

MSVU First-Year Academic Advising

Courses Open to First-Year Students

Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) — Halifax, Nova Scotia

The courses listed below are open to first-year students. Each course is a half unit (it runs for one term) unless otherwise indicated.

Note: Courses marked with an asterisk (*) have a prerequisite (either first term or at the same time) or require permission of the instructor. Check the Undergraduate Academic Calendar or with an academic advisor for further information.

AGING AND FAMILY SCIENCE

Aging Courses

Fall 2026

- AGFS 1101 Introduction to Aging

Winter 2027

- AGFS 2100 Healthy Aging
- AGFS 2400 Family and Aging Policies (Counts as both Aging and Family Science)

Family Science Courses

Fall 2026

- AGFS 1100 Introduction to Family Science
- AGFS/PHIL 2202 Roots of Peace and Conflict
- AGFS 2212 Perspectives on Parent-Child Relations Across the Life Course
- AGFS 2312 Resilient Families
- AGFS 2315 Family Life Education (Actual title is Program Planning in Family Life Education)

Winter 2027

- AGFS 1100 Introduction to Family Science
- AGFS 2212 Perspectives on Parent-Child Relations Across the Life Course
- AGFS 2312 Resilient Families

Applied Human Nutrition

Fall 2026

- NUTR 1010* Introduction to the Profession (Prerequisite: Admission to BSc AHN)
- NUTR 1102* Intro Foods: Plant Origin — NUTR 102L lab required (Prerequisite: Grade XII Chemistry or CHEM 1005)

- NUTR 1106 Introduction to Nutrition
- NUTR 2240 Child Care Health, Nutrition and Safety

Winter 2027

- NUTR 1103* Intro Foods: Animal Origin – NUTR 103L lab required (Prerequisite: Grade XII Chemistry or CHEM 1005)
- NUTR 1106 Introduction to Nutrition
- NUTR 2240 Child Care Health, Nutrition and Safety

Biology

Fall 2026

- BIOL 1114 Human Reproduction, Growth and Maturation (Not a credit towards a major in Biology)
- BIOL 1152 Introductory Biology I – BIOL 152L Lab required

Winter 2027

- BIOL 1114 Human Reproduction, Growth and Maturation (Not a credit towards a major in Biology, but may be counted toward a minor or general elective)
- BIOL 1153 Introductory Biology II – BIOL 153L Lab required
- BIOL 2202* General Microbiology – BIOL 202L Lab required (Prerequisite: 1.0 unit of any 1000 level university course or BIOL 1152; not a credit towards a major in Biology)
- BIOL 2213* Environmental Science (Prerequisite: 1.0 unit of any 1000 level university course)
- BIOL 2214* Plants for People (Prerequisite: 1.0 unit of any 1000 level university course)
- BIOL 2217* Brain and Behaviour (Prerequisite: PSYC 1110 or BIOL 1152)

Business

Fall 2026

- BUSI 1112 Introduction to Business Administration
- BUSI 2011 Introduction to Entrepreneurship
- BUSI 2012 Work and Career in the Modern Global Environment
- BUSI 2060 Personal Finance
- BUSI/THMT 2202 Communications and Self-Management Skills
- BUSI 2214 Organizational Behaviour: Individuals in Organizations
- BUSI 2215 Organizational Behaviour: Groups, Structure and Culture
- BUSI 2230 Principles of Marketing
- BUSI 2250 Business Ethics
- BUSI 2259 Legal Aspects of Business
- BUSI/THMT 2307 Mi'kmaw/Indigenous Tourism
- BUSI 2321 Introduction to Accounting I
- BUSI 2601 Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector

Winter 2027

- BUSI 1112 Introduction to Business Administration
- BUSI 2011 Introduction to Entrepreneurship
- BUSI 2060 Personal Finance
- BUSI/THMT 2202 Communications and Self-Management Skills
- BUSI 2214 Organizational Behaviour: Individuals in Organizations
- BUSI 2215 Organizational Behaviour: Groups, Structure and Culture
- BUSI 2230 Principles of Marketing
- BUSI 2231* Marketing Management and Ethics (Prerequisite: BUSI 2230)
- BUSI 2250 Business Ethics
- BUSI 2259 Legal Aspects of Business
- BUSI/THMT 2307 Mi'kmaw/Indigenous Tourism
- BUSI 2321 Introduction to Accounting I
- BUSI 2322* Introduction to Accounting II (Prerequisite: BUSI 2321)
- BUSI 2430* Social Media for Business and Tourism (Prerequisite: BUSI 2230)
- BUSI 2601 Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector

