



Academic Upgrading

Missing an admission requirement? Upgrade your prior education to help you receive admission into one of SAIT's career programs.

SAIT academic upgrading courses prepare students for admission to SAIT career programs. For SAIT program admission requirements, refer to the appropriate sections of the SAIT Academic Calendar. SAIT Academic Upgrading courses are Alberta high school equivalency courses, not Alberta Education courses, and they cannot be used as credit courses towards an Alberta high school diploma. They may be accepted for admission purposes by other Alberta post-secondary educational institutions. Check the current Alberta Transfer Guide published by the [Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer](#) for a listing of all formalized transfer agreements among Alberta post-secondary institutions.

Government grant funding may be available for eligible students. For more information on funding, visit our [Foundational Learning Program](#). Student loans are not available for upgrading courses.

Is this the right fit for me?

Attendance and punctuality are directly related to academic success. Students who attend all of their classes do better on assignments and tests.

Students are also encouraged to access free SAIT student services such as tutoring, learning strategy workshops, appointments with a learning strategist and student counseling services.

Admission requirements

Note: all students taking upgrading courses must apply to Academic Upgrading through [Apply Alberta](#).

There are six intakes for this program offered per year. Please see the following chart to determine which semester to apply for.

Applications are accepted until the program start date but are subject to change.

Which semester should I apply for?	Summer 2022	Fall 2022	Winter 2023
When can I apply?	Oct. 6, 2021	Oct. 6, 2021	March 30, 2022
When do courses start?	July	September	January
When can I register for courses?	Registration opens approximately two months prior to the start date.		

Admission requirements

- Minimum of 50% in the following courses or their equivalents:
 - English Language Arts 10-1 or 10-2, or successful completion of an English placement test.
 - Pure Math 10 or Applied Math 10 or Math 10C or Math 10-3 or successful completion of a math placement test.

Students will be required to complete testing in the relevant subject areas if transcripts are not available.

All applicants to SAIT must demonstrate [English language proficiency](#) prior to admission, including students educated in Canada.

View [high school course equivalencies by province](#).

How to apply for Academic Upgrading

Registration opens approximately two months prior to the start of course start dates.

Step 1: [Apply](#) to Academic Upgrading and [submit your transcripts and/or anticipated final grades](#).*

Step 2: Ensure that you meet all of the admission requirements listed above. You may be required to complete a placement test within two or three weeks of applying to satisfy admissions requirements. You will receive confirmation through acceptance.

Step 3: Find out how to monitor your application status [after you apply](#).

Costs 2022/23

Domestic tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$182

Number of courses	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
1	\$546	\$149	\$48.50	\$743.50
2	\$1,092	\$149	\$97	\$1,338
3	\$1,638	\$458	\$407	\$2,503

International tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$647.17

Number of courses	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
1	\$1,941.51	\$149	\$310.50	\$2,401.01
2	\$3,883.02	\$149	\$359	\$4,391.02
3	\$5,824.53	\$458	\$407.50	\$6,690.03

*Maximum fee. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits a student takes per semester and whether they opt-out of health and dental benefits.

SAIT fees

- Campus athletic and recreation fee:
 - 1-2 courses: \$49
 - 3 courses: \$98
- Universal transit pass (Upass):
 - 1-2 courses: n/a
 - 3 courses: \$160
- Student support fee:
 - 1-2 courses: \$50
 - 3 courses: \$100
- Student technology fee:
 - 1-2 courses: \$50
 - 3 courses: \$100

Saitsa fees

Student Association fee

- Maximum:
 - 1 course: \$48.50
 - 2 courses: \$97
 - 3 courses: 145.50

This is the maximum amount the student will pay. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits the students take per semester.

Health and dental fees

Domestic students taking 3 courses and all international students qualify for health and dental coverage.

- Health plan: \$127
- Dental plan: \$135

Students with existing health and/or dental plans can opt-out. Please refer to [Saitsa's website](#) for information.

For more information on health and dental benefits for international students, please contact the [International Centre](#).

Books and supplies*

Books and supplies are approximately \$150 to \$200 per course.

For an estimate of the costs associated with purchasing a computer that meets the program's hardware and software requirements, see our [computers and laptops page](#).

Learn more about [tuition and financial aid](#).

*Tuition, fees, books and supply costs are subject to change.

Funding for Academic Upgrading

You could you potentially qualify for funding for your upgrading courses if you:

- are out of high school for more than 12 consecutive months
- are unemployed, working less than 20 hours per week and/or earning a modest annual income
- are 18 years old and are a Canadian Citizen, Permanent resident or Convention Refugee.

If you can answer yes to all three or have any other questions, please refer to the [Foundational Learning Program](#).