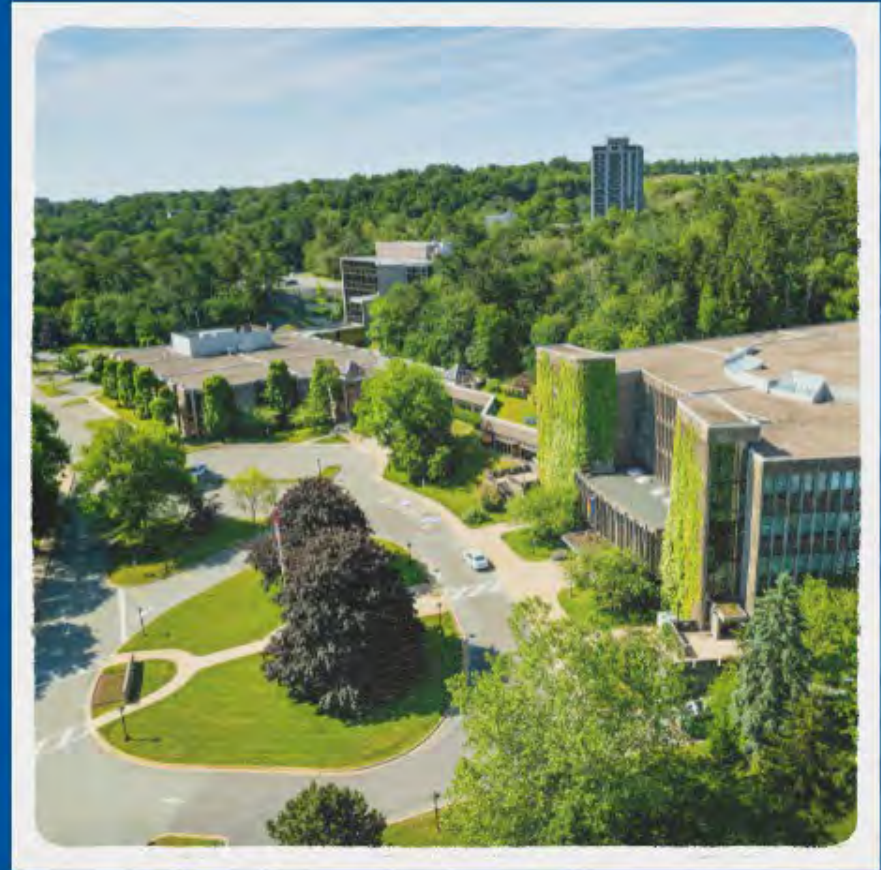


International Graduate Students: An Academic Introduction



July 10, 2025

Today's presentation will be available for viewing at:

<https://www.msvu.ca/international/webinars-and-videos>



The screenshot shows the Mount Saint Vincent University website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for myMount / Email, Moodle, WebAdvisor, Library, and Contact Us. A search bar is located on the right. Below this is a main navigation menu with links for Future Students, Academics, Campus Life, International (highlighted with a red circle), Alumni & Donors, Research, and About MSVU. A breadcrumb trail below the navigation menu reads: Home » International Education Centre » Webinars and Workshops. The main content area has a large blue header with the text "Webinars and Workshops". On the left side, there is a sidebar with the "International Education Centre" section, which includes links for the International Team and the university's mission, vision, and values. The main content area features the heading "Online Support for International Students" and a paragraph stating that the International Education Center offers various online support for international students, with a link to international@msvu.ca for more information.

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Online Support for International Students

Each semester, the International Education Center offers various online support for our international students. Do not miss the updates listed below that can help you succeed at MSVU. Any questions? Email us at international@msvu.ca.



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MSVU International Education Centre

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**Which Graduate
program are you in?**

Please type it in the chat box

- **Applied Human Nutrition**
- **Child & Youth Study**
- **Public Relations & Communication Studies**
- **Family Studies & Gerontology**
- **Women & Gender Studies**
- **Education**



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- ✓ Moodle & Online Classrooms





1. **Program**

This is what you applied for and what you will receive a degree, diploma, or certificate for when finished.

Examples:

Master of Applied Human Nutrition

Master of Arts in Child & Youth Study

Master of Education Studies in Lifelong Learning



2. **Courses** vs **Classes**

Courses are what you have to complete to meet your program requirements.

Examples:

GSLI 6200, GAHN 6601

Classes are the individual lecture components of your courses.

