

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

The four-year Bachelor of Commerce program provides a strong foundation of general knowledge and skills, followed by an opportunity to specialize. After the two-year foundation program, eligible students may choose a major area of study in:

- Accounting (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/accounting/>)
- Economics (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/economics/>)
- Entrepreneurship (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/entrepreneurship/>)
- Finance (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/finance/>)
- General Business Studies (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/faculties/sobey-school-business/bachelor-commerce---majors/#General%20Business%20Studies%20Major>)
- Global Business Management (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/global-business-management/>)
- Human Resource Management (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/human-resource-management/>) and Industrial Relations
- Management (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/management/>)
- Management Information Systems and Analytics (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/management-info-systems-and-analytics/>) (Formerly Computer Information Systems)
- Marketing (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/marketing/>)
- Sports Business (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/sports-business/>)
- Sustainability Management (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/sustainabilitymgmt/>)

A cooperative education option, placements at the Saint Mary's University Entrepreneurship Centre and study-abroad opportunities are available to qualified students.

The certificate program in Human Resource Management can be completed independently or concurrently with a Bachelor of Commerce. For information on this program Human Resource Management (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/human-resource-management/#programstext>).

The following requirements apply to all entering Commerce students.

1.
 - a. The Bachelor of Commerce program consists of one hundred and twenty (120) credit hours beyond Nova Scotia Grade 12 (or equivalent). Students lacking the equivalent of Nova Scotia Grade 12 may be required to complete additional courses as specified by the Dean. Courses beginning with zero (0) are designated preparatory and will not be credited toward any degree, diploma or certificate.
 - b. Nova Scotia Grade 12 Academic Mathematics (or equivalent) is a prerequisite for Quantitative Methods I (MGSC 1205). Students who do not have Nova Scotia Grade 12 Academic Mathematics

on admission, will be required to upgrade their mathematical knowledge before taking Quantitative Methods I (MGSC 1205).

- c. To receive a Saint Mary's University Bachelor of Commerce, transfer students must complete all requirements for the degree as stipulated in this *Academic Calendar*. Students must successfully complete a minimum of 50% of the credit hours required for their degree or certificate program at Saint Mary's. Among these credit hours, students must complete a minimum of 50% of the credit hours required for the major, honours or concentration at Saint Mary's.
2.
 - a. In conformity with Academic Regulation 8c (i) (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/academic-regulations/regulations/standing-required/>), students must achieve a minimum degree grade point average of 2.00 in order to qualify for graduation.
 - b. Cooperative education students must attain a minimum degree grade point average of 2.70. Honours students must attain a minimum degree grade point average of 3.00.
 - c. Business students, in consultation with the designated Department and/or Program Academic Advisor, **must** formally declare their major **before the completion of sixty (60) credit hours**. For full-time students, this normally means **by the end of their second year**. Students can change their major by submitting a major declaration/change form. Students who are undecided should consult with an Academic Advisor to discuss their options. **Note:** Limits to the number of students who can be in a particular program at any one time exist and depend very much on the number of faculty members available in a particular academic unit.
 - d. Completion of a major – i.e., to have a major formally recognized on a student's academic record – requires that students complete the designated courses with a grade point average of 2.2. (The courses required for each major are listed in Bachelor of Commerce - Majors (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/faculties/sobey-school-business/bachelor-commerce---majors/>)).
3. During the regular Academic Year (September to May), full time students will normally take the equivalent of thirty (30) credit hours (i.e. five courses in each academic term). Students who have completed at least thirty (30) credit hours at Saint Mary's may elect to take an additional three (3) credit hours (i.e., one course) each term. Permission is not required. (See Academic Regulation 1 (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/academic-regulations/regulations/number-courses-academic-session/>)).
4. To earn a Bachelor of Commerce degree, students must successfully complete a total of 120 credit hours. This includes, sixty-nine (69) credit hours of Core Program Requirements, twenty-four (24) credit hours in Elective Program Requirements [nine (9) credit hours of non-commerce electives and fifteen (15) credit hours of free electives], Major Requirements, and Additional Elective Requirements (when necessary, to meet the required 120 credit hours for the Bachelor of Commerce). A free elective is any course offered by Arts, Science or Business. Free electives may be used to explore other academic interests, or perhaps a double major or a minor in an aligned discipline. Students should consult with an Academic Advisor to plan their program.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Program Requirements:		
BCOM 1201	Exploring Sustainability	3
ECON 1201	Principles of Economics: Micro	3
ECON 1202	Principles of Economics: Macro	3
MGMT 1281	Introduction to Business Management	3
MGSC 1205	Quantitative Methods I	3
MGSC 1207	Introduction to Data Analytics for Business	3
MISA 1225	Introduction to Computer Applications (formerly CISY 1225)	3
ACCT 2241	Introductory Financial Accounting	3
ACCT 2242	Introductory Managerial Accounting	3
CMLW 2201	Legal Aspects of Business - Part I	3
COMM 2293	Business Communication Essentials	3
ENTR 2201	Sustainable Entrepreneurship	3
FINA 2360	Business Finance I	3
MGMT 2382	Introduction to Organizational Behaviour	3
MGMT 2385	Introduction to Human Resource Management (t)	3
MGSC 2207	Introductory Statistics	3
MGSC 2217	Operations Management	3
MKTG 2270	Introduction to Marketing	3
FINA 3361	Business Finance II	3
MGMT 3480	Business Ethics & Responsibility	3
MGMT 4489	Strategic Management	3
Academic Literacy requirement – Select three credit hours in Humanities subject areas ⁸		3
Select three credit hours in Global Perspectives electives ⁹		3
Total Credit Hours		69

