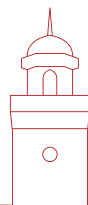




# Acadia Bound!

**2019 Pre-Arrival Booklet**



 **ACADIA**  
UNIVERSITY



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you very much for choosing Acadia for your university education. You will not regret it. It is often said that Acadia touches your head and your heart in equal measure, and I want nothing less than your Acadia experience to be totally transformative and for you to find and unleash the potential that is within you. I hope you find the information in this Pre-Arrival booklet helpful as you prepare for this important stage in your life. Have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to welcoming you personally to Acadia in September.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Ricketts", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Dr. Peter J. Ricketts**

*President and Vice-Chancellor*

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### Meet your First Year Advisor!

(902) 585-1252 | [studentsupport@acadiau.ca](mailto:studentsupport@acadiau.ca)

As a first-year student, you may feel homesick, overwhelmed, or find it challenging to balance your social life with academics. As your student advisor, I am here to support you! I can be your go-to person for questions you are unsure who to ask as well as provide a listening ear. Together we can develop time management and organization techniques, strengthen study strategies, and work on stress management. I can connect you with support services, resources, and other organizations at Acadia! Drop by and say “hi” when you are on campus.



## COURSE REGISTRATION

(902) 585-1222 | [registrar@acadiau.ca](mailto:registrar@acadiau.ca)

### Acadia Central

Acadia Central is what you will be using to register for your courses online. Each department has a set of “First-Year Registration” pages to assist you with building your schedule, visit:

<http://www2.acadiau.ca/choosing-first-year-courses.html>

### Academic Advisor

Each student has an Academic Advisor. Advisors work directly with you to help with any registration related questions and course advising. If you have any questions during the course registration process or would like to contact your Academic Advisor, please email: [acadiau4u@acadiau.ca](mailto:acadiau4u@acadiau.ca)

### Required Courses

Most students will be pre-registered in their required courses by their Academic Advisors or department.

### Electives

Many departments will provide students with a list of suggested electives for their specific program. Electives give students the opportunity to study topics that they are interested in but are not a part of their program. Read through the many courses that are offered and find what works best for you (and your schedule)!

**If any of the courses you would like to register for are full, please email: [waitlists@acadiau.ca](mailto:waitlists@acadiau.ca)**





## GET YOUR ID CARD

1. Visit <https://security.acadiau.ca/onlineid.html> and log in to Acadia Central
2. Click on Access Card Picture Upload to upload your photo
3. Read the guidelines to ensure your picture is appropriate
4. On move in day, **bring a piece of identification** and you will receive your ID
5. Questions? Contact [nadine.wilson@acadiau.ca](mailto:nadine.wilson@acadiau.ca)

## RESIDENCE

(902) 585-1417 | [residencelife@acadiau.ca](mailto:residencelife@acadiau.ca)

Many of you have already chosen your residence (and possibly your roommate) and the excitement is starting to set in! The residence community at Acadia is the perfect place to kick off your University experience and to ensure you have everything you need to make a smooth transition into residence life. If you haven't checked which residence you are in or who your roommate will be, log into your Student Residence Portal with your Acadia Central information for all the information!

## LIVING OFF CAMPUS

Over 90% of our off-campus students live within 1 km of the university, allowing them to stay involved with campus events and activities. Welcome Week is a great way to start your university experience. During the week you will learn about the resources we have on campus, meet other first year students living on and off-campus, and participate in fun activities.



### PACKING LIST

- ☐ SHOWER CADDY
- ☐ SHOWER FLIP-FLOPS
- ☐ BED LINENS/PILLOWS
- ☐ MATTRESS COVER/PAD
- ☐ FAN
- ☐ POWER BAR
- ☐ EXTENSION CORD
- ☐ SPEAKERS
- ☐ CLOTHES HANGERS
- ☐ TOWELS
- ☐ MINI-FRIDGE
- ☐ USB
- ☐ BOWL/PLATE/UTENSILS
- ☐ STICKY TACK/TAPE
- ☐ GOVERNMENT ID
- ☐ COPY OF INSURANCE
- ☐ LAUNDRY SOAP/CHANGE
- ☐ EAR PLUGS

## PAYING YOUR FEES

(902) 585-1297 | [student.accounts@acadiau.ca](mailto:student.accounts@acadiau.ca)

In the fees section of the Academic Calendar, you will find updated tuition costs for each academic year. Below are the fees for 2019–2020 for a fulltime undergraduate Canadian student for the fall/winter term.

