

SCHOOL PROFILE

St. Michaels University School is an independent, day and boarding school in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Founded in 1906, our school community includes more than 1,000 students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12. Our Senior School (Grades 9-12) has 616 students, hailing from over 25 countries around the world. Approximately 20% of our student population benefits from tuition assistance programs.

SMUS is committed to academic excellence and offers extensive programs in the arts, athletics, service and leadership, as well as opportunities for experiential education. Six of our graduates have gone on to become Rhodes Scholars over the years.

Our Mission

Our school seeks the excellence in all of us, with passion and compassion. We are a community shaped by the pursuit of truth and goodness, providing outstanding preparation for life.

Our Vision

To learn, to lead, to serve.

Our Values

Respect | Courage | Honesty | Service

We acknowledge that our school rests in the heart of Straits Salish territory, a living culture with its own rites, ceremonies and unfolding history. We honour the Esquimalt, Songhees and WSÁNEĆ peoples, whose homelands we share and whom we recognize as our neighbours.

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The Class of 2026

157
Number of graduates

825
University acceptances received by the graduating class

$4,601,240
Total amount of scholarships offered to graduates

55%
Percentage of graduates who earned scholarships

58
AP Scholars with Distinction

521
Total AP Exams Written

Leadership and Extracurricular Opportunities

Through **100+ councils and clubs (K-12)**, SMUS offers an array of activities to engage students outside the classroom and in our community in meaningful ways. Students gain skills, develop personal and social responsibility, and practise effective leadership through their involvement. Club and council involvement is voluntary; most SMUS students are involved in two or more clubs or councils.

Experiential Learning and Outdoor Education

SMUS offers experiential education from Kindergarten to Grade 12, providing hands-on learning experiences to complement classroom teaching and empower students to deepen their learning. All students in Grade 9 to 11 participate in outdoor education out trips, ranging from sea kayaking and surfing to hiking and winter camping. Students also have the opportunity to develop their skills in this area through a rigorous and popular Outdoor Leadership elective course in their senior years.

Athletics

Students are able to participate in 13 sports at the varsity level. Our teams regularly qualify for regional and provincial finals in soccer, basketball, golf, tennis, rugby, volleyball, field hockey and badminton. Our squash players, rugby players and rowers compete on a regional and national level. Students also have the opportunity to be part of developmental teams in sports and take part in a variety of non-competitive athletic activities as part of the school program.

British Columbia Grading System

A	=	86-100%
B	=	73-85%
C+	=	67-72%
C	=	60-66%
C-	=	50-59%
F	=	0-49%
I	=	In Progress

Academic Schedule and Reporting Timelines

Our academic timetable is organized into six terms, each six weeks in length; students take a maximum of four courses per term, alternating throughout the year. **The timetable limits students to a maximum of four AP courses per year. Marks for Grade 12 students will be released on December 1, 2026** reporting on achievement in all their courses. The next reports will be released by **February 28, 2027**.

GPA and Ranking Policy

SMUS does not calculate a GPA, nor do we rank our students.

Standardized Testing

Preparation for standardized testing is not part of our school program. We are an SAT test center and offer weekend testing on six dates through the school year.

"Effective the 2023-24 school year, all students working toward a B.C. Certificate of Graduation ("Dogwood Diploma"), in English or French, must successfully complete at least 4 credits in Indigenous-focused coursework." All courses taken in this category are considered academic courses.

