

MAE

Master of
Applied Economics
September 2026 Admission

HALIFAX ~ CANADA



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Sobey School
of Business

Saint Mary's University



Economists are in demand

The Sobey Master of Applied Economics (MAE) program provides you with the skills you need to apply the tools of economic analysis to real-world issues in both public and business sectors. For a full-time student, the program takes 12 months to complete and with a part-time option, it is flexible enough to meet the needs of working professionals.

- The Sobey MAE emphasizes the application of economic theory and econometric analysis to practical issues relevant to a range of fields, including public economics, natural resources and environment, monetary systems, business finance, labour economics and international trade.
- The Sobey MAE's focus on policy issues distinguishes it from a traditional, more theoretical master's program in economics.
- Our graduates are employed at all levels of government, at major banks and in commercial enterprises.

AACSB & EQUIS accredited

A mark of quality, and a distinction achieved by only 1% of business schools worldwide.

Home of the

Atlantic Research Group on Economics of Immigration, Aging and Diversity.

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Applied Economics is available as a one year bridging program into the MAE

PRME champions

PRME champions Sobey School is one of a select group of schools designated as PRME Champions in the Principles for Responsible Management Education initiative by the United Nations.

Admissions

Admission requirements

- An undergraduate degree with an overall B average (3.0 GPA) or equivalent, including courses in the following areas:
 - At least one undergraduate course in Statistics at an intermediate level (preferably Econometrics);
 - Intermediate Microeconomics and Macroeconomics
 - Economic Theory at an advanced (fourth-year) level
- If your first language is not English, you must submit an official TOEFL iBT® or IELTS. Tests cannot be more than two years old. We require an overall IELTS score of 6.5 with no band below 6.0.
- You must provide a current CV, supplementary documents, including references and be available for a timed online interview.
- Students who are missing one or more of the above requirements are considered on a case-by-case basis and may be recommended for admission to a one-year **Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Applied Economics** program a year in advance of the Master of Applied Economics program.

Scholarship details

All applicants will automatically be considered for an entrance scholarship up to \$10,000.

Application deadlines

May 15: International applicants

June 30: Canadians/permanent residents

Please be aware that applications may close before the deadlines, if the program reaches maximum capacity.

Estimated program fees

Canadian students: **\$13,500**

International students: **\$26,000**

Estimated living expenses for 12 months:
\$20,000–25,000

Subject to change for 2026 admission



Questions?

Contact Sobey Graduate Programs Admissions
info.sobeygrad@smu.ca

Studying in Canada

As an international student, you may be required to obtain a study permit issued by the Canadian government's Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) department prior to beginning your studies. You may apply once you receive your official letter of acceptance from Saint Mary's University. We recommend applying early for your permit as processing times can vary.

Studying in Canada as an international student offers numerous potential benefits, including the opportunity to work while studying, obtaining a post-graduate work permit, and exploring immigration programs and pathways. Students are granted these allowances through IRCC, and more information can be found at canada.ca/studyincanada.

International students can contact the Saint Mary's International Student Centre to obtain more information specific to their situation: smu.ca/isc.



Questions?

Visit smu.ca/international/welcome



Program details

The Master of Applied Economics (MAE) emphasizes the application of economic theory and econometric analysis to practical issues relevant to a range of fields, including public economics, labour economics, natural resources and environment, monetary systems, development, business finance and international trade. The first of its kind in Atlantic Canada, the Sobey MAE's focus on policy issues distinguishes it from a traditional, more theoretical Master's program in economics.

Required courses include:

- Applied Microeconomic Analysis
- Applied Macroeconomic Analysis
- Applied Econometric Modelling and Forecasting
- Seminar in Applied Economics Research

The Master of Applied Economics is a 12-month program but is flexible to allow working professionals to attend part-time.

Students must successfully complete 12 credit hours of required courses, a 3 credit hour major research project and 9 credit hours of electives.

Electives will build on the department's applied research strength in wider areas such as human resources, immigration, gender and cooperatives management and new areas such as machine learning. Possible elective courses include:

- Monetary Theory and Policy
- Economic Development and Policy
- International Macroeconomics and Finance
- International Trade and Commercial Policy
- Industrial Organization and Applied Game Theory
- Economics of Human Resources and Migration: Issues and Policy
- Social Policy: Economic Analysis and Issues
- Economics of Cooperatives and Non-Profit Firms
- Economics of Natural Resources and Environment





Full service career office

The Sobey School of Business Graduate Career Services office prepares you for your future career through one-on-one coaching, designed to help you uncover your passion and purpose while developing skills in areas such as résumé writing, interview preparation and networking.