These fees do not include the Bachelor of Education program.

If you would like to see a more detailed fee list, please visit

[https://financial-services.acadiau.ca/Tuition\\_Fees.html](https://financial-services.acadiau.ca/Tuition_Fees.html)

Fees are paid in two installments, one in first semester and the other in second semester. First semester fees are due by Wednesday, September 4, 2019. To locate your Student Account information, please sign in to Acadia Central. We allow students to submit payment of fees through online banking or in person to our Students Accounts team.

**Did you know you can use your Aeroplan or TD loyalty points to help fund your education at Acadia using the HigherEdPoints program? For more information, please contact us at Student Accounts.**



### 2019–2020 TUITION RATES FOR CANADIAN STUDENTS

Full-time undergraduate, fall-winter term,  
excluding BEd (Nova Scotia residents)

Tuition:	\$7,650
Information & Technology Fee:	\$568
Athletic & Health Services Fee:	\$247
Student Organization Fees:	\$310.86
Acadia Access Fee:	\$10

Full-time undergraduate, fall-winter term,  
excluding BEd (Non-Nova Scotia residents)

Tuition:	\$8,933
Information & Technology Fee:	\$568
Athletic & Health Services Fee:	\$247
Student Organization Fees:	\$310.86
Acadia Access Fee:	\$10

### 2019-2020 RESIDENCE & MEAL PLAN FEES

To locate a complete list of residence and meal plan fees, please visit the Academic Calendar online at [acadiau.ca/registrar](http://acadiau.ca/registrar) or email [acadia4u@acadiau.ca](mailto:acadia4u@acadiau.ca) to have the link emailed to you.

## TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

(902) 585-HELP (4357) | <http://hub.acadiau.ca>

### Tech-Support

The HUB portal ([hub.acadiau.ca](http://hub.acadiau.ca)) is the first stop to find answers to questions. The Beveridge Arts Centre (BAC) Service Desk provides an additional level of support and assists with academic application software, laptop problems, printing, and accessing the Acadia network. Acadia is compatible with both Apple and PC products. All students will receive an “acadiau.ca” email, which will be the same as your Acadia Central login.

### Office 365

Every student receives a license for Microsoft Office 365, at no additional cost. As of June, Office 365 is available to incoming students.

### Purchase a Laptop

All Acadia University students require a laptop. Acadia partners with Apple and Dell, providing several models designed to meet your academic needs. The Technology Services Store (<https://ts.acadiau.ca/tech-store.html>) provides the specific Acadia pricing, configurations, warranty packages, and customized purchasing. Laptops purchased through Acadia are eligible for warranty and computer serving.

## ACADIA BOOKSTORE

(902) 585-1201 | <https://www.bkstr.com/acadiastore>

Once your textbook list is available on your Acadia Central account (Course List/Online Textbook Ordering), you can purchase your textbooks from our Campus Bookstore, located on the ground floor of Wheelock Dining Hall. Textbooks typically do not become available until July or early August and many students choose to wait to purchase textbooks until they arrive in September.

### Books on Beds

We also offer a “Books on Beds” program that will allow you to purchase your textbooks online (in August) and have them delivered directly to your residence room prior to your arrival. For more information, please visit [www.acadiashop.ca](http://www.acadiashop.ca)



## STUDENT SERVICES ON CAMPUS

### Scholarships and Financial Assistance

① *University Hall* | (902) 585-1543

Scholarships and Financial Assistance administers the university undergraduate awards which include scholarships, prizes, awards, and the university bursary and loan program. In addition to the scholarships offered by Acadia and our generous donors, the office promotes external/internal scholarships and refers students to various external/internal scholarships.

### Academic Support

② *Rhodes Hall* | [tutoring@acadiau.ca](mailto:tutoring@acadiau.ca)

Free tutoring, Math and Statistics Help (MASH), and the Writing Centre are a few of the academic support services offered at Acadia. With the help of teaching assistants (TAs) and your professors, you will have all of the resources you need heading into your first year!

