Metro Vancouver, Canada

Simon Fraser University is consistently ranked as one of Canada’s top comprehensive universities. By selecting SFU as your exchange/study abroad destination, you will experience our commitment to academic freedom, interdisciplinary research, quality student services, and community engagement.

As an exchange/study abroad student, you will be supported by International Services for Students throughout your time at SFU.

An Ideal Destination

CAMPUS LOCATIONS

With three campuses, 30,000 students, 6500 faculty and staff, and 120,000 alumni, SFU is one of the world’s leading teaching and research universities.

Students can study between all three campuses.

**BURNABY:** Perched atop Burnaby Mountain, Simon Fraser University’s original Arthur Erickson-designed campus now includes more than three dozen academic buildings and is flanked by UniverCity, a flourishing sustainable residential community.

- 30 minutes from downtown Vancouver
- Under an hour to local ski slopes/mountains

**VANCOUVER:** Described by local media as the “intellectual heart of the city”, SFU’s Vancouver Campus transformed the landscape of urban education in downtown Vancouver. The campus is comprised of multiple facilities clustered in the core of Vancouver.

**SURREY:** A vibrant community hub located in the heart of one of Canada’s fastest-growing cities.
ATTENDING SFU

ACADEMICS

There is a wide choice of academic courses offered in eight faculties. Please note that some subjects and courses have restrictions for exchange or study abroad students, so please check our website for more details.

1. APPLIED SCIENCES
2. ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
3. BEEDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
4. COMMUNICATION, ART & TECHNOLOGY
5. EDUCATION
6. ENVIRONMENT
7. HEALTH SCIENCES
8. SCIENCE

TERM DATES

SFU operates on a unique trimester system, comprised of 3 equal full-time terms per year. Exchange and study abroad students are welcome in the Fall, Spring or Summer terms (normally for either 1 or 2 terms).

FALL TERM:
- Orientation: Late August
- Classes: Early September - Early December (13 weeks)
- Exams: Early December - Mid December (2 weeks)

SPRING TERM:
- Orientation: Early January
- Classes: Early January - Early April (13 weeks)
- Exams: Early April - Mid April (2 weeks)

SUMMER TERM:
- Orientation: Early May
- Classes: Early May - Early August (13 weeks)
- Exams: Early August - Mid August (2 weeks)

ACCOMODATIONS & STUDENT LIFE

ON- AND OFF- CAMPUS HOUSING: On-campus residences are located at the Burnaby Campus. They are 5-15 minutes walking distance to most buildings on the Burnaby Campus and under an hour by public transit to the Surrey and Vancouver campuses.

ORIENTATION: We offer fun and informative orientation programs at the start of each term with an introduction to SFU and the support services offered, and to connect with other exchange/study abroad students.

GPS BUDDY PROGRAM: We have a social network that connects you to SFU students before you arrive for your exchange term. Upon arrival, we have events and activities to welcome you to SFU.

STUDENT LIFE: SFU has a vibrant student life including student clubs, athletics, and other co-curricular programs.

APPLYING

Your home institution must nominate you to participate in a formal exchange or study abroad term at SFU. Contact your home institution’s exchange office to ask about deadlines and application procedures.