

# Simon Fraser University



## Simon Fraser University (SFU):

Simon Fraser University is located in Canada on British Columbia's west coast. It is constantly ranked among Canada's top universities. It is also on the Times Higher Education list of 100 world universities under 50. SFU is also the first Canadian member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the world's largest college sports association. SFU provides students with innovative education, cuttingedge research and community outreach intersect. Their vision is to be Canada's leading engaged university.

#### Location:

Vancouver, Canada

#### AUS Requirements/Eligibility:

- Sophomores encouraged to apply; must have at least 60 credits by program start date; seniors may not go in last semester.
- 2. Must not go during graduating semester (last semester).
- 3. Must have at least a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.

# AUS Placement Availability and Likelihood:

Please be aware that spaces in this program may be limited, and the number of spaces available for AUS placements will vary from semester to semester. That means that sometimes, access to these spaces will be competitive based on your cumulative GPA, Essay, Reference Letters, and other considerations. AUS International Exchange Oce (IXO) will try to accommodate your rst choice placements wherever possible, but you should always list several programs in your application, in case space is not available in your first choice university.

# Length of Stay:

One or two semesters

## Courses at the Host:

Exchange students are recommended to enroll in no more than 12 units/credits (approximately 4 courses) during their first term at SFU; they can take 15 credits in total. A list of course descriptions and course outlines can be found on the online SFU Calendar: <a href="http://students.sfu.ca/calendar/">http://students.sfu.ca/calendar/</a>. Students can verify on SFU's Student Information System if their chosen courses are being offered: <a href="mailto:sis.sfu.ca/">sis.sfu.ca/</a>.

# CAS:

- Access to some Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (MBB) upper division (300 & 400 level) courses may be restricted to SFU MBB majors. Access to Biological Sciences (BISC) courses with labs is restricted. Exchange/study abroad students will only be allocated space after SFU BISC majors have been enrolled (space permitting).
- The French Cohort Program offered by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences is not open to exchange students.
- To enroll in any Contemporary Arts (FPA) courses: Theatre, Visual Art, Music (composition) or Dance, you MUST contact the School for the Contemporary Arts to discuss your course interests and background.
- Typically, exchange students are not given access to "studio courses" offered at higher level. Applicants may have to present a portfolio or attend an interview or audition to be admitted in FPA courses. Courses in film/video production and screen writing are not open to exchange students.
- Study abroad applicants are also restricted from taking Communication (CMNS) courses in the subject area of "Publishing" and senior level Kinesiology courses.

**CEN:** Only Engineering Science and Mechatronic Systems programs are Washington Accord-accredited.

SBA: SFU's Beddie School of Business is AACSB accredited although AUS Students have limited access

to Business courses at SFU, restricted to the following: BUS 237 - Introduction to Business Technology Management

BUS 238 - Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Innovation

BUS 251 - Financial Accounting I

BUS 272 - Behaviour in Organizations

Students could try to access additional Business courses during the first week of classes if spaces become available, although this is not something to be relied upon.

Economics Department is not part of SFU's Business faculty. There are <u>course access limitations</u> for 3rd and 4th year Economics courses as well, but perhaps the student could combine the two subject areas to create a suitable course load.

# **AUS Course Approval:**

Upon getting the placement from IXO, students should plan on working on their AUS Course Permission Form and get their classes approved by the department's designated approver for the courses that will be taken abroad. Upon approval, students would be provided with the grades required to transfer credits. Students must achieve the minimum grade as indicated on the form to receive course credit (requirements for credit transfer vary by program).

Each study abroad case is subject to approval.

#### Program Fees and Costs:

Exchange students pay AUS tuition fees for the full course load (12-15 credits) in addition to Student Activities fees. Any additional costs including housing, lab fees, meal plans, books and insurance will be paid directly to the host university.

#### **AUS Financial Grants and Scholarships:**

AUS students on grants/scholarships must obtain approval from the Office of Financial Grants and Scholarships before starting a semester abroad at a host university. In cases where the AUS student pays tuition directly to AUS for study abroad, the student

will continue to use their AUS grants and AUS-funded scholarships for that semester abroad. These students should speak with the Financial Grants and Scholarship Manager for more information scholarship@aus.edu.

## **AUS Sponsored Students:**

Students sponsored by external organizations that are in partnership with the AUS Sponsorship Liaison Office will be responsible for asking permission with their sponsor. A Letter to the Sponsor is available from the International Exchange Office.

Please contact ixo@aus.edu.

# Housing/Accommodation:

Students must apply online with the Residence Office. Visit this page to learn more on housing at SFU: http://students.sfu.ca/exchange/prospective/housing.html.

#### Visa:

If studying at SFU for more than 6 months, students must have a study permit. In addition to a study permit, citizens from certain countries will also be required to have a Temporary Resident Visa. See <a href="https://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/uae-eau/index.aspx?lang=eng">https://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/uae-eau/index.aspx?lang=eng</a> for complete information on Visa application process.

#### Internships:

Students are eligible to apply for on-campus part-time work with a study permit. Work off-campus is not allowed.

#### Health Insurance:

All exchange students must have valid health insurance coverage during their stay abroad. They can either purchase from their home country or from SFU. Follow instructions given by the host university.



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