



# St. Michaels University School

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## St. Michaels University School (SMUS)

is an independent, co-educational day and boarding school in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Founded in 1906, our school community includes over 1000 students in K-12. Our Senior School (9-12) has 588 students, including 257 boarding students hailing from more than 25 countries around the world. 20% of the student population receive financial aid from the school.

SMUS is committed to academic excellence and offers extensive programs in the arts, athletics, service and leadership, as well as opportunities for experiential education. The school has graduated six students who went on to become Rhodes Scholars.

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

### Leadership, Extracurricular & Service Opportunities

At SMUS, we believe that good leadership is a process of engagement which moves people to understanding and action in an environment inspired by trust. Through 65 councils and clubs, students gain valuable skills, develop personal and social responsibility, and practice effective leadership. We offer an array of activities to engage students in meaningful ways that build community, fostering a sense of self, and the belief that we can support and inspire our selves and others to make the world a better place.

SMUS offers an experiential continuum, providing hands-on learning experiences from K-12 to complement traditional teaching and empower students to deepen their learning. In the Grade 10 Experiential Program, students choose expeditions intentionally created to pursue real-world problems and opportunities that prepare them for life.

### British Columbia Grading System

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

### GPA and Ranking Policy

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

### Grad Class 2018

# 61%

Percentage of graduates who earned scholarships

# 33

SMUS AP National Scholars (Canada)

# 9

AP Capstone Diplomas awarded

# 668

University acceptances received by the 2018 graduating class



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DISCIPLINE	GRADE 9 No credits	GRADE 10 Each Course = 4 credits	GRADE 11 Each Course = 4 credits	GRADE 12 Each Course = 4 credits	
<b>English</b> 4 years required	Communications 9 English 9 English 9 Transitional (English Language Learners)	English 10 or English 10 Advanced  English 10 Transitional (English Language Learners)	English 11 English 11 Transitional (English Language Learners)  English Literature 12 Modern Literature & Creative Writing 11	English Studies 12 Writing 12 AP English Language & Composition AP English Literature & Composition	
<b>Mathematics</b> 3 years required	Mathematics 9	Foundations of Mathematics & Pre-Calculus 10	Foundations of Mathematics 11 Pre-Calculus 11	Calculus 12 Foundations of Mathematics 12 Pre-Calculus 12	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics
<b>Social Sciences</b> 3 years required	Modern Studies 9 Social Studies 9	Business Education 10 Global Politics 10 Social Studies 10	Comparative Cultures 11 Social Studies 11 AP Comparative Government & Politics AP European History AP Human Geography	Criminology & Social Justice 12 Economics 12 Geography 12 Law 12 Urban Planet 12 World History 12	AP Comparative Government & Politics AP European History AP Human Geography AP Microeconomics AP Macroeconomics AP Psychology
<b>Sciences</b> 3 years required	Science 9 (Integrated)	Marine Studies and Training 10  Science 10 (Integrated) Sport Science & Athletic Leadership 10	Biology 11 or Biology 11 Advanced  Chemistry 11 or Chemistry 11 Advanced Computer Science 11 Physics 11 AP Physics 1 Honours 11	Biology 12 Chemistry 12 Geology 12 Physics 12 AP Biology AP Chemistry	AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles AP Environmental Science AP Physics 2 AP Physics C
<b>Modern Languages</b> 1 year required	Beginner French 9 or French 9 or French 9 Advanced Japanese 9 Mandarin 9 Beginner Spanish 9	Beginner French 10 or French 10 or French 10 Advanced Japanese 10 Mandarin 10 Beginner Spanish 10 or Spanish 10 Advanced or Beginner Spanish 11	French 11 or French 11 Advanced Japanese 11 Mandarin 11 Spanish 11 or Spanish 11 Advanced	French 12 Japanese 12 Mandarin 12 Spanish 12 AP Chinese Language & Culture	AP French Language & Culture AP Spanish Language & Culture
<b>Fine Arts</b> 3 years required	Concert Choir 9 Drama 9 Fine Arts 9 Jazz Band 9 Music 9: Concert Band Strings 9 Vocal Jazz 9	Art 10 Concert Band 10 Concert Choir 10 Drama 10 Senior Jazz Band 10 Strings 10 Vocal Jazz 10	3D Applied Design & Installation 11 Acting 11 Art 11 or Art 11 Advanced Ceramics & Sculpture 11 Concert Choir 11 Digital Art 11 Instrumental Music 11: Concert Band Senior Jazz Band 11 Strings 11	3D Applied Design & Installation 12 Acting 12 Art 12 Ceramics & Sculpture 12 Concert Band 12 Concert Choir 12 Digital Art 12	Directing & Script Development 12 Senior Jazz Band 12 Strings 12 Writing 12 AP Art History AP Studio Art
<b>Physical Education</b> 3 years required	3 years of Physical Education (Grades 9 and 10, and either 11 or 12). Students are also able to participate in 14 sports at the varsity level.				
<b>AP Capstone Diploma</b>			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. The Capstone Diploma is earned with a score of 3 or more in both AP Seminar and AP Research, in addition to four other AP subjects.

In May of 2018, 229 students wrote a total of 559 AP exams across 27 different subjects. Of the 559 exams, 87% were graded three or higher. Average test results for AP courses taught at SMUS in 2018 are listed below.

EXAM NAME	AVERAGE SCORE	3 OR HIGHER
Art History	2.8	80%
Biology	4.1	100%
Calculus AB	3.4	83%
Calculus BC	4.4	92%
Chemistry	3.7	93%
Chinese Language and Culture	4.9	100%
Comparative Government and Politics	4.3	94%
Computer Science A	2.0	32%
Computer Science Principles	3.3	80%
English Language and Composition	4.1	89%
English Literature and Composition	3.7	86%
Environmental Science	3.9	88%
European History	4.0	100%
French Language and Culture	4.5	100%
Human Geography	3.4	82%
Macroeconomics	3.9	77%
Microeconomics	3.8	82%
Physics 1	3.8	92%
Physics 2	4.0	100%
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	4.9	100%
Physics C: Mechanics	4.7	100%
Psychology	3.4	73%
Research	3.8	90%
Seminar	4.3	100%
Spanish Language and Culture	3.3	88%
Statistics	4.0	88%
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	4.0	90%
Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio	3.7	67%
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	4.0	100%

## Post-Secondary Acceptances

98% of SMUS graduates attend a 4-year, degree-granting institution. Graduates from the classes of 2013–18 have matriculated to the following colleges (among others):

### Canada

Acadia University	University of Alberta
Dalhousie University	University of British Columbia
McGill University	University of Calgary
McMaster University	University of Toronto
Queen's University	University of Victoria
Quest University	University of Waterloo
Ryerson University	Western University
Simon Fraser University	

### United States

Boston College	Middlebury College
Boston University	New York University
Bowdoin College	Princeton University
Brown University	Savannah College of Art & Design
Cal Tech	Stanford University
Columbia University	University of California, Berkeley
Cornell University	University of California, Los Angeles
Dartmouth University	University of Michigan
Duke University	University of Pennsylvania
Harvard University	University of Southern California
Harvey Mudd College	University of Washington
Johns Hopkins University	Wesleyan College

### International

Cardiff University	Sciences Po
Chinese University of Hong Kong	Trinity College Dublin
Christies Education London	University of St. Andrews
Durham University	University of Cambridge
Hong Kong U of S&T	University of Oxford
Imperial College of London	University College London
King's College London	University of Bristol
London College of Fashion	University of Edinburgh
London School of Economics	University of Melbourne
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	