

An aerial photograph of the Simon Fraser University campus in Metro Vancouver, Canada. The image shows a large, modern university building complex with multiple wings and a central courtyard. To the left of the main building is a green baseball field with a red track. The campus is surrounded by lush green trees and a dense forest. In the background, a thick layer of white fog or low clouds covers the surrounding area, with the city of Vancouver visible in the distance across the water. The sky is clear and blue.

**EXCHANGE &
STUDY ABROAD**

METRO VANCOUVER, CANADA

**SIMON FRASER
UNIVERSITY**

SFU

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES
FOR STUDENTS

FAST FACTS

TOP 2%

OF UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE

Centre for World University Rankings, 2025

#1

CANADIAN COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY

Maclean's University Rankings, 2026

#3

IN CANADA FOR INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

Times Higher Education 2026 World
University Rankings

29,190

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

5,171

GRADUATE STUDENTS

8,000+

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM
133 COUNTRIES

200,000+

PROUD ALUMNI FROM 145+ COUNTRIES



A DIVERSE, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

At SFU, we are dedicated to creating a diverse, equitable and inclusive community where we use our humility, compassion, intellect and position to dismantle systemic and cultural barriers.

Together, we are creating a community where all feel welcome, safe, accepted and appreciated in learning, teaching, research and work. We are privileged to do this work on the unceded traditional territories of the Squamish, Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, Katzie and Kwikwetlem peoples.



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

METRO VANCOUVER, CANADA – AN IDEAL DESTINATION

[Simon Fraser University](#) is consistently ranked as one of Canada's top comprehensive universities.

By selecting SFU as your [exchange/study abroad destination](#), you will experience our commitment to academic freedom, interdisciplinary research, quality student services, and community engagement. Our location in Metropolitan Vancouver offers the advantages of a large and cosmopolitan city on the beautiful west coast of Canada, and our [academic programs](#) offer a wide choice across many disciplines in [ten faculties](#).

Please note that the Stephens Family School of Medicine and Faculty of Graduate Studies are not open to exchange or study abroad students. Graduate students can access courses through academic faculties.

ATTENDING SFU

We pride ourselves on our welcoming atmosphere for new students and the many programs and services we offer to help you adjust to life in Vancouver and make your time here unforgettable.

SFU's comprised of three campuses, spread throughout Metro Vancouver, which are all accessible within an hour of each other by public transit. Students can study between all three campuses. Visit [Virtual Campus Tour](#) to explore SFU campuses.



Burnaby

Perched atop Burnaby Mountain, Simon Fraser University's original Arthur Erickson-designed campus now includes more than three dozen academic buildings and is flanked by UniverCity, a flourishing sustainable residential community.

Vancouver

Described by local media as the "intellectual heart of the city", SFU's Vancouver Campus transformed the landscape of urban education in downtown Vancouver. The campus is comprised of multiple facilities clustered in the core of Vancouver.



Surrey

A vibrant community hub located in the heart of one of Canada's fastest-growing cities, the SFU Surrey campus features state-of-the-art buildings.





PRE-ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION

We offer [fun and informative programming](#) to support your transition to SFU and to connect you with local students.

ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

SFU is a member of the [U SPORTS](#) - the national governing body for university sports in Canada. The [U SPORTS](#) represents 58 universities, nearly 15,000 student-athletes and numerous number of games and events each year. If you want to see the best varsity teams in action, [home games](#) are always free for SFU students.

As an SFU student, you will have access to numerous [recreational facilities and programs](#), including the Aquatic and Fitness Centres.

STUDENT LIFE

SFU has a vibrant student life including [student clubs](#) and other co-curricular programs for you to explore and engage in your interests.



ACCOMMODATION

On-Campus

On-campus residences are located at the Burnaby Campus. They are 5-15 minutes walking distance to most buildings on the Burnaby Campus and under an hour by public transit to the Surrey and Vancouver campuses. All bedrooms in SFU Residence are private, single rooms.

Most exchange/study abroad students opt to live in [SFU Residence](#) as it's a great way to immerse yourself in the university life and academic experience.

Off-Campus

In Metro Vancouver, you'll find a wide range of [housing options](#), such as apartments, houses and townhouses.



ACADEMICS

There is a wide choice of [academic courses](#) offered in [ten faculties](#). Please note that some subjects and courses have [restrictions](#) for exchange or study abroad students, so please check [our website](#) for more details.

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<u>Faculty of Applied Sciences</u>	Computing Science Engineering Science	Mechatronic Systems Engineering Sustainable Energy Engineering	
<u>Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences</u>	Anthropology Cognitive Science Criminology Economics English French Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies	Gerontology Global Asia Hellenic Studies History Humanities Indigenous Studies International Studies Linguistics	Philosophy Political Science Psychology Sociology Urban Studies World Literature & Languages
<u>Beedie School of Business</u> (most courses are only open to students from <u>Business Exchange Partners</u>)	Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management Information Systems Human Resource Management Operations Management		Marketing Finance International Business Strategic Analysis
<u>Faculty of Communication, Art, and Technology</u>	Communication Contemporary Arts	Interactive Arts and Technology Publishing	
<u>Faculty of Education</u>	Education		
<u>Faculty of Environment</u>	Archaeology Environmental Science Geography	Resource and Environmental Management Sustainable Community Development	
<u>Faculty of Health Sciences</u>	Health Sciences		
<u>Faculty of Science</u>	Biological Sicences Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology Chemistry Earth Sciences		Mathematics Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Physics Statistics & Actuarial Science

TERM DATES

SFU operates on a unique trimester system, comprised of 3 equal full-time terms per year. Exchange and study abroad students are welcome to start at SFU in the Fall or spring term, and normally stay for either 1 or 2 term(s).

Fall Term

Orientation: Early September

Classes: Early September - Early December (13 weeks)

Exams: Early December - Mid December (2 weeks)

Spring Term

Orientation: Early January

Classes: Early January - Early April (13 weeks)

Exams: Early April - Mid April (2 weeks)

Summer Term

Orientation: Early May

Classes: Early May - Early August (13 weeks)

Exams: Early August - Mid August (2 weeks)

**Exchange/study abroad students cannot start in the Summer term, however may stay in Summer if started in an earlier term.*

APPLYING

Your home institution must nominate you to participate in a formal exchange or study abroad term at SFU. Contact your home institution's exchange office to ask about deadlines and application procedures.

For more information, visit : www.sfu.ca/students/exchange

