

International Undergraduate Student Information: 2020-21

Congratulations on your admission to Saint Michael's College! As you consider your enrollment decision, we hope you will find the following information helpful.

Immigration Documents

If you intend to enroll at Saint Michael's College on an F-1 student visa, you will need to send the following to us, if you have not done so already:

- Financial Certification (see below)
- A copy of your passport photo page

This information is required so we can issue your Form I-20, which you will need to obtain a US student visa. We encourage you to contact us at admission@smcvt.edu to begin this process as soon as you make your decision to attend Saint Michael's College.

If you are currently in the United States on an F-1 visa, you will also need to provide the name and contact information for your institution's Designated School Official (DSO) so that we can arrange to transfer your Form I-20 from your current institution to Saint Michael's College. You can find the I-20 Transfer Verification form online in your admission portal or at: smcvt.edu/international/enroll under "Forms."

I-20 Issuance/Financial Certification

If you need a student (F-1) visa, you must provide a statement from your bank or sponsor (dated within the last 6 months) showing you have sufficient funds to pay for all program and living expenses for one year in the US. Please review your personal ***Estimated Costs and I-20 Amount*** letter posted in your admission portal for details about your individual I-20 amount.

English Proficiency/Language Support

If English is not your native language, we reserve the right to assess you in advanced English proficiency during the first week of study. Non-native speakers of English will have access to courses specially designed to improve their academic writing proficiency, as well as other support options including conversation partners and tutors.

Please note that all students of Saint Michael's College – both native and non-native speakers of English – are required to demonstrate a strong proficiency in writing. Therefore, during the first semester, most non-native speakers of English, with few exceptions, will be required to take ENG104 *Advanced College Writing*. This course is designed to improve the writing proficiency of non-native speakers of English and prepare them for a successful college career, which will require a significant amount of academic writing. This full-credit course will count towards your Core Curriculum requirements and Bachelor's Degree. We believe you will find it helpful as you begin your undergraduate studies.

International Student Support

Saint Michael's College has been supporting international students since the 1950s. We will help you to succeed academically, socially, and personally, at Saint Michael's by providing the information and support you need both before you arrive and while you are here.

- A St. Mike's Student Assistant will pick you up from Burlington International Airport (BTV), bring you to campus, and help you get settled into your room.
- International students participate in International Student Orientation, which includes information on immigration, academics, computing, transportation, health services, setting up bank accounts, and a shopping trip.
- A dedicated Office for International Students and Scholars will help you understand the benefits and responsibilities of your F-1 status while at Saint Michael's, to include immigration regulations, employment, taxes, banking, and applications for Social Security number and Vermont driver's licenses.

Deposit

A \$500 deposit is required to register for classes and reserve housing. This amount is applied towards your tuition cost and is refundable (minus \$100) only if you are denied a visa by a US Embassy. Deposit payments can be made online through your admission portal or at: smcvt.edu/deposit.

Financial Aid

International students are automatically considered for merit scholarships. Merit scholarship amounts may be in your admission letter or in a separate mailing from the Saint Michael's Student Financial Services office. Please **do not** complete the FAFSA form. FAFSA is not applicable for non-US residents/citizens.

Questions?

You will find helpful information about visas, arrival, paying for your education, housing, and more at: smcvt.edu/international/enroll.