

Smith Commerce Undergraduate Exchange

Fact Sheet 2026-27



INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

130+ Business Schools

45+ Regions

500+ International exchange students welcomed annually

600+ Smith students participate in international programs annually



Why Choose Smith for Exchange?

- Smith offers a **top-tier academic environment** with highly engaged, award-winning faculty, industry experts, and dynamic teaching.
- You'll gain a **global business education**. While learning alongside international classmates, Smith faculty also integrate real world examples, providing a dynamic curriculum that is enhanced by international perspectives.
- Strong support and community** including small class sizes, personalized student advising, active student clubs, and a welcoming environment for exchange and international students making settling in easier.
- Kingston offers a **vibrant student life** with nearly 30,000 students studying within the small size city each year. Featuring a bustling downtown just steps from campus, students can find lively cafés and restaurants, concerts, festivals, and outdoor recreation to enjoy.
- Queen's University is **ranked #1 in Canada and 6th globally** in the 2025 Times Higher Impact Rankings for its contributions to advancing the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).





Nomination and Application Information

Term	Fall (September–December)	Winter (January–April)
Nomination Deadline	April 1	September 1
Application Deadline	April 30	September 30

Undergraduate Exchange Eligibility

Our undergraduate exchange program (Commerce) is offered as a fall, winter, or full-year exchange. It is strongly recommended that all applicants have successfully completed at least 6 foundation courses in Business and/or Economics at their home school. Students must be enrolled in an undergraduate program or in M1 of a Master's program in order to be admitted to the Commerce program.

English Proficiency Requirements

Internet-based TOEFL	88 Home Edition accepted
Paper-based TOEFL	580 Home Edition accepted
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	6.5
Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL)	70
Pearson Test of English (PTE)	60
Duolingo English Test	120
Cambridge English	175

Courses are taught in English, thus students are required to have a high level of English proficiency. In cases where a student just falls short of the minimum requirements, yet can present official verification of English proficiency from their home institution, an inquiry can be made to the Centre