



2017

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

P: 902.585.1222 | E: registrar@acadiau.ca

Accounts

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General

Office of Student Recruitment

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REGISTER FOR COURSES

Guide to Choosing Courses

Our Registrar's Office has developed a guide that will help you better understand the registration process here at Acadia. We recommend you review it before you get started, and keep it close on hand while you are registering, as it will come in handy! Please visit acadiau.ca/registrar and go to the Choosing First Year Courses link.

Online Registration

You will be able to access the online registration site by logging into 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. Please note that if any of your first-year choices or required courses are full, we encourage you to contact the registrar's office. They will be happy to assist you at registrar@acadiau.ca or **902.585.1222**.

Academic Calendar

We recommend that you have a copy of our online academic calendar close by. This calendar will provide you with all of the course names and descriptions, which you will need for registration. Please visit www.acadiau.ca/registrar. Course names and descriptions are also available within your online registration account in the timetable section. Simply click on the course discipline/number on the left.

Contact Your Academic Advisor

Each program has an Academic Advisor who will work directly with you to help with any registration related questions and course advising. We recommend getting in touch with your academic advisor before you get started with registration. Not sure who your advisor is?
E-mail acadia4u@acadiau.ca

WHAT TO BRING

If you're planning to live in residence, you may be wondering what to bring 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!

- ☐ 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
- ☐ 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

The Office of Scholarships & Financial Assistance helps you in procuring the funds that you'll need to pay for your education. This office is ready to provide you with information on everything from getting your normal 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 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 paid tutors to give you the academic help you need when you need it.

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 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

Career Services

We know you're interested in a great career. We provide career counselling, career advising, workshops, online job postings for part-time, summer and other employment opportunities, as well as employer recruitment and networking events. Students also have access to Career Cruising, an industry-leading online career planning and exploration site that matches students to careers based on their interests and skills. Visit careerservices.acadiu.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 gives you a technology rich educational experience and prepares you for the work with a familiarity of today's technology. Acadia partners with Apple and Dell, providing several models designed to meet your academic needs. The pricing, configurations, and warranty packages detailed in the web stores are specific to Acadia. Visit the Technology Services Tech Store to purchase a laptop via the customized purchasing program or to view the recommended specifications: ts.acadiau.ca/tech-store.html.

While you're on the website, look at how to get Microsoft Office 365. There is no additional cost; every student receives a license.

On Campus Service

The HUB portal (hub.acadiau.ca) is your first stop to find answers to your questions. If you've still got questions, we have staff available to you. The Service Desk, located on the lower level of the Beveridge Arts Centre, offers help with many different technology issues. There is also the TS@Library Kiosks. Students requiring access to academic programs can use dedicated computers in the library. The Kiosk computers are available during regular library hours, and attended by a Service Desk Consultant in the evening. Online services at ts.acadiau.ca or call: **1-888-609-3330 or 902-585-4357**.

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, it will appear in your Acadia Central account at central.acadiau.ca. This 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

Below are the fees for 2017–2018 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 **acadiau.ca/registrar** and select Academic Calendar.

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 6, 2017. To locate your Student Account information, please sign in to your Acadia Central account at **central.acadiau.ca**.

For information on payment methods please visit **financial-services.acadiau.ca/How_to_Pay.html**. 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@acadiau.ca** or phone (902) 585-1297.

For more detailed information about fees and payment methods visit **financial-services.acadiau.ca/office-of-student-accounts.html**

2017–2018 Tuition Rates for Canadian Students

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

Tuition: \$6,899

Information and Technology Fee: \$568

Athletic and Health Services Fee: \$247

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

Tuition: \$8,182

Information and Technology Fee: \$568

Athletic and Health Services Fee: \$247

2017-2018 Residence & Meal Plan Fees

To locate a complete list of residence and meal plan fees, please visit the Academic Calendar online at **acadiau.ca/registrar** or email **acadia4u@acadiau.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. Learn more. Visit: studentbenefits.ca and select Acadia Students' Union. Your eligibility period commences on September 1, 2017.

Health Plan (12 months)

Full-time Canadian (provincial health card holder)

Single person.....\$231

International Students

Single person.....\$750

Dental Plan (12 months)

Single person.....\$165

Family*.....\$350

Opting Out

- We make every effort to avoid a situation where a student wants to access insurance benefits through the student policy, only to find they have been cancelled by a third party. Therefore, the opt out process must be completed by the student.
- Opt out requests will ONLY be processed through the online portal at studentbenefits.ca starting on July 1, 2017.
- To opt out of this plan and receive a credit for the fee you must provide proof of comparable health insurance and complete an online form available at studentbenefits.ca no later than September 29, 2017.
- Because the Health and Dental plans are provided as a service of Acadia Students' Union, opt out requests are processed by Acadia Students' Union through studentbenefits.ca and not by Student Accounts

GET YOUR STUDENT 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.

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.

And the town is as friendly as it is beautiful. On move-in weekend, you'll find welcome banners lining the streets. That's because you truly are welcome in the community that will soon feel like home. And don't be surprised by the "Go Acadia Go!" signs that line the 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 WOLFVILLE'S 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

WELCOME WEEK

Are you ready for one of the most memorable experiences at Acadia? Welcome Week 2017 promises to offer you just that.

The first four 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, classes begin but the fun continues. There will be evening events for your entertainment and back for a third year is the infamous "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 to keep up to date on the launch of the Welcome Week 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 80 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 past the breezeway. 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, can't wait to have you here, and to help you start your journey here at Acadia.

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.

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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: **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 2 RESIDENCES OPEN FOR NEW STUDENTS AND
WELCOME WEEK BEGINS

SEPT 6 FIRST DAY OF CLASSES AND FEE DEADLINE

SEPT 15 LAST DAY TO ADD COURSES

SEPT 29 LAST DAY TO OPT OUT OF HEALTH PLAN

OCT 2 DECEMBER EXAM SCHEDULE POSTED

OCT 6 FALL STUDY DAY - NO CLASSES

OCT 9 THANKSGIVING - NO CLASSES

OCT 27 LAST DAY TO DROP 3H FIRST TERM COURSES
WITHOUT PENALTY

NOV 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY HOLIDAY - NO CLASSES

NOV 14-15 FALL STUDY DAYS - NO CLASSES

DEC 6 LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR FALL TERM

DEC 8-20 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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