



St. Michaels University School



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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 596 students, hailing from 38 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.

The school is accredited by the British Columbia Ministry of Education and Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS).

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 W̱SÁNEĆ peoples, whose homelands we share and whom we recognize as our neighbours.

The Class of 2024

162

Number of graduates

50%

Percentage of graduates who earned scholarships

728

University acceptances received by the graduating class

\$2,506,430

Total amount of scholarships offered to graduates in 2024

112

AP Scholars with Distinction

541

Total AP Exams Written



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Leadership and Extracurricular Opportunities

Through **125 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 schedule is organized into six terms, each six weeks in length; students take a maximum of four courses per term, alternating through the year. **Marks for Grade 12 students will be released on December 1, 2024** reporting on achievement in all their courses. The next reports will be released by **February 28, 2025**.

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	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	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 Global Issues 10: International Relations Social Studies 10	Economic Theory 12 Law Studies 12 Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12: Decolonization Social Justice 12: Criminology World History 12 <i>(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)</i>		AP Comparative Government and Politics AP Human Geography AP Macroeconomics AP Psychology AP World History
Sciences 3 years required	Science 9 (Integrated)	Marine Studies and Training 10 Science 10 (required) Science Expansion 10	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 AP Physics C (Mechanics)
Modern Languages 3 years required	French 9 Beginner French 9 French 9 Advanced Mandarin 9 Spanish 9 Beginner	French 10 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 Musical Theatre 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 Strings 10 Technical Drawing and Design 10 Engineering and Design 10	Art Studio 11 Computer Science 11 Concert Band 11 Concert Choir 11 Digital Art and Motion Graphics 11 Robotics 11 Strings 11 Studio Arts 3D 11 Theatre Company 11	Art Studio 12 Computer Science 12 Advanced Topics in Computer Science Concert Band 12 Concert Choir 12 Digital Art 12 Directing and Script Development 12 Strings 12 Theatre Company 12	AP Art History AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles
Physical Education 3 years required	Physical Education 9	Athletic Leadership 10 Physical Education 10 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 2024, 281 students wrote a total of 577 AP exams across 32 different subjects. Of the exams written, 94% were graded 3 or higher.

Post-Secondary Acceptances

98% of SMUS graduates attend a four-year, degree-granting institution. Graduates from the classes of 2017 to 2024 have matriculated to the following universities and colleges (among others):

Canada

Acadia University	Mount Royal University	University of British Columbia- Okanagan
Bishop's University	Pacific Design Academy	University of Calgary
Brock University	Queen's University	University of Guelph
Camosun College	Quest University	University of King's College
Carleton University	Ryerson University	University of Lethbridge
Concordia University	Simon Fraser University	University of Ottawa
Dalhousie University	St. Francis Xavier University	University of Toronto
Emily Carr University of Art and Design	Thompson Rivers University	University of Victoria
Huron University College	Toronto Metropolitan University	University of Waterloo
McGill University	Trent University	Western University
McMaster University	University of Alberta	Wilfrid Laurier University
Mount Allison University	University of British Columbia	York University

United States

Amherst College	New York University	Riverside
Arizona State University Campus Immersion	Northeastern University	University of California, San Diego
Barnard College	Northwestern University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Bates College	Notre Dame University	University of Chicago
Boston College	Parsons School of Design -The New School	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Boston University	Pomona College	University of Michigan
Brown University	Pratt Institute	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Carnegie Mellon University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Pennsylvania
Chapman University	Santa Clara University	University of Rochester
Clemson University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of San Diego
Colgate University	Stanford University	University of Southern California
Columbia University	Suffolk University	University of Washington
Cornell University	Swarthmore College	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Duke University	The New School	University of Wyoming
Emory University	University of California, Berkeley	
Harvard University	University of California, Irvine	
Johns Hopkins University	University of California, Los Angeles	
Lafayette College	University of California,	
Middlebury College		
Minerva University		

International

Chinese University of Hong Kong	Maastricht University	University of Birmingham
Duke Kunshan University	Parsons Paris	University of Bristol
Durham University	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	University of Cambridge
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne	Sciences Po	University of Edinburgh
Esade Business School in Italy	SIM University	University of Leicester
ESCP Business School	TEC de Monterrey	University of Melbourne
Griffith University	The Hague University of Applied Sciences	University of Nottingham
Hong Kong University	Trinity College Dublin	University of Oxford
Ibero-American University, Mexico City	Università Bocconi	University of St Andrews
IE University Spain	Università Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore	University of Surrey
Imperial College of London	University College London	University of Sussex
King's College London	University of the Arts London	University of Sydney
KU Leuven	University of Bath	University of Warwick
London School of Economics		Yale-NUS College Singapore

2024 SMUS AP Exam Data *		
Exam Name	Number of exams written	Average Score
Capstone		
AP Research	21	3.90
AP Seminar	29	3.97
Languages		
AP Chinese Language and Culture	21	4.90
AP English Language and Composition	18	4.33
AP English Literature and Composition	11	4.27
AP French Language and Culture	14	4.29
AP German Language and Culture	1	5.00
AP Spanish Language and Culture	6	4.17
Mathematics		
AP Calculus AB	9	4.11
AP Calculus BC	36	4.39
AP Statistics	35	4.26
Sciences		
AP Biology	35	4.54
AP Chemistry	27	4.44
AP Computer Science A	13	4.62
AP Computer Science Principles	9	3.56
AP Environmental Science	2	4.00
AP Physics 1	33	3.48
AP Physics 2	5	4.00
AP Physics C: E&M	10	4.10
AP Physics C: Mechanics	12	4.42
Social Sciences		
AP Art History	1	3.00
AP Comparative Government and Politics	29	3.69
AP Human Geography	35	4.37
AP Macroeconomics	81	4.07
AP Microeconomics	6	4.33
AP Psychology	37	4.19
AP World History: Modern	16	4.25
Fine Arts		
AP 2-D Art and Design	14	3.79
AP 3-D Art and Design	2	4.00
AP Drawing	5	3.80
Music Aural	1	5.00
Music Theory	1	4.00

* At time of publication, Canadian AP Exam Data averages had not been published.