### Accessible Learning Services

② *Rhodes Hall* | (902) 585-1321

[disability.access@acadiau.ca](mailto:disability.access@acadiau.ca)

We respect that students have diverse learning needs and through Accessible Learning Services provide a supportive and inclusive environment for students with disabilities. To register with our services, we require documentation in the form of psycho-educational assessments or medical documentation from a health professional that is dated in the past five years. Your documentation must identify a permanent or temporary disability.

### Student Advising

② *Rhodes Hall* | (902) 585-1602

[studentsupport@acadiau.ca](mailto:studentsupport@acadiau.ca)

Acadia University is pleased to provide advising to all our students. Our advisors are excited to ensure your successful transition to Acadia, including prior to your arrival, as well as your orientation. Advisors are committed to sharing information and providing support to ensure your personal and academic success, throughout the academic year. Acadia is also pleased to prioritize advising that is culturally relevant (including programs and services) to Indigenous students, including Aboriginal Canadian students, as well as Indigenous students from other countries; students of African descent, including African Nova Scotian and African Canadian students, as well as students of African descent from other countries; and international students from countries around the world.

### Student Resource / Counselling Centre

③ *Old SUB* | (902) 585-1246 | [counselling@acadiau.ca](mailto:counselling@acadiau.ca)

The Counselling Centre provides confidential counselling services that can help students who are feeling anxious or depressed, who may be having difficulty with a relationship, addiction or academically, as well as anyone who has experienced sexual violence. In using a Stepped Care 2.0 model, we strive to offer a 30-minute first appointment within 24-hours to create a plan based on student concerns and needs. Plans may include individual or group counselling and/or peer support.

### Safety and Security

③ *SUB* | (902) 585-1103 | [security@acadiau.ca](mailto:security@acadiau.ca)

Safety and Security provides 24-hour security services to the Acadia University campus 365 days a year. The department manages all aspects of safety and security on campus including security cameras, student access and ID card systems, parking management, student shuttle services as well as a student walk-home service. Safety and Security also works closely with community and university resources to be able to effectively respond to any calls for assistance or service.

### Wong International Centre (WIC)

④ *international@acadiau.ca*

WIC supports international students in their academic, personal, and professional skill development. Through its programs and services, the Centre assists in promoting cross-cultural understanding and global citizenship throughout Acadia University, the surrounding communities and our global partners.

### Acadia Chapel

⑤ (902) 585-1203 | [chapel@acadiau.ca](mailto:chapel@acadiau.ca)

