



Open Studies

In the Open Studies program, students choose from a wide range of credit courses to explore their interests and aptitudes, enabling better-informed program and career choices as they develop strong study skills and earn post-secondary credits.

It offers students the flexibility to design their studies around multidisciplinary interests or focus their studies in one discipline area that interests them most. This program builds a well-rounded foundation for further education at SAIT with readily transferable courses.

The lesser of 50% of the credits within the credential being sought or a maximum of 30 credits can be applied from the Open Studies program to a future credential at SAIT.

Is this program the right fit for me?

To be successful in this program, you should:

- invest your energy into your coursework and attend all your classes in a timely fashion. Students who attend all of their classes do better on assignments and tests
- access free SAIT student services such as tutoring, learning strategy workshops, appointments with a learning strategist and student counselling services
- review course listings and prepare for courses you are taking.

English language proficiency

Open Studies students are more likely to be successful if they have an [English language proficiency](#) level that is appropriate for the courses in which they are enrolled.

Most require a proficiency level equivalent to at least a Canadian Language Benchmark Assessment (CLBA) score of 8 in all categories, or an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) band score of 6 in all categories.

Credentials

No credential is awarded in Open Studies. Credits obtained in this program may be applied towards credentialed programs at SAIT.

Admission requirements

Application dates

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

- **Spring 2022 start:** applications opened on June 14, 2021.
- **Summer and fall 2022 start:** applications opened on Oct. 6, 2021.
- **Winter 2023 start:** applications open March 30, 2022.

Admission requirements

English proficiency is an institutional requirement at SAIT. It is a student's responsibility to ensure that they have the necessary pre-requisites for the courses they want to enroll in.

How to apply for Open Studies

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

Step 2: Ensure that you meet all of the admission requirements listed above and you meet the pre-requisites for courses.

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

Costs 2022/23

The cost tier for each course is listed alongside each course within the [Courses tab](#).

Domestic tuition and fees*

Tier 1 cost per credit: \$220

Tier 2 cost per credit: \$260

Tier 3 cost per credit: \$315

Course credits	Tier 1 cost per course	Tier 2 cost per course	Tier 3 cost per course
1.5	\$330	\$390	\$472
3.0	\$660	\$780	\$945

International tuition and fees*

Tier 1 cost per credit: \$770

Tier 2 cost per credit: \$910

Tier 3 cost per credit: \$1,100

Course credits	Tier 1 cost per course	Tier 2 cost per course	Tier 3 cost per course
1.5	\$1,155	\$1,365	\$1,650
3.0	\$2,310	\$2,730	\$3,300

*All courses will be charged ancillary fees regardless of the delivery method.

SAIT fees

Students taking less than nine (9) credits per semester will pay part-time student fees.

Students taking nine (9) or more credits will pay full-time student fees.

- Campus athletic and recreation fee:
 - Part-time student: \$49/semester
 - Full-time student: \$98/semester
- Universal transit pass (Upass):
 - Part-time student: n/a
 - Full-time student: \$160/semester
- Student support fee:
 - Part-time student: \$50/semester
 - Full-time student: \$100/semester

- Student technology fee:
 - Part-time student: \$50/semester
 - Full-time student: \$100/semester

Saitsa fees

Student Association fee

- Maximum: \$145.50/semester

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

Students taking less than nine (9) credits a semester (part-time students) do not qualify for health and dental benefits.

- 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*

Costs associated with the required books and supplies vary by 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.