Example:

M/W 10:30-11:45

3. **Required Course**

This is a course that you must take as part of your program. It is not optional.

4. **Elective Course**

This is a course that you can take from any grad program. You can choose which courses you want to take as your electives, usually in consultation with your Faculty Academic Advisor or the Graduate Program Coordinator

5. **Special Admission Conditions**

These are additional requirements, listed on your acceptance letter, that you must complete before starting full-time graduate studies.

Examples:

ESL language requirements, additional undergraduate courses, or submission of previous post-secondary transcripts.



6. **Synchronous Online**

This is “real time”, live delivery of an online lecture, and it will also likely be recorded. All students join the virtual classroom at the same time.

7. **Asynchronous Online**

This is a pre-recorded online lecture. All students can access it anytime during the semester. Students must follow a course outline, complete material on their own, and submit assignments by set due dates. The class is not live.

8. **Multi-Mode Online**

This is a course that is a combination of synchronous online classes and asynchronous online classes



- ✓ **The Graduate Academic Calendar**
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- ✓ **Rules and Policies**



Finding (and Understanding!) Your Program Requirements

Look in the **Graduate Academic Calendar** to find your specific program requirements:

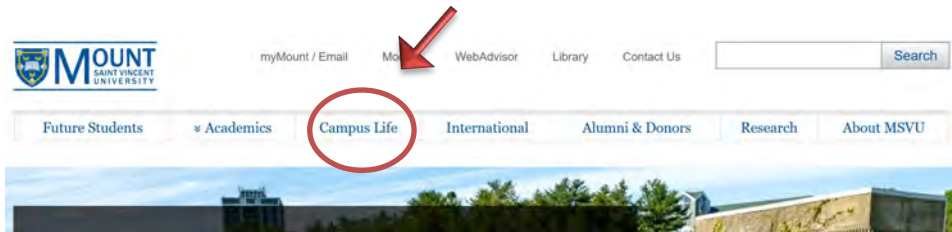
Please note, the Graduate Academic Calendar has all of the information you need. Download it to your computer and read it!

(*We will give you a paper copy at the International Day of Orientation on August 28th & 29th)

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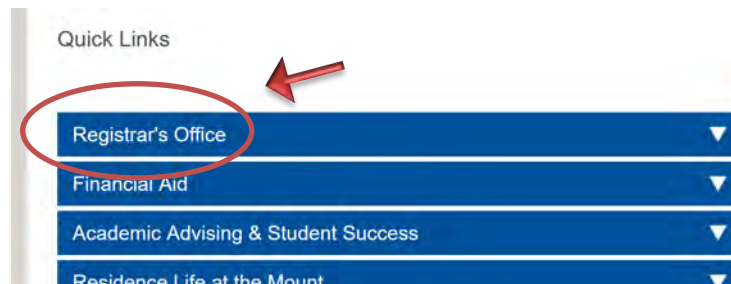
- Your program requirements (i.e. the courses you need to take).
- The rules and policies of the university.

Finding (and Understanding!) Your Program Requirements



1. Go to MSVU.ca

2. Click on “Campus Life”



3. Then, click on
“Registrar's Office”



4. And finally, click on
“Academic Calendars”

Finding (and Understanding!) Your Program Requirements

University Academic Calendars

It is the responsibility of all students to familiarize themselves with the University's academic regulations and policies in general, and those which apply specifically to their program of study.

2024-2025 Undergraduate Academic Calendar»



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[Programs & Course Listing](#) »

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Click on the Full Graduate Calendar (PDF)



Let's look at it together now...

Finding (and Understanding!) Your Program Requirements

Example from Graduate Academic Calendar:

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Master of Applied Human Nutrition Program Requirements

The program will require completion of 5.0 units. Degree requirements may be completed on a part-time basis.

Required Courses

1.5 unit selected from the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> GAHN 6609	0.5 unit
<input type="checkbox"/> GAHN 6675	0.5 unit
<input type="checkbox"/> GAHN 6670	0.5 unit
<input type="checkbox"/> GFSG 6613	0.5 unit
<input type="checkbox"/> GAHN 6720	0.5 unit

Elective Courses

☐ 2.5 units of GAHN Electives*:

GAHN 6715	0.5 unit
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GAHN 6755	0.5 unit
GAHN 6760	0.5 unit

**May also include any of the Required Courses not selected above. Some courses may be offered in alternate years*

<input type="checkbox"/> 1.0 unit of graduate level electives	1.0 unit
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Note: Electives should be selected in consultation with the graduate studies advisor in accordance with the candidate's

Finding (and Understanding!) Your Program Requirements

1. How many “units” are needed to complete this Master’s program?
2. How many “units” is each course?
3. So, how many courses would you have to take to complete the Master of Applied Human Nutrition at MSVU?



