Global Hospitality and Tourism Management

SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Overview

Are you passionate about the world and connecting to the people in it? Gain a global perspective in the Canadian hospitality, travel and tourism industry with practical, hands-on experience that will prepare you for an exciting career.

SAIT's Global Hospitality and Tourism Management post-diploma program is your ticket to a vibrant future.

In this program, you will:

- learn how the industry is impacted by global factors such as finance, operations, leadership, stewardship and guest experience
- gain fundamental skills in hospitality and tourism, including applied hospitality service and organizational culture
- learn about sales and marketing as well as financial and operational management
- experience hospitality in Banff, one of Canada's leading tourism destinations

Learn the fundamentals of the global hospitality and tourism industry during your first semester in Calgary, ranked as one of the most liveable cities in the world. In your second semester, you will move to SAIT's Banff campus, where you will learn about leading high-performing teams, global hospitality and tourism, industry sustainability, entrepreneurship, innovation, industry operations and more.

For your third semester, get a true taste of the hospitality industry with a work-integrated learning opportunity in the Banff region. Apply the skills you have learned and work in a real hospitality setting with guests and employees from around the world.

Traits, skills and aptitudes

Those in the hospitality and tourism management industry tend to be directive, methodical and social.

You need:

- excellent communication skills
- organizational skills
- good general health, stamina and mental alertness to cope with the long, irregular hours of work
- the ability to get along with all kinds of people
- leadership and decision-making skills
- the ability to adapt to changing customer needs and unexpected situations
- the ability to remain calm while under pressure.

To do well in this field, you should enjoy being in charge, taking a methodical approach to your work, and negotiating with people.

Practicum, Co-op and Work Integrated Learning

In your second semester, you will participate in a practicum with an industry partner, providing you with valuable experience in industry operations.

In your third semester, you will participate in a four-month paid internship in the Bow Valley region (Banff, Canmore, or Lake Louise). Before you begin your final semester, accommodation arrangements will be agreed upon between yourself and your employer.

Credentials

After successfully completing this program, you will be awarded a SAIT Global Hospitality and Tourism Management post-diploma certificate.

Admission requirements

Domestic requirements

Applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency and completion of the following courses or equivalents:

- a post-secondary hospitality, tourism or business degree or diploma from a recognized university, institute, or college with a minimum 2.3 grade-point average (67% or C+), including a minimum of 20 courses or 60 credits.

A combination of education and experience will be considered upon approval from the Academic Chair.

International requirements

All applicants who were educated outside of Canada must demonstrate English language proficiency and provide proof they meet the program admission requirements with an international document assessment. Find accepted educational documents and assessment options.

SAIT may also accept courses completed at certain international post-secondary institutions.

Costs

2026/27 tuition and fees

The following estimated costs are effective as of July 1, 2026.

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees is based on the suggested schedule of study. Following a modified schedule will impact the fees you pay per semester and may alter final costs.

Domestic Students

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year
1	2	$9,000	$2,015	$11,015
			Total cost:	**$11,015**

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for domestic students is based on the recommended course load per year.

International Students

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year
1	2	$18,999.90	$2,015	$21,014.90
			Total cost:	**$21,014.90**

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for international students is based on the recommended course load per year.

Books and Supplies

Books and supplies are approximately $500 per full-time year for uniforms, shoes and textbooks.

This is a bring-your-own-device program with a standard computer hardware and software requirement. See the specific requirements on our computers and laptops page.

Find your booklist on the SAIT Bookstore's website. The booklist will be available closer to the program start date.

Can't find your program or course? The bookstore didn't receive a textbook list. Contact your program directly to determine if they're still refining course details or if you're in luck; no textbook purchase is required this term.

Required residence costs

Since some classes will occur outside of Calgary, you will need to relocate for some or all of the program.

For accommodations on SAIT's main campus during your first semester, visit SAIT Residence rooms and rates.

Living in SAIT's Banff Residence during your second semester will cost approximately $4,600. Accommodations in the Bow Valley Corridor (dependent on your employer) will cost approximately $2,500.