



# St. Michaels University School



St. Michaels University School is an independent, co-educational day and boarding school in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Founded in 1906, our school community includes more than 1,000 students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. Our Senior School (9-12) has 613 students, hailing from 39 countries around the world. Twenty percent of the student population receives financial aid and staff bursaries 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. 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).

## Pandemic Impact

**Learning:** After a period of remote learning in the spring of 2020, we were fortunate to run the entire 2020-21 school year teaching and learning in person albeit with restrictions on class size and group gatherings. The academic program was run without interruption, though some students, due to timetable constraints, were unable to take their preferred slate of courses. The current academic year does not limit students' access to their preferred course selections.

**Testing:** Last year, no opportunities were given to write standardized tests on site, meaning most students were prevented from writing an ACT or SAT test. At time of publication, we are able to host the SAT and students can opt to register to write here or at another location, presuming public health guidelines do not further restrict gatherings.

**Academic Timetable/Course Availability:** Our timetable this year is no longer restricted by any public health mandates, so students can take their preferred courses. With a six-term timetable, students are limited to four AP courses in a given year. As in previous (before COVID-19) years, where possible, students are able to take extra courses via distance learning providers.

**Extracurricular Life:** The 2020-21 year saw no competitive sport competitions; students remained active by way of a vibrant intramural sporting program to maintain and develop their athletic ability. Many volunteer and leadership experiences available in previous years were significantly restricted or scaled back. This academic year, we have returned to interscholastic athletic competition. Clubs, councils and service opportunities on campus have been resurrected to their full capacity.

# The Class of 2021

# 170

Number of 2021 graduates

# 55%

Percentage of graduates who earned scholarships

# 695

University acceptances received by the 2021 graduating class

# \$3,891,746

Total of scholarships offered to 2021 graduates

# 36

AP Scholars with Distinction

# 13

AP Capstone Diplomas awarded



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### Leadership & Extracurricular Opportunities

Through **65 councils and clubs**, 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 & 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 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 14 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, 2021** reporting on achievement in all their courses, and again with the **Mid-Year Report by February 28, 2022**.

### 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. Also, SMUS students have faced challenges accessing SAT and ACT over the past year. We ask that universities take these factors into account when evaluating our students' applications.

# 2021-22 Academic Program

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	
<b>English</b> 4 years required	English 9	Literary Studies & Creative Writing 10 Literary Studies & Creative Writing 10 Advanced	Literary Studies 11 Literary Studies 11 Advanced	English Studies 12 (required) Creative Writing 12 (elective)	AP English Language & Composition AP English Literature & Composition
<b>Mathematics</b> 3 years required	Principles of 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	Social Studies 9	Business Studies 10 Entrepreneurship 10 Global Politics 10 Social Studies 10	Economic Theory 12 Law Studies 12 Social Justice & Criminology 12 Social Justice & Decolonization 12 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 & Politics AP Human Geography AP Macroeconomics AP Psychology AP World History
<b>Sciences</b> 3 years required	Science 9 (Integrated)	Computer Science 10 Marine Studies and Training 10 Science 10 (Integrated) Science Expansion Pack 10	Chemistry 11 Chemistry 11 Pre-AP Computer Science 11 Life Sciences 11 Life Sciences 11 Pre-AP Physics 11 AP Physics 1 Robotics 11	Anatomy & Physiology 12 Chemistry 12 Computer Science 12 Environmental Science 12 Physics 12	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles AP Physics 2 AP Physics C (Electronics & Magnetism) AP Physics C (Mechanics)
<b>Modern Languages</b> 3 years required	Beginner French 9 French 9 French 9 Advanced Mandarin 9 Spanish 9 Beginner	Beginner French 10 French 10 French 10 Advanced Mandarin 10 Spanish 10 Beginner Spanish 10 Advanced	French 11 French 11 Advanced Mandarin 11 Spanish 11 Spanish 11 Advanced	French 12 Mandarin 12 Spanish 12	AP French Language & Culture AP Spanish Language & Culture
<b>Arts Education</b> 3 years required	Concert Band 9 Concert Choir 9 Drama 9 Painting 9 Strings 9 Strings 9 Beginner	Art 10 Concert Band 10 Concert Choir 10 Drafting 10 Strings 10	Concert Band 11 Concert Choir 11 Digital Art 11 Strings 11 Studio Art 11 Theatre Company 11	3-D Applied Design & Installation 12 Art 12 Concert Band 12 Concert Choir 12 Digital Art 12 Directing & Script Development 12 Strings 12 Theatre Company 12	AP Art History AP Studio Art (2-D, 3-D, Drawing)
<b>Physical Education</b> 3 years required	Physical Education 9	Athletic Leadership 10 Physical Education 10 Sport Science 10	Active Living 11: Human Performance Active Living 11: Lifestyle & Fitness Active Living 11: Yoga & Wellness Fitness & Conditioning 11	Active Living 12: Active Sport Active Living 12: Yoga & Wellness Fitness & Conditioning 12	
<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. In May 2021, 237 students wrote a total of 457 AP exams across 31 different subjects. Of the 457 exams, 95% were graded 3 or higher.