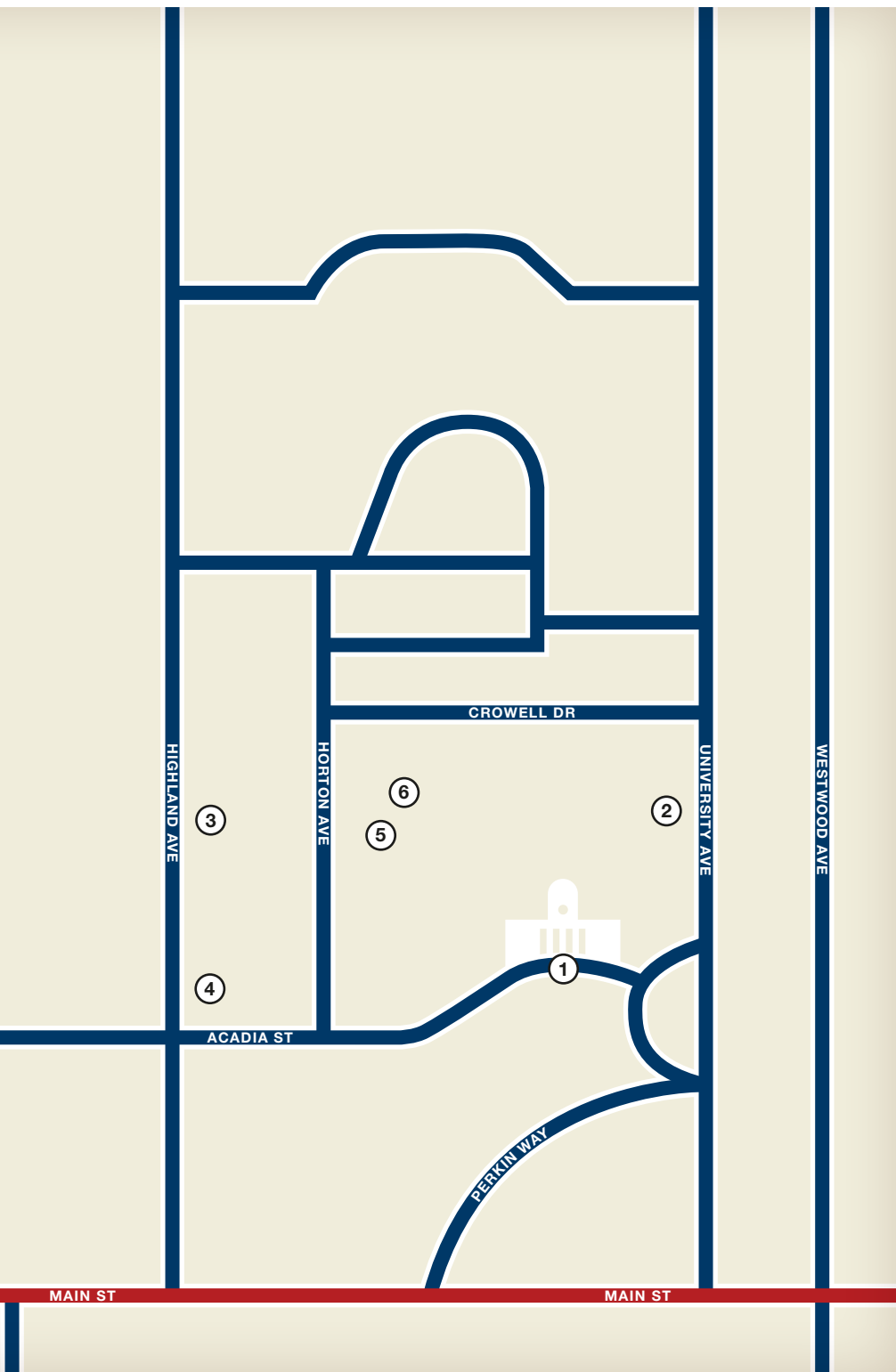
The Chapel is a space of sanctuary open to people of all world views. Throughout the term there are Christian, ecumenical services as well as secular events and activities that take place in the chapel sanctuary, hall, and library. The Chaplain is also part of the counselling services that are offered at Acadia.

### Student Health and Wellness

⑥ *Dennis House* | (902) 585-1238

[studenthealth@acadiau.ca](mailto:studenthealth@acadiau.ca)

Student Health Services offer a full range of medical services to meet the health and wellness needs of Acadia students. There are physicians who are able to fill the role of a family doctor during your time on campus. Student Health Services also focuses on health education and prevention planning.



## HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE

Eligible students attending Acadia University are automatically enrolled in the Acadia Students' Union Health and Dental Plans. Fees are automatically charged to your student account.

### Rates

*Canadian Plan (which supplements your provincial health coverage)*

Single student, 12 months                      \$231.00

Family, 12 months\*                              \$535.00

*International Plan (for those who do not have provincial health coverage)*

Single student, 12 months                      \$750.00

Family, 12 months\*                              \$1500.00

### Dental Plan (Flat Rate)

Single person, 12 months                      \$165.00

Family\*, 12 months                              \$350.00

\*In order to activate family coverage, students register online and provide details of their dependents at [www.studentbenefits.ca](http://www.studentbenefits.ca) before September 30.

Please direct all inquiries to Health Plan Administrator, Cindy MacDonald at [cindy.macdonald@acadiau.ca](mailto:cindy.macdonald@acadiau.ca)



**To opt out:** If you are covered under another comparable health plan, you must show a copy of your insurance card from your provider or a letter before the fees associated with the plan can be removed from your account. Acceptable proof of coverage includes an insurance card from your provider or a letter from the insurer or employer providing the coverage. Proof of alternate dental coverage is not required when submitting the opt out request.

**You must opt out by September 30, no exceptions.** To learn more about your benefits, or to opt out and have the fees removed, visit [www.studentbenefits.ca](http://www.studentbenefits.ca) and select "Acadia Students' Union". The opt out portal will open July 1 for students starting in September.



