



EXCHANGE

at Dalhousie University











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NOMINATION & APPLICATION

Nomination procedure	To nominate your students, please send an email to exchanges@dal.ca with the student's name, email, date of birth, term of study, and field of study.
Deadlines	No nomination deadline, but we do require the nomination email from you before your students apply.
Application deadlines	Fall/Full Year: May 1 st Winter: October 1 st Summer: February 1 st
Admission requirements	Students must satisfy the requirements of their home university and be nominated by your university to participate in an exchange at Dalhousie.
Minimum GPA	N/A
Language requirements	N/A
Application details	Students apply online at dal.ca/cometodal/apply
Supporting documents	A nomination letter can be submitted if the student is provided with one, but it is not required. An official transcript (PDF file only)
Acceptance to Dalhousie	Students can expect to receive an acceptance letter via email 2-4 weeks after they have applied.



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Timetable	dal.ca/timetable
Course Registration	A guide on how to register for courses will be emailed to students after they have been accepted to Dalhousie. Course registration opens in March. The earlier students can apply, the better their chances of getting into their preferred courses.
International Student Orientation	Fall semester: Late August Winter semester: Early January Summer: No formal orientation. Students can meet with the Student Exchange Advisor upon arrival.
Semester Dates	Fall semester: September to December (including exams) Winter semester: January to April (including exams)
Courses Available to Non-Degree Students	dal.ca/timetable
Restrictions	Faculty of Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Planning, and most programs/courses in the Faculty of Health are all restricted from exchange students.
Course Load Information & Requirements	A full course load is 5 courses or 2.5 credits/15 credit hours per semester. Exchange students are required to take a minimum of 3 courses (1.5 credits/9 credit hours) per semester but are permitted to take up to 5 courses per semester. Most single term courses are worth 0.5 credits or 3 credit hours.
Grade Scale	https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/grades-and-student-records/grade-scale-and-definitions.html
Exams	Fall semester: mid-late December Winter semester: mid-late April https://www.dal.ca/academics/exam_schedule.html
Accommodations for Students with Disabilities	https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/accessibility.html
Transcripts	A PDF with the student's transcript will be emailed to the student's home institution. If a hard copy is required, students can submit a request for the hard copy to be sent to them directly via postal mail. Directions for how to do so can be found here .



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Residence: Students choose from a variety of different styles of residence – all are conveniently located and offer meal plans. Learn more about Dalhousie residences.

NOTE: If students are coming to Dalhousie on exchange for the fall term only (September–December), unfortunately there is no space available in residence during this period - see off-campus housing options. Students who come to Dalhousie for the winter term only (January–April) or for a full academic year (September–April) may inquire with the Residence office (residence@dal.ca) directly about availability.

Accommodation

Off-Campus: There are many off-campus housing options within walking distance or along bus routes and meal plans are also available to non-residence students if you choose to live off-campus. View listings on <u>Dalhousie's Off-Campus Living website</u>, which can also help with their search and provide tips to prepare students for off-campus living. Students can contact the Off Campus Housing Advisor at housingsupport@dal.ca for assistance.

Please visit the IRCC website.

More than 6 months: Students must apply for a Study Permit at the nearest Canadian visa office in their home country. In addition to the study permit, they may be also required to obtain a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) which gives students permission to enter Canada. It is only required for citizens of certain nationalities. Please check the <u>list of countries and territories whose citizens require an entry visa</u>.

Visa & Residence Permits **Less than 6 months:** If students choose not to apply for a study permit they will have to apply for a visa or an <u>Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)</u>. Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada encourage all visiting students to apply for a study permit for the following reasons:

- It allows them to work part-time in Canada. A part-time job can be a great source of income while abroad.
- It is easy to extend if they want to stay in Canada longer. Some students love it here so much they want to stay longer. It is much easier and less expensive to apply for a study permit before they begin studying in Canada, than after.
- It allows them to access cell phone plans and other utilities much easier. If they are simply a visitor to Canada, they may not have access to a lot of great utility plans and other business options that students with study permits can take advantage of.

Estimated Living

Accommodation: one bedroom apartment - \$700 - \$1000 CAD

Food: \$250 - 300 CAD/month

Transport: <u>Upass</u> - currently \$165.10 CAD for the academic year. Others (Entertainment, clothes, mobile phone, utilities, books etc.):

Books: \$200 – 400 CAD depending on program of study

Utilities: \$50 - 200 CAD

Estimated cost per month: \$1500 CAD





Health Insurance

International Students are required get both the Health and Dental Plan AND the International Student Health Plan. If they already have comparable health & dental coverage, they may be able to opt-out. The Student VIP website has information on how to opt-out and what their requirements are. Dalhousie has strict requirements of insurance coverage in order to opt-out. It is important for students to know what is required before purchasing insurance from home as otherwise they risk having to pay for insurance from their home country as well as Dalhousie's.

Note: If students start school in **September**, they are *automatically billed and enrolled in both insurance plans*. If students start school in **January or May**, they are *only enrolled in the International Student Health Plan* and so they must opt-in to the Health and Dental Plan should they wish to have the coverage.