## Post-Secondary Acceptances

Ninety-eight percent of SMUS graduates attend a four year, degree-granting institution. Graduates from the classes of 2016 to 2021 have matriculated to the following universities and colleges (among others):

### Canada

Acadia University  
Bishop's University  
Brock University  
Carleton University  
Concordia University  
Dalhousie University  
Emily Carr University of Art and Design  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
Mount Allison University  
Queen's University  
Quest University  
Ryerson University  
Simon Fraser University

St. Francis Xavier University  
Trent University  
University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
University of Calgary  
University of King's College  
University of Lethbridge  
University of Ottawa  
University of Toronto  
University of Victoria  
University of Waterloo  
Western University  
Wilfrid Laurier University  
York University

### United States

Boston College  
Boston University  
Brown University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Chapman University  
Colgate University  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Duke University  
Emory University  
Harvard University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Middlebury College  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Notre Dame University

Parsons School of Design-The New School  
Pomona College  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Santa Clara University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Stanford University  
Swarthmore College  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego  
University of Michigan  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Southern California  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

### International

Chinese University of Hong Kong  
Duke Kunshan University  
Durham University  
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne  
Esade Business School in Italy  
IE University Spain  
Imperial College of London  
King's College London  
London School of Economics  
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
Sciences Po  
The Hague University of Applied Sciences

Trinity College Dublin  
University of the Arts London  
Universita Bocconi in Italy  
University College London  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Melbourne  
University of Oxford  
University of St Andrews  
University of Surrey  
University of Sydney  
Yale-NUS College Singapore

2021 SMUS AP Exam Data *		
Exam Name	Number of exams written	Average Score
<b>Capstone</b>		
AP Research	25	4.24
AP Seminar	31	3.94
<b>Languages</b>		
AP Chinese	7	4.71
AP English Language and Composition	20	4.25
AP English Literature and Composition	10	3.20
AP French	10	4.30
AP German	4	5.00
AP Spanish	4	4.50
<b>Mathematics</b>		
AP Calculus AB	25	3.84
AP Calculus BC	27	4.52
AP Statistics	15	4.27
<b>Sciences</b>		
AP Biology	22	4.27
AP Chemistry	21	3.76
AP Computer Science A	11	3.91
AP Computer Science Principles	10	3.00
AP Environmental Science	1	5.00
AP Physics 1	35	3.63
AP Physics C: E&M	10	4.70
AP Physics C: Mechanics	10	4.80
<b>Social Sciences</b>		
AP Art History	15	4.00
AP Comparative Government and Politics	13	4.08
AP Human Geography	7	4.29
AP Macroeconomics	56	4.05
AP Microeconomics	5	4.80
AP Psychology	37	4.32
AP US Government and Politics	1	5.00
AP US History	1	4.00
AP World History: Modern	12	4.17
<b>Fine Arts</b>		
AP 2-D Art and Design	9	4.00
AP 3-D Art and Design	1	5.00
AP Drawing	2	4.50

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