Canadian Studies

Fall 2026

- CANA/POLS 1001 Introduction to Politics: The State and its Institutions
- CANA/POLS 1102 Citizenship, Identity, and Diversity in Canada
- CANA/POLS 2201 Government and Politics in Canada
- CANA/CULS 2301 Black Culture in Canada
- CANA/ECON/POLS 2415 Canadian Wealth and Power

Winter 2027

- CANA/POLS 1002 Introduction to Politics: Society and Culture
- CANA/POLS 2202 People, Power, and Politics in Canada

Chemistry

Fall 2026

- CHEM 1003 Chemistry of Everyday Life (Not a credit towards a major or minor in Chemistry, but may be counted as a general elective)
- CHEM 1011* General Chemistry I – CHEM 111L lab required (Prerequisite: Grade XII Chem and Grade XI and XII academic Math)

Winter 2027

- CHEM 1012* General Chemistry II – CHEM 112L lab required (Prerequisite: CHEM 1011)
- CHEM 1005* Chemical Concepts – CHEM 105L lab required (Prerequisite: Grade XI or XII academic Math, Math 0027 or Math 1102; not a credit towards a major or minor in Chemistry)

Child and Youth Study

Fall 2026

- CHYS 1110 Introduction to Child and Youth Study
- CHYS 1120* Essentials of Child and Youth Care Practice (Open only to students enrolled in the CHYS degree)
- CHYS 1130 Theoretical Frameworks in Child and Youth Study

Winter 2027

- CHYS 1110 Introduction to Child and Youth Study
- CHYS 1120* Essentials of Child and Youth Care Practice (Open only to students enrolled in the CHYS degree)
- CHYS 1130 Theoretical Frameworks in Child and Youth Study
- CHYS 1140* ECE: Introduction to Play and Creative Expression (Open only to students enrolled in the CHYS degree)

Communication Studies and Public Relations

Fall 2026

- COMM 1015 Introduction to Communication Technology
- PBRL 1010* Foundations of Public Relations (Prerequisite: Admission to the Bachelor of Public Relations program)
- PBRL 2012* Writing: Theory and Practice (Prerequisite: Admission to the Bachelor of Public Relations program)
- COMM/PBRL 2013 Communication: Theory and Practice
- COMM 2016 Audiovisual Communications
- COMM 2101 Relational Communication
- COMM/PBRL 2211 Introduction to Public Speaking

Winter 2027

- COMM 2025 Introduction to Social Media
- COMM/PBRL 2211 Introduction to Public Speaking

Computer Science

Fall 2026

- CMPS/INTE 1024 Information Technology Fundamentals
- CMPS 1155* Introduction to Computer Programming (Prerequisite: Grade XI or XII academic math)
- CMPS/INTE 1161* Introduction to Media Computing (Prerequisite: Grade XI or XII academic math)

Winter 2027

- CMPS/INTE 1024 Information Technology Fundamentals
- CMPS/INTE 2255* Intro to Computer Programming II (Prerequisite: CMPS 1155)

Cultural Studies

Fall 2026

- CULS 1101 Cultural Studies: An Introduction
- CULS 2203 History of Rock and Roll
- CULS/RELS 2209 Evil
- CULS 2293 Understanding Movies
- CULS 2294 Film Genres
- CULS/CANA 2301 Black Culture in Canada

Winter 2027

- CULS 1104 Introduction to Visual Culture
- CULS/POLS 2022 Culture and Politics in D&D
- CULS 2201 Critical Debates in Cultural Studies
- CULS 2202 Music and Culture
- CULS 2297 Animated Film
- CULS/PHIL/RELS 2501 Animal Studies

Economics

Fall 2026

- ECON 1101* Introduction to Microeconomics (Prerequisite: Grade 12 Mathematics)
- ECON/CANA/POLS 2415 Canadian Wealth and Power

Winter 2027

- ECON 1102* Introduction to Macroeconomics (Prerequisite: ECON 1101)

English and Writing

Fall 2026

- WRIT 1120 Writing Theory and Practice
- ENGL 1155 Introduction to Literature: Gender and Form (1.0 unit – runs September to April, both Fall and Winter)
- ENGL 1170 Introduction to Literature: Literary Genres
- ENGL 1171 Introduction to Literature: Literary Transformations

Winter 2027

- WRIT 1120 Writing Theory and Practice
- ENGL 1155 Introduction to Literature: Gender and Form (1.0 unit – runs September to April, both Fall and Winter)
- ENGL 1170 Introduction to Literature: Literary Genres
- ENGL 1171 Introduction to Literature: Literary Transformations

Note: Students may not take both ENGL 1155 (1.0 unit) and ENGL 1170/1171 for credit. WRIT 1120 cannot be used toward the major or minor in English, but can be used toward the minor in Writing.

