Founded in 1843, Bishop’s University is quite unique amongst other public, government-funded Canadian universities. Our primary mandate is to offer students a quality education in the fine arts, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, business and education. With 2,500 full-time students (more than 25% of which are international students), we offer the ideal climate for immersion into our community. Our intimate class settings provide a very warm and friendly experience for international exchange students to learn and explore. We promote benevolent cooperation between students and professors, and conduct frequent seminars, laboratories and tutorials.

Although located in the province of Québec, we are an English-speaking university, and all courses are taught in English. However, when students leave campus to go shopping or sightseeing, they will hear both French and English; a most advantageous and rich learning experience.

Bishop’s is located in the bilingual community of Lennoxville, a suburb of the city of Sherbrooke, Quebec, located about 1.5 hours southeast of Montreal. The U.S.A. border with Vermont is a 45-minute drive away from campus. The Eastern Townships region is known for offering a safe and welcoming atmosphere, exceptional nature and outdoor recreational opportunities, and a great quality of life.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: GENERAL

- Strong academic standing at your home institution
- Support from your home institution for your proposed exchange

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: PROGRAM-SPECIFIC

The proposed exchange program must correspond with the field of study followed at your home institution, unless specified by an agreement between your institution and Bishop’s University. Your course selection at Bishop's University must be approved by your home institution. Please note that some courses may not be accessible to incoming exchange students, course offerings are available a few months before the coming semester, and we cannot predict in advance which courses will be available.

LIST OF PROGRAMS

- Bishop's University offers a variety of Academic Programs.
- To know more about our courses, visit our Academic Calendar.
- To have an idea of our course offerings, you may also visit our current and previous Timetables.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

When applying to Bishop's University, a proof of English language fluency is required if you study at an institution where the language of instruction is neither English nor French. The proof can be in the form of:

- IELTS test score of 6.5
- TOEFL test score of 90
- A letter from your home institution attesting to your equivalency in proficiency in written and spoken English

LANGUAGE SUPPORT

- If you meet the proficiency requirements but still wish to improve your English, our English Language Studies program offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes that you can take as electives in any program.
- You will also have access to the Writing Center where you can get help in perfecting your writing style and proofreading your written assignments.

FRENCH COURSES

Bishop's University is an English-speaking institution, and all services on campus are offered in English. However, you can take French language courses and practice your French on campus if you want to, since most faculty and staff are bilingual. You will also meet students from across Canada and around the world with whom you can practice your French. An English university in a French city. The opportunity is all yours!
IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES

In order to study at Bishop’s University as an exchange student, you must apply for immigration documents. You may be required to apply for a Quebec Acceptance Certificate, a Study Permit or a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV)/ Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).

1- Term Exchange Student (Less than 6 months):
   - TRV or eTA
For more information, see our Immigration Procedures web page

2- Term Exchange Student (More than 6 months):
   - CAQ
   - Study permit
   - TRV or eTA
For more information, see our Immigration Procedures web page

Is it possible to do an internship during the exchange program at Bishop’s?

No. As this is not a mandatory internship in their program of study in Canada, exchange students cannot apply for a coop or intern work permit. If you would like to do an internship after your exchange at Bishop’s University, you will need to apply for a work permit through the International Experience Canada (IEC) program. The University is not responsible for the internship.

Please note that travel restrictions and the immigration process is changing constantly due to COVID-19. Be sure to check the regulations here.

MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE

Please note that the Quebec Government regulations require all International and Exchange Students to purchase the RSA Health Insurance Plan to study at Bishop’s University.

If you are a citizen and a resident of Denmark, Finland, France, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Belgium, Romania or Greece, you may qualify for the Quebec Health Insurance Plan Régie de l’assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ).

For more information on health insurance, visit the Health Insurance page on our website.
# ADMISSION DEADLINES

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You can also find more accurate dates in the [Academic Calendar](#) and the [Residence life page](#).
<p><strong>NOMINATION BY HOME INSTITUTION</strong></p>

There is only one nomination and application deadline. Nomination by the home institution should be done before March 15th for the following fall, winter semester or full academic year. You can find the nomination details and form by visiting the <a>Exchange Students</a> page.

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**STEP 1**

Exchange students apply online using the <a>International Exchange Student Application Form</a>.

**STEP 2**

All exchange students are required to upload the following supporting documents through their myBU portal, or send scans to admissions@ubishops.ca.

- Copy of the ID page of your valid passport
- Official transcript from home institution
- Proof of English language fluency, if you study at a university where the language of instruction is neither English nor French.

**STEP 3**

Exchange students staying for 2 semesters or more must upload the following supporting documents through their myBU portal, or send scans to admissions@ubishops.ca upon arrival to Bishop's University.

- Copy of CAQ (Certificat d’acceptation pour études du Québec)
- Copy of Study Permit
## YEARLY TUITION AND FEES

For more up-to-date information you can visit our [Tuition and Fees](#) page or our [Academic Calendar](#).

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*Exchange students pay tuition to their home institution.

**Please note that these fees are estimates based on costs for the 2021-2022 academic year. Costs may fluctuate based on the academic program, number of courses taken, style of residence, and chosen meal plan. All costs are shown in Canadian dollars (CAD).
SERVICES ON CAMPUS

STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services at Bishop's University provide many opportunities for individual growth in a learning community where the student is the center of our educational mission. We commit ourselves to improving the quality of student life so that each student can achieve success.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

We provide confidential, on-campus services to support your physical, mental and spiritual health. We also offer support in managing your personal safety so that you can be at your best while attending BU.

ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Bishop’s Student Accessibility and Accommodations Services (SAAS) provide a wide range of support to students living with disabilities. Explore the services available to you during your BU journey.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMIC FACILITATOR

We offer professional and specialized services focusing on academic success, career development and leadership. At Bishop's, we provide resources to aid you in the next steps following your graduation.

INDIGENOUS STUDENT SUPPORT

We offer individual support to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students as well as Indigenous international students dedicated to their academic and social success. Learn about services offered, financial aid, and facilities dedicated to our Indigenous students.
Living in residence is more than just a choice of where you are going to live while studying at Bishop’s; it’s a bridge to our community and everything it has to offer. Our residence buildings are the heartbeat of campus located in the center of it all. Our students come from across Canada and countries around the world. There is no better way to become a Gaiter than by joining our diverse community right here on campus. Exchange students are welcome to apply for on-campus residences.

RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL

We recommend that you arrive a few days prior to the start of the semester to have time to get settled in. For students who will live in residences, you can move into your room the Saturday before the beginning of the semester.

RESIDENCES

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Apply for residence

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Some students choose to live off-campus. Visit the off-campus housing section on our website to help you find off-campus housing.

Look for off-campus housing
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