## ACADIA STUDENTS' UNION (ASU)

The ASU is a non-profit, student lead organization that offers many services including campus clubs, events, health and wellness resources, and advocacy work to the students of Acadia University, whom are all members of our Union. The ASU is led by students, for students, and is composed of over 100 employees and numerous volunteers. The executive team of the ASU is a resource to all students on all social and academic matters.



We, the ASU, are so excited that you've chosen to make Acadia your new home and we can't wait to welcome you on campus soon! If you are looking to get involved with the ASU, you can reach out to ASU President, Kyle Vandertoorn – [kylevandertoorn@acadiu.ca](mailto:kylevandertoorn@acadiu.ca)

## WELCOME WEEK

On Wednesday, September 5, classes begin but the fun continues. There will be evening events for your entertainment and as well as the popular "Chill-Axe lounge". This is a great space to meet new people, have some free food, play one of your favourite video games, and so much more! Check the Welcome Week website ([www.welcomeweek.acadiu.ca](http://www.welcomeweek.acadiu.ca)), the Acadia Students' Union website ([www.theasu.ca](http://www.theasu.ca)), and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/acadiastudents](http://www.facebook.com/acadiastudents)) to keep up to date on the launch of the New Student orientation theme and awesome events that will be taking place. ***We are so excited to meet you!***





Wolfville is a small town with a vibrant and welcoming personality! There are endless things to do, from watching the highest tides in the world at Waterfront Park to enjoying cool shops and many eclectic restaurants downtown. Art enthusiasts appreciate Uncommon Common Art installations all summer long. Live music can be heard year-round especially during Deep Roots Music Festival. Wolfville is a Citta-slow Town with a world renown food and film festival *Devour!* and is also home to the Valley Harvest Marathon. There's Historic Inns, beautiful B&B's and spas to treat yourself. There's something about Wolfville that is satisfying to the furthest depths of your soul. [www.wolfville.ca](http://www.wolfville.ca)

- ① Independent Grocer
- ② Canada Post
- ③ Shoppers Drug Mart
- ④ Royal Bank of Canada
- ⑤ Bank of Montreal
- ⑥ Al Whittle Theatre
- ⑦ Just Us Coffee
- ⑧ Mud Creek Medical Clinic
- ⑨ Wolfville Farmers Market
- ⑩ Kings County Rail Trail





Wolfville's streets are lined with coffee shops, restaurants, parks, and more! Whatever you can't find here can be found a 10-minute drive away in New Minas, such as Walmart, Atlantic Superstore, Sobeys, Sport Chek, Cineplex Theatres and much much more!



## ENROLMENT ADVISORS

Acadia University Enrolment Advisors want to ensure your transition to university is as smooth as possible. Feel free to contact your Enrolment Advisor if you have any questions or concerns!



**Liam Dutton** Acting Director, Student Recruitment  
International Enrolment Advisor  
(902) 585-1829 | [liam.dutton@acadiau.ca](mailto:liam.dutton@acadiau.ca)

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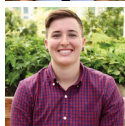


**Gillian Bergsma** Campus Tour Coordinator  
(902) 585-1135 | [campustours@acadiau.ca](mailto:campustours@acadiau.ca)

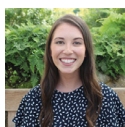
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## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>August 28</b>	International Students Move-In Day
<b>August 29</b>	International Students Orientation
<b>August 31</b>	Canadian Students Move-In Day
<b>September 4</b>	First Day of Classes & Fee Deadline
<b>September 13</b>	Last Day to Add/Change Courses
<b>September 27</b>	Last Day to Decrease Meal Plan
<b>September 30</b>	Last Day to Opt Out of ASU Health Plan
<b>October 3</b>	Exam Schedule Posted
<b>October 14</b>	Thanksgiving – No Classes
<b>Oct 28 – Nov 1</b>	Fall Study Break – No Classes
<b>November 11</b>	Remembrance Day – No Classes
<b>December 9</b>	Last Day of Fall Term Classes
<b>December 11–20</b>	Fall Term Exams
<b>December 21</b>	Residence Closes





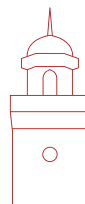
**Office of Enrolment Services**

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See you soon!



**grow exponentially**