History

Fall 2026

- HIST 1102 West and World: Middle Ages to Enlightenment
- HIST 1131 World History: Early Civilizations in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas
- HIST 2200 History of Greece
- HIST 2220 Reason and Light: The Enlightenment
- HIST 2222 Canadian Women
- HIST 2230 History of the Atlantic Colonies to Confederation
- HIST 2244 History of China Before 1600
- HIST 2281 History of Childhood: Europe
- HIST 2391 History of Education in Canada

Winter 2027

- HIST 1103 West and World: French Revolution to Modern Day
- HIST 1132 World History: Colonization and Commodities
- HIST 2201 History of Rome
- HIST 2207 History of European Women to Modern Day
- HIST/POLS 2219 Canadian Foreign Policy
- HIST 2245 History of China after 1600
- HIST 2250 History of Science and Technology
- HIST 2251 Plagues and Peoples: A World History of Epidemics
- HIST 2282 History of Childhood: North America
- HIST 2288 Russia and the USSR in the 20th Century
- HIST 2289 The World in the Postwar Era

Humanities

Fall 2026

- HUMS 1100 Introduction to Humanities
- HUMS 100T (Required)

Information Technology

Fall 2026 and Winter 2027

- INTE/CMPS 1024 Information Technology Fundamentals
- INTE/CMPS 1161* Intro to Media Computing (Prerequisite: Grade XI or XII academic math)

Library

Fall 2026 and Winter 2027

- LIBR 2100 Library Research

Mathematics

Note: Students must take the Math Placement Test to register for Pre-Calculus (MATH 1102), Calculus (MATH 1113), or Statistical Modeling and Data Analysis (MATH 2500). Contact MSVUMath@msvu.ca for information. Students registering for MATH 1113 and MATH 1114 must also register for accompanying labs.

Fall 2026

- MATH 0027 Statistics and Math Preparation (Non-credit course for students who need to upgrade their Math)
- MATH 1102* Pre-calculus I: Algebraic Functions (Prerequisite: Grade XI and XII academic mathematics or MATH 0027 and mathematics placement test)
- MATH 1113* Introductory Calculus I – MATH 113L lab required (Prerequisite: high school precalculus mathematics and mathematics placement test, or MATH 1103)
- MATH 2208* Introduction to Statistics I – MATH 208L or 208D lab required (Prerequisite: Grade XI or XII academic Math or Math 0027 with a grade of C or higher)
- MATH 2500* Statistical Modeling and Data Analysis (Prerequisite: Math placement test or MATH 1102)

Winter 2027

- MATH 1103* Pre-calculus II: Transcendental Functions (Prerequisite: MATH 1102)
- MATH 1114* Introductory Calculus II – MATH 114L lab required (Prerequisite: MATH 1113)
- MATH 2208* Introduction to Statistics I – MATH 208L or 208D lab required (Prerequisite: Grade XI or XII academic Math or Math 0027 with C or higher)
- MATH 2209* Introduction to Statistics II – MATH 209L or 209D lab required (Prerequisite: MATH 2208)

Modern Languages

Chinese

Fall 2026 and Winter 2027

- CHIN 2288 Introduction to Chinese Culture

French

Note: Students are advised to take a placement test to determine which course they should take. Email language@msvu.ca to write the placement test.

Fall 2026

- FREN 1101 Basic Practical French I

- FREN 2201 Practical French I
- FREN 2205 Practical French III
- FREN 2214 Intermediate Grammar and Composition I
- FREN 2253 Introduction to French Literature I

Winter 2027

- FREN 1101 Basic Practical French I
- FREN 1102 Basic Practical French II
- FREN 2201 Practical French I
- FREN 2202 Practical French II
- FREN 2206 Practical French IV
- FREN 2215 Intermediate Grammar and Composition II
- FREN 2254 Introduction to French Literature II

Mi'kmaw

Fall 2026

- MIKM 1101 Intro to Mi'kmaw Language

Spanish

Fall 2026

- SPAN 1101 Beginning Spanish I

Winter 2027

- SPAN 1101 Beginning Spanish I
- SPAN 1102* Beginning Spanish II (Prerequisite: SPAN 1101 or equivalent)

