



Inbound Student Exchange Fact Sheet

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2024-2025 Semesters Start & End Dates

Fall 2024 – September 09 – December 09

***Orientation: September 04*

Winter 2025 – January 07 – April 07

***Orientation: January 06*

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester – May 1

Winter Semester – October 1

Application Details

Application Portal: will be distributed upon receiving the nomination from the home institution

- Study Level: Exchange, Undergraduate
- Status in Canada: Visitor Visa / Study Permit (for more than 6 months)

Application must include the following:

- The nomination Letter from Home Institution to be sent to ose@nscad.ca
- Upon receiving the nomination, the NSCAD exchange representative will send the exchange application link for application submission
- The following documents must be submitted through the application portal:
 - Study Proposal (one page)
 - Official Transcript
 - Portfolio and description of current work in the student's primary area of study and the area of study the student wishes to pursue on exchange. Total 10-15 images of work. Time based work should be no longer than 10 min in length.
 - Faculty References/Letter of Recommendation x 2
 - Study Learning Agreement including courses that would like to take during the exchange time and signature of the point of contact from home institution
 - English Language Proficiency test result if applicable

English Language

Mandatory for English as a second language countries applicants ONLY. Either your home institution's English course(s) grades or your country's national exam with an English section must be equivalent to the [NSCAD English Language Proficiency requirement](#) for Undergraduate studies. Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) needs to be greater than B2.

NSCAD Office of Student Experience will notify you upon receipt of your transcript if any additional English Language Proficiency is required.

Study Permit

In general, students who are on a one semester exchange do not require a study permit to study in Canada (less than 6 months).

However, students should check with the Canadian embassies and consulates in their home country to ensure they are not required to complete any paperwork before leaving the country. For entering Canada, students should ensure they have one of the following:

- [a visitor visa \(temporary resident visa\)](#)
- [an electronic travel authorization \(eTA\)](#)

If a student intends to stay in Canada longer than 6 months or to register with NSCAD during a second semester, then you must apply for a study permit.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada.html>

Tuition and Fees

Students on a one semester Student Exchange through a verified Student Exchange partnerships are not required pay tuition* at NSCAD University. There will be other fees that students maybe required to pay. These include International Health Insurance (\$300/semester approximately) plus any course material fees as applied to the course registration. If students wish to have bus passes, should notify the Office of Student Experience for arrangement, and will need to pay the necessary fee for one semester. If fees are not paid to NSCAD University by the required deadline students are at risk of losing access to facilities and will not receive a transcript upon completion of their semester.

Credit System and Curriculum Recommendations

A full time course load at NSCAD University is between 9 and 15 credits.

Most Introductory level (2000) courses are weighted at 3 credits (½ day per week) and most Intermediate / Advanced level (3000-4000) courses are weighted at 6-9 credits (2 – ½ days per week). When being evaluated for acceptance, faculty will make course selection determinations based on the applicant's level of skills and experience. Students seeking a flexible study plan (i.e., taking courses at the Foundation – 1000 level) may not be accepted for exchange as first year students will have priority for registration on these classes.

Transcripts

Upon successful completion of an exchange semester, and ensuring all necessary fees have been paid to NSCAD University, the Office of Student Experience will issue an Official Transcript to the home institution for the exchange student. There will be no fee for this transcript. The transcript fees are applicable if the student wishes to obtain their own copy of a transcript.

Accommodations

Please check our website for links to both residence options and off campus housing options: https://nscad.ca/student_life/housing/

*Partner institutions that have a “domestic tuition” exchange arrangement should advise their students they will be expected to pay domestic tuition fees as posted for the relevant number of study credits in the semester.