DISCIPLINE	Grade 9 No credits	Grade 10 4 credits per full-year course	Grade 11 4 credits per course	Grade 12 4 credits per course	
English 4 years required	English 9	Literary Studies and Creative Writing 10 English First Peoples Literary Studies and Writing 10 (required)	Literary Studies 11 Literary Studies 11 Pre-AP English First Peoples Literary Studies and Writing 11	English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12 (required) Creative Writing 12 (elective)	AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition
Mathematics 3 years required	Principles of Mathematics 9	Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-Calculus 10 (required)	Foundations of Mathematics 11 Pre-Calculus 11	Advanced Topics in Mathematics (Geometry) 12 Calculus 12 Data Science 12 Foundations of Mathematics 12 Pre-Calculus 12	AP Pre-Calculus AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics
Social Sciences 3 years required	Social Studies 9	Business Studies 10 Entrepreneurship 10 International Relations 10 Social Studies 10	Economic Theory 12 Law Studies 12 Social Justice 12: Criminology World History 12 *(Students in Grade 11 and 12 may take any of the social science 12 courses in Grade 11 or 12; at least one is required for graduation)*		AP Comparative Government and Politics AP Human Geography AP Macroeconomics AP Psychology AP World History
Sciences 3 years required	Science 9 (Integrated)	Science 10 (required)	Chemistry 11 Chemistry 11 Pre-AP Environmental Science 11 Life Sciences 11 Life Sciences 11 Pre-AP Physics 11 AP Physics 1	Anatomy and Physiology 12 Chemistry 12 Environmental Science 12 Physics 12	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics 2
Modern Languages 3 years required	French 9 Beginner French 9 French 9 Advanced Mandarin 9 Beginner Spanish 9 Beginner	French 10 Beginner French 10 Advanced Mandarin 10 Spanish 10 Beginner Spanish 10	French 11 French 11 Advanced Mandarin 11 Spanish 11 Spanish 11 Advanced	French 12 Mandarin 12 Spanish 12	AP French Language and Culture AP Chinese Language and Culture
Engineering, Technology, Arts and Design 3 years required	Art 9 Ceramics 9 Concert Band 9 Concert Choir 9 Drama 9 Drama 9: Improvisation Drama 9: Playwriting Engineering and Design 9 Painting 9 Strings 9	Art Studio 10 Computer Science 10 Concert Band 10 Concert Choir 10 Digital Art 10 Drama 10 Electronics and Robotics 10 Media Design 10 Painting 10 Strings 10 Studio Arts 3D 10 Engineering and Design 10	Computer Science 11 Concert Band 11 Concert Choir 11 Robotics 11 Strings 11 Theatre Company 11	Art 12 Art Studio Inquiry 12 Computer Science 12 Advanced Topics in Computer Science Concert Band 12 Concert Choir 12 Digital Art 12 Directing and Script Development 12 Engineering 12 Strings 12 Theatre Company 12	AP 2-D Art & Design AP 3-D Art & Design AP Computer Science A
Physical Education 3 years required	Physical Education 9	Athletic Leadership 10 Physical Education 10 (required) Sport Science 10	Active Living 11: Human Performance Active Living 11: Lifestyle and Fitness Active Living 11: Yoga and Wellness Fitness and Conditioning 11	Active Living 12: Active Sport Active Living 12: Yoga and Wellness Fitness and Conditioning 12	
AP Capstone Diploma			AP Seminar	AP Research	

Advanced Placement

The Advanced Placement (AP) program at SMUS is the leading AP program among all independent schools in Canada. SMUS was one of nine schools in Canada selected to pilot the AP Capstone program and students have had the opportunity to earn a Capstone Diploma since June 2016. In May 2026, 277 students enrolled in the courses and wrote a total of 521 exams across 27 different subjects. Of the AP exams written, 90% were graded 3 or higher.

Post-Secondary Acceptances

99% of SMUS graduates attend a four-year, degree-granting institution. Graduates from '20-26 matriculated to over 250 institutions worldwide. The following is a sample of some of the colleges and universities they have attended:

Canada

Camosun College
Dalhousie University
Emily Carr University of Art and Design
McGill University
McMaster University
Queen's University
Simon Fraser University
Thompson Rivers University
Toronto Metropolitan University
Trent University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia-Okanagan
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Guelph
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
Western University

United States

Bates College
Boston University
Brown University
California Institute of Technology
Carnegie Mellon University
Clemson University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Duke University
Emory University
Harvard University
Johns Hopkins University
Minerva University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Parsons School of Design - The New School
Pratt Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Santa Clara University
Stanford University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbarao
University of Chicago
University of Massachusetts - Amherst
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
University of Washington

International

Duke Kunshan University
Durham University
ESCP Business School
EU Business School
Griffith University
IE University Spain
Imperial College of London
King's College London
London School of Economics
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Trinity College Dublin
Università Bocconi
University College Dublin
University Cyprus School of Medicine
University of the Arts London
University of Cambridge
University of Edinburgh
University of Glasgow
University of Hong Kong
University of Melbourne
University of St Andrews
University of Sydney
Vienna University of Economics and Business
Waseda University

2026 SMUS AP Exam Data

Exam Name	Number of exams written	Average Score
Capstone		
AP Research	22	4.23
AP Seminar	30	4.23
Languages		
AP Chinese Language and Culture	19	4.68
AP English Language and Composition	30	4.27
AP English Literature and Composition	11	4.00
AP French Language and Culture	9	4.22
AP Spanish Language and Culture	6	4.50
Mathematics		
AP PreCalculus	30	4.80
AP Calculus AB	15	3.00
AP Calculus BC	35	4.26
AP Statistics	23	4.57
Sciences		
AP Biology	21	4.00
AP Chemistry	32	4.06
AP Computer Science A	18	4.89
AP Physics 1	31	4.16
AP Physics 2	6	3.67
AP Physics C: E&M	1	5.00
AP Physics C: Mechanics	20	3.75
Social Sciences		
AP Art History	8	4.00
AP Comparative Government and Politics	26	3.88
AP Human Geography	20	4.70
AP Macroeconomics	58	4.33
AP Psychology	33	4.06
AP World History: Modern	4	4.25
Fine Arts		
AP 2-D Art and Design	9	4.22
AP 3-D Art and Design	1	4.00
AP Drawing	3	4.00