From day one, you will be supported by a dedicated team of professionals who will guide you to career opportunities through corporate tours, career fairs, employer information sessions and more.

One of the most valuable lessons you will learn as a Sobey MAE student is the importance of building and maintaining a professional network, which will generate a smooth transition from grad student to professional.

Expand your network through:

- events on- and off-campus
- case competitions
- corporate tours
- sector events

There are banks, financial services companies, corporations, government departments and more, hungry for your skills and perspectives. Our job is to help you discover a career where your passion and purpose intersect and then support you in making that career a reality.





Sobey School of Business

Established in 1934 as the Faculty of Commerce at Saint Mary's University, the Sobey School of Business is Atlantic Canada's largest and most respected business school. Internationally respected, the Sobey School of Business holds both EQUIS and AACSB accreditation, an earned distinction held by only 1% of business schools worldwide. Here, you'll embark with over 2,200 students on a fast track to your future, with small class sizes, a close-knit campus and over 85 full-time faculty members.

With over 27 percent of undergraduate students and over 57 percent of graduate students originating from 75 different countries, the Sobey School of Business is widely admired as an institution that integrates and fosters global perspectives among its students and within the community. The Sobey School of Business, through active learning and the creation and mobilization of scholarships, prepares citizens of the world to lead entrepreneurial, sustainable businesses and communities.

- As a PRME (Principles of Responsible Management Education) Champion school, the Sobey School incorporates social and environmental responsibility into program curriculum and works to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.
- The Sobey School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). AACSB-accredited schools have the highest quality faculty, relevant and challenging curriculum, and provide educational and career opportunities that are not found at other business schools.
- Sobey School faculty members are nationally recognized business experts who are actively engaged with research that impacts local, regional and international communities.
- The Sobey School of Business has earned the prestigious EQUIS accreditation, held by less than two percent of business schools worldwide. This achievement validates our commitment to the highest quality standards plus our emphasis on ethics, social responsibility and internationalization.
- The BSIS designation confirms that the Sobey School's impact reaches far beyond its economic contribution and positively influences the business and cultural life of the region.

Saint Mary's University

Ideally located in the vibrant city of Halifax, Saint Mary's University is home to a diverse and inclusive community of over 6,500 faculty, staff and students, and boasts a global network of more than 55,000+ alumni. Founded in 1802, Saint Mary's is one of the oldest universities in Canada. We offer a unique experience, combining world-leading research with a close-knit community. Saint Mary's is known for its engaged faculty and students, entrepreneurial spirit and impactful research that reaches beyond campus walls and into the wider community. Our students, researchers and faculty share the desire to work towards a future that is inclusive, sustainable, diverse and resilient—a World without limits.

Graduate Studies and Research

Saint Mary's University is a dynamic research institution. Our Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) oversees 29 graduate programs (PhD, Master's, Diploma) in a stimulating intellectual community that spans all faculties, all joined in the pursuit of academic excellence through research.

About Halifax

Whether you're looking for vibrant city living with amazing culture, cuisine and nightlife or a more relaxed rural pace to find escape, Halifax is all about having the best of both worlds. Known the world over for its warm and welcoming people, Halifax is more than an all-access ocean playground: it's your key to a future filled with opportunity.



Flight times

MONTREAL - 1 hr 29 min

TORONTO - 2 hr 05 min

NEW YORK - 2 hr 41 min

BOSTON - 1 hr 19 min





Student life

As a graduate student, you can get involved in several on- and off-campus activities as soon as you arrive in Halifax. The International Centre offers events throughout the year including ski trips, International Night, game nights, movie nights and Lunch n' Learns. In addition, there are over 40 active student societies on campus which students are invited to participate in such as Net Impact, Speak Up Society, MBA Society, Graduate Student Society and the Power to Change Society. Saint Mary's has a world-class fitness facility and a wide range of varsity and intramural sports. For more information and to learn about campus life visit: smu.ca/campus-life.

Graduate housing

For graduate students, and other eligible individuals, Saint Mary's University offers one and two-bedroom apartments. Housing is limited, so be sure to apply early. Additionally, the surrounding South End of Halifax offers student housing options in a vibrant urban setting. Here, you'll be close to campus, green spaces and great local life.



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