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Finding (and Understanding!) Your Program Requirements

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0.5 units (half of a unit)

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10 courses

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Finding (and Understanding!) Your Program Requirements

1. How many “Required Courses” are needed to complete this Master’s program?
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Finding (and Understanding!) Your Program Requirements

1. How many “Required Courses” are needed to complete this Master’s program?

1.5 units = 3 courses

2. How many “Elective Courses” are needed in total to complete this Master’s program?

2.5 + 1.0 = 3.5 units
= 7 courses

3. And what is the difference between “GAHN Electives” and “graduate level electives”?

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1.0 unit

Finding (and Understanding!) Your Program Requirements

3. And what is the difference between “GAHN Electives” and “graduate level electives”?

GAHN Electives are only this list here.

Graduate level electives are any courses from any graduate program. But this needs to be selected with the approval of your academic faculty advisor.

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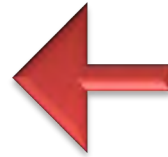
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Note: Electives should be selected in consultation with the



Use the Graduate Academic Calendar to find all information about your degree program and all information on program and university policies.

- ✓ **Choosing Courses for Yourself**
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Choosing Courses for Yourself

- As a Graduate student, you are expected to choose your own courses.
- Here are some helpful tips when choosing them:

1. Taking three courses is considered “full time” status for a student (this is important for immigration purposes).
2. Try to choose in-person classes (not online), and choose Required courses before Elective courses.
3. If your first-choice course is full, add yourself to the “waitlist” for it, and then register for a second-choice course.

You might get in the first-choice course if someone else drops it. Or, if enough people are on the waitlist, they might open another section of it. Check your *myMount* course schedule regularly. If you get in, you’ll want to drop that second-choice course quickly!

4. If registering for elective courses, email your faculty advisor to ask if the ones you selected are appropriate.



Registering for Courses

- You are expected to register yourself for the courses you choose.
- Here are some helpful tips about registration:
 1. Register for courses as soon as possible. They fill up quickly.
 2. Classes start on Wednesday, September 3rd.
The last day to add/drop a course is Wed, Sept 10th.
The last day to pay your fees is Wed, Sept 10th.
 3. Use *myMount* to register for courses, as well as to see:
 - your schedule
 - your grades
 - your financial account
 - scholarship/bursary information
 - and how to get help for anything!



Let's look at *myMount* together now...

Registering for Courses

After this presentation, you can click on this link and watch the “[How do I register for courses?](#)” video to review this info and learn more.



REGISTERING FOR CLASSES
USING MYMOUNT



Getting Advice from Your Academic Advisor

You may reach out to your Faculty Academic Advisor directly if you have any questions about course selections during your program planning. Check your Acceptance Letter from MSVU to find the contact information of your Faculty Advisor.