Students are encouraged to consult an Academic Advisor to discuss a course plan to complete these core requirements.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Elective Program Requirements:		
Select nine non-Commerce elective credit hours ¹		9
Select at least fifteen credit hours in free electives ²		15
Total Credit Hours		24

Notes:

1. The BComm degree requires students to successfully complete at least nine (9) credit hours of non-Commerce electives (Some majors require students to complete more than the minimum). A non-Commerce elective is a course offered by the Faculties of Arts or Science.
2. The BComm degree requires students to successfully complete fifteen (15) credit hours of free electives. Some majors may require students to complete additional credit hours in free electives. A free elective is any course offered by Arts, Science or Business. These free electives may be used to explore other academic interests, or perhaps a double major or a minor in an aligned discipline.
3. Interested students can take Introduction to Marketing (MKTG 2270), Legal Aspects of Business - Part I

(CMLW 2201) in Year I and defer non-Commerce electives until Year 2.

4. It is recommended that students complete Quantitative Methods I (MGSC 1205) before taking Introductory Managerial Accounting (ACCT 2242).
5. It is recommended that students planning to major in Accounting and considering pursuing a professional accounting designation and/or Cooperative Education take Financial Accounting Foundations (ACCT 3350) in Year 2.
6. It is recommended that students planning to major in Economics take Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (ECON 3300) and Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (ECON 3301) in Year 2.
7. Students may substitute one of Biostatistics (BIOL 3308), Probability and Statistics for Engineers (EGNE 2309), Statistical Methods in Geography (Group C) (GEOG 3326), Introduction to Mathematical Statistics (MATH 1216), Psychological Statistics (Group C) (PSYC 2020) or Quantitative Research Methods (CRIM 3102) /Quantitative Research Methods (SOCI 3102) in lieu of Introductory Statistics (MGSC 2207).
8. Students must take any three-credit hour course, at the 1000-level, in the Humanities subject areas including Ancient Studies, English, History, Philosophy, Religion, and courses on literature and/or culture subjects.
9. To fulfill the Global Perspectives elective, BComm students must successfully complete any three (3) credit hours course from a preapproved list shown below. If a course from the Global Perspectives electives list satisfies both a major requirement and a core elective requirement, the number of free electives will increase by three (3) credit hours.
10. BComm students can receive up to nine (9) credit hours from completing the co-op program towards free electives (3 credit hours from each work term).

