WORLD.

ENJOY LUNCH IN ONE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CAFES
AND BISTROS.

SHOP FOR LOCAL AND UNIQUE GIFTS FROM ONE
OF OUR MANY BOUTIQUES.

ATTEND OUR SATURDAY MORNING MARKET FOR
FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, DELICIOUS BAKED
GOODS AND BEAUTIFUL WORK BY LOCAL ARTISANS.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE TOWN OF
WOLFVILLE AND ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE
VISIT WOLFVILLE.CA

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Are you ready for one of the most memorable experiences at Acadia? New Student Orientation 2018 promises to offer you just that. The first days of your Acadia experience are packed with events to help you get acquainted with your fellow residents and first year students as well as the beautiful Acadia campus.

On Wednesday, September 5, classes begin but the fun continues. There will be evening events for your entertainment and as well as the popular "Chill-Axe Lounge". This is a great space to meet new people, have some free food, play some of your favourite video games, and so much more!

Be sure to check the Welcome Week website (welcomeweek.acadiau.ca) as well as the Acadia Students' Union website (theasu.ca) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/acadiastudents/?fref=ts&ref=br_tf) to keep up to date on the launch of the New Student Orientation theme and awesome events that will be taking place.

We are so excited to meet you!

ACADIA STUDENTS' UNION

The Acadia Students' Union is a non-profit, student lead organization that offers many services, including campus clubs, events, and advocacy work to the students of Acadia University, whom are all members of our Union.

The ASU is led by students, for students, and is composed of over 100 employees and numerous volunteers. The executive team of the ASU is a resource to all students on all social and academic matters.

Our offices can be found in the Old SUB just across the bridge that connects the Old and New SUB. For more information, visit our website (theasu.ca) where you can find a list of all resources, such as a complete list of clubs, and the Welcome Week schedule of events hosted by the Acadia Students' Union.

We, the ASU, are so excited that you've chosen to make Acadia your new home and we can't wait to welcome you on campus soon!

ACADIA ENROLMENT ADVISORS

Acadia University Enrolment Advisors want to ensure your transition to university is as smooth as possible. Please feel free to contact your Enrolment Advisor if you have any questions or concerns. For general enrolment inquiries please email acadia4u@acadiau.ca.

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ACADIA UNIVERSITY PARENTS

Transitioning to university is important for your student – and for you too. There are many ways in which you all can successfully make that transition. Here are just a few:

Point your student to the various supports on campus:

This is a time of growth and change for your student, and they may feel a little overwhelmed at first. We are partners in their education and they can reach out to take advantage of those supports every step of the way. As a parent, your role will focus on helping your student become independent and self-sufficient. We invite you to connect with the Residence Life team or Acadia's First Year Advisor to learn more about our many supports and resources through the Student Resource Centre including counselling, academic advising and other academic supports, accessible learning services, mentoring programs, the student health clinic and many more. Visit studentservices.acadiu.ca

Schedule regular check-ins:

Before your student leaves for Acadia, schedule regular check in times via Skype, FaceTime, or phone. You'll be checking in, not checking up!

Join Acadia's Parents Program and Parents Facebook Page:

The Parents Program will help keep you informed about what's happening on campus. You can subscribe to regular email updates and e-newsletters. To subscribe, visit: <http://parents.acadiu.ca> The Parents Facebook page is a great way to meet and interact with other parents and staff, get news and other up-to-date information and goings-on. To like the page, visit: Acadia University Parents on Facebook. You can also follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

 **Acadia University Parents** We are always here for you.

Call us toll-free: **1-866-922-7777**, or email us: parents@acadiu.ca

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPT 1 RESIDENCES OPEN FOR ALL NEW CANADIAN STUDENTS AND WELCOME WEEK BEGINS

SEPT 5 FIRST DAY OF CLASSES AND FEE DEADLINE

SEPT 14 LAST DAY TO ADD COURSES

SEPT 30 LAST DAY TO OPT OUT OF ASU HEALTH PLAN OR ADD DEPENDENTS

OCT 8 THANKSGIVING DAY - NO CLASSES

OCT 9 DECEMBER EXAM SCHEDULE POSTED

OCT 26 LAST DAY TO DROP 3H FIRST TERM COURSES WITHOUT PENALTY

NOV 12 REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVED - NO CLASSES

NOV 13-16 FALL STUDY DAYS - NO CLASSES

DEC 5 LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR FALL TERM

DEC 7-20 EXAMS

DEC 21 RESIDENCES CLOSE AT 12 NOON

VOLUNTEERING (AND CRIMINAL CHECKS)

If you are planning to volunteer or become involved in various activities, we recommend getting your criminal record check before leaving home. Many organizations now require this in order for you to volunteer. Waiting until you arrive in September to get yours may cause you to have to wait longer than normal. Contact your local police department for more information.



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