Philosophy

Fall 2026

- PHIL 1010 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL/FSGN 2202 The Roots of Peace and Conflict
- PHIL 2212 Freedom and Responsibility
- PHIL 2220 Reasoning and Argumentation
- PHIL/RELS Contemporary Moral Problems

Winter 2027

- PHIL 2209 Introduction to Ethics
- PHIL/POLS 2213 Classical Political Thought
- PHIL/RELS 2214 Social and Political Justice
- PHIL/CULS/RELS 2501 Animal Studies

Physics

Fall 2026

- PHYS 1101* General Physics I – PHYS 101L lab required (Prerequisite: Math 1103 or high school precalculus Math and placement into MATH 1113)
- PHYS 1120 Introduction to Astronomy I: The Sky and Planets

Winter 2027

- PHYS 1102* General Physics II – PHYS 102L Lab required (Prerequisite: PHYS 1101)
- PHYS 1130 Introduction to Astronomy II: Stars and Galaxies

Political Studies

Fall 2026

- POLS/CANA 1001 Government, Law, and Leaders
- POLS/CANA 1102 Citizenship, Identity, and Diversity in Canada
- POLS/CANA 2201 Law, Government, and Politics in Canada
- POLS/WOMS 2223 Women and Politics
- POLS/CULS 2301 Black Culture in Canada
- POLS/CANA/ECON 2415 Canadian Wealth and Power

Winter 2027

- POLS/CANA 1002 State, Democracy, and Change in the Global Era
- POLS/CULS 2022 Culture and Politics in D and D
- POLS/CANA 2202 People, Power, and Politics in Canada
- POLS/PHIL 2213 Classical Political Thought
- POLS/PHIL 2214 Social and Political Justice
- POLS/HIST 2219 Canadian Foreign Policy

Psychology

Fall 2026

- PSYC 1110 Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science
- PSYC 1120 Introduction to Psychology as a Social Science

Winter 2027

- PSYC 1110 Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science
- PSYC 1120 Introduction to Psychology as a Social Science
- PSYC 2206* Drugs and Behaviour (Prerequisite: PSYC 1110)
- PSYC 2213* Emotion and Motivation (Prerequisite: PSYC 1120)
- PSYC/BIOL 2217* Brain and Behaviour (Prerequisite: PSYC 1110 or BIOL 1152)

Religious Studies

Fall 2026

- RELS/CULS 2201 Evil
- RELS/PHIL 2229 Contemporary Moral Problems

Winter 2027

- RELS/PHIL/CULS 2501 Animal Studies

Sociology and Anthropology

Fall 2026

- SOAN 1502 Questioning Society

Winter 2027

- SOAN 1502 Questioning Society
- SOAN 2531* Making a Living (Prerequisite: SOAN 1502)
- SOAN 2550* Diversity and Identity (Prerequisite: SOAN 1502)

Tourism and Hospitality

Fall 2026

- THMT 1101 Introduction to Tourism and Hospitality
- THMT 1116 Introduction to Food Service Management – THMT 116L lab required
- THMT 1201 Health and Safety Regulations in Tourism Management
- THMT/BUSI 2202 Communications and Self-Management Skills
- THMT/BUSI 2307 Mi'kmaw/Indigenous Tourism

Winter 2027

- THMT 1101 Introduction to Tourism and Hospitality
- THMT 2201* Alternate Forms of Tourism (Prerequisite: THMT 1101)
- THMT/BUSI 2202 Communications and Self-Management Skills
- THMT 2205 Human Geography for Tourism and Business
- THMT 2216* Planning and Management of Food Service Operations – THMT 216L lab required (Prerequisite: THMT 1201 and either THMT 1116 or NUTR 1103)
- THMT 2244* Sustainable Tourism (Prerequisite: THMT 1101)
- THMT/BUSI 2307 Mi'kmaw/Indigenous Tourism
- THMT/BUSI 2430 Social Media for Tourism (Prerequisite: BUSI 2230)

Women and Gender Studies

Fall 2026

- WOMS 1110 Focus on Women I
- WOMS 1114 Introduction to Queer Studies
- WOMS 2221 Women and Health
- WOMS/POLS 2223 Women and Politics

Winter 2027

- WOMS 1112 Focus on Women II
- WOMS 2231 Women and Culture
- WOMS 2300 Global Women and Gender Issues