Please be advised that not all courses may be offered each year.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Global Perspectives Electives:		
ACCT 3357	International Accounting	3
ACST 3321	African Nova Scotian Culture	3
ACST 3345	First Nations of the Atlantic Region	3
ACST 3470	The British Black Atlantic	3
ANTH 2311	Ethnology: Melanesia	3
ANTH 2316	Indigenous Peoples of Canada	3
ANTH 2326	Contemporary East Asia	3
ANTH 2327	Japanese Society	3
ASNT 1105	Introduction to Chinese Culture	3
ASNT 1106	Introduction to Japanese Culture	3
ASNT 1107	Introduction to Korean Culture	3
ASNT 2210	Indigenous Voices in Modern Asia	3
ASNT 2303	Contemporary Japan: Institutions and Culture	3
ASNT 2305	Contemporary China: Institutions and Culture	3
ECON 3310	Development Economics	3
ECON 3315	Comparative Economic Systems	3

ECON 3327	Asia Pacific Economies	3	RELS 2343	Introduction to Judaism	3
ECON 3365	International Economic issues	3	RELS 2401	Religions of China and Japan	3
ECON 3349	Women and the Economy	3			
ECON 4410	Issues in Economic Development	3			
ECON 4413	International Macroeconomics and Finance	3			
ECON 4414	International Trade	3			
ENGL 2261	Postcolonial Literature: Africa, the Caribbean, and South Asia	3			
ENGL 2461	Mi'kmaq Storytelling and Literature	3			
ENGL 2513	Introduction to Indigenous Literature	3			
FINA 4476	International Financial Management	3			
FREN 2260	Francophone Cultures Through Film	3			
FREN 3310	Introduction to French Culture	3			
GEOG 2332	Global Cities (Group A)	3			
GEOG 2341	Economic Geography (Group A)	3			
GEOG 2349	Cultural Geography (Group A)	3			
GEOG 3020	Geography and Development (Group D)	3			
GEOG 1100	Global Perspectives on Land and Life (Group D)	3			
GEOG 1200	People, Place and Environment (Group D)	3			
HIST 3352	Race and Racism in the United States	3			
ICST 1000	Intercultural Communication	3			
ICST 2000	Identities and Subjectivities in the Colonial and Postcolonial Era	3			
GDST 2301	Global Development: History & Perspectives	3			
GDST 2302	Global Development: Policies and Issues	3			
GDST 2401	Fair Trade and Free Trade	3			
GDST 2425	Rising Powers in a Globalized World	3			
MGMT 4488	International Business Management	3			
MKTG 3375	International Marketing	3			
PHIL 2305	Environmental Ethics	3			
PHIL 2312	Contemporary Political Philosophy	3			
POLI 1250	Politics and Globalization	3			
POLI 1260	Politics and Development: People, Ideas and Goods	3			
POLI 3314	Politics of the Global South	3			
POLI 3316	Politics in the European Union	3			
POLI 3318	Politics of The Middle East	3			
POLI 3321	International Organizations	3			
POLI 3322	Global Political Economy	3			
POLI 3350	Indigenous Politics: Past, Present and Future	3			
POLI 3418	International Law	3			
POLI 3456	Issues in International Security	3			
PSYC 2530	Cross-Cultural Psychology (Group B)	3			
RELS 1252	Religious Diversity in Canada	3			
RELS 2323	Introduction to Islam	3			
RELS 2324	World Christianity	3			
RELS 2326	Introduction to Hinduism	3			
RELS 2327	Introduction to Buddhism	3			
SJCS 2220	Race, Racism, Colonialism	3			
SJCS 3216	Unpacking Whiteness	3			
SPAN 1000	Introduction to Latin American Studies	3			

5. Students can undertake a major in:

- Accounting
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- General Business Studies
- Global Business Management
- Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations
- Management
- Management Information Systems and Analytics (Formerly Computer Information Systems)
- Marketing
- Sports Business
- Sustainability Management

To complete a major, students must attain a grade point average of 2.2 in the designated required courses.

It is possible for students to double major by fulfilling the requirements of two majors (with the exception of General Business Studies). However, undertaking a double major may require students to complete more than the standard 120 credit hours required for the degree.