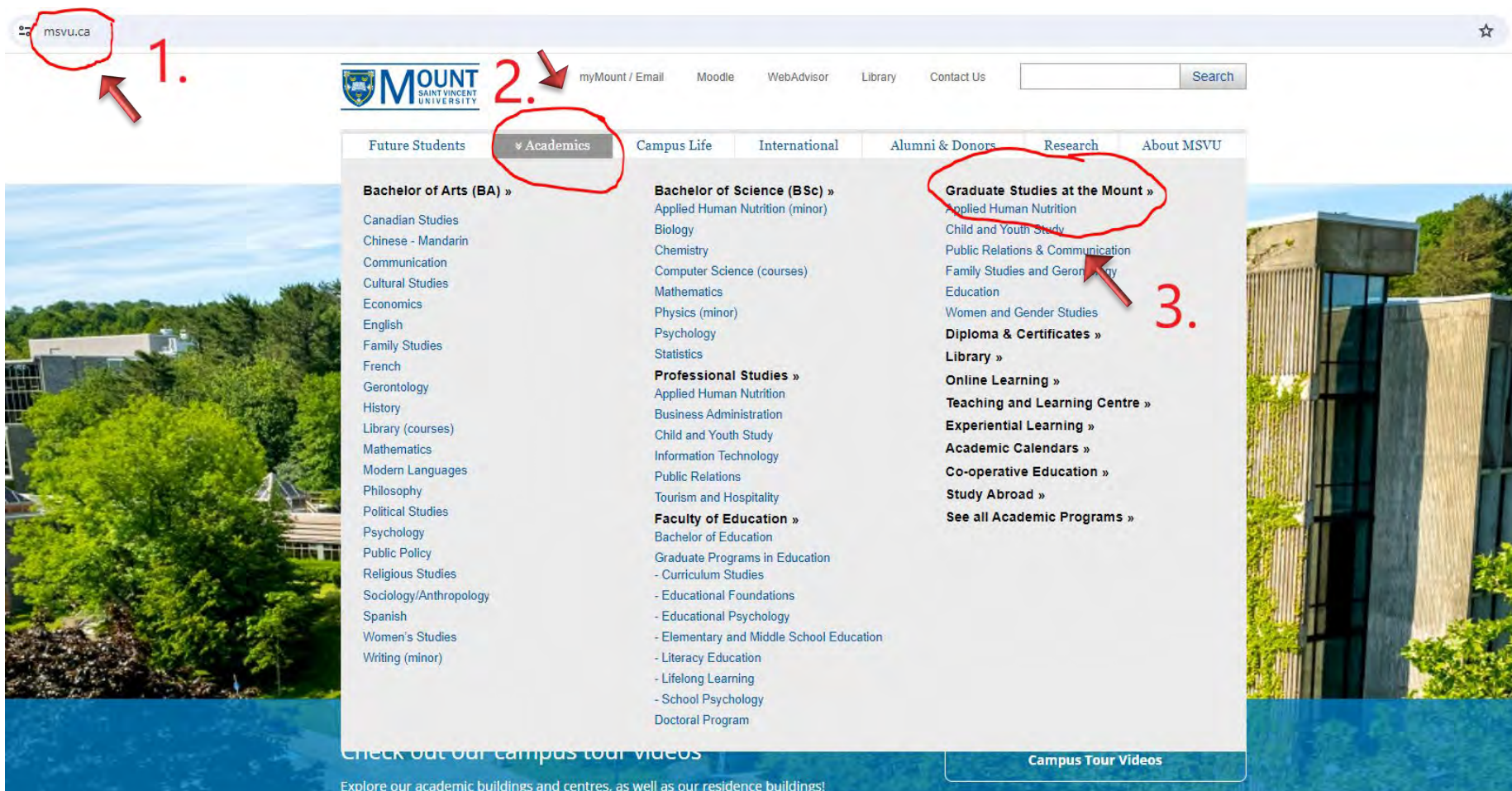
You can also email graduate@msvu.ca with questions. Be sure to include your name, student number and degree (academic program) in your request.

Replies often take several days, so please allow for enough response time (and that will also make it less stressful for you as you wait)

- ✓ **Frequently Asked Questions**
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- ✓ **Moodle & Online Classrooms**



Open “Graduate Studies at the Mount”



The screenshot shows the Mount Saint Vincent University website with three numbered red annotations:

1. A red circle around the address bar showing `msvu.ca` with a red arrow pointing to it.
2. A red circle around the **Academics** menu item in the top navigation bar, with a red arrow pointing to it.
3. A red circle around the **Graduate Studies at the Mount »** link in the right-hand column of the Academics dropdown menu, with a red arrow pointing to it.

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Let's look at it together now...

Using Moodle



Moodle is MSVU's Learning Management System, and it's used for most courses, including in-person, online, blended and multi-access. It is the online space where faculty post course content, host online discussions, administer quizzes and meet in real time with students. Moodle provides a place where students can access course content, submit assignments, complete activities, and communicate with their peers and their instructor. Log in to Moodle through the tab on the MSVU's homepage

Blackboard Collaborate is our online classroom software. It provides a virtual space where faculty and students can meet in real-time, work in groups, chat, and learn together.



Accessing Online Classes (Blackboard Collaborate)

After this presentation, you can click on this link and watch the [instructional video](#) to learn more about accessing your online classes with Blackboard Collaborate.



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We are here to help you!

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Thank you!

See you on Thursday and Friday,
August 28 and 29
for the **International Days** of
MSVU Orientation!!!

Don't forget to register on the
msvu.ca/international page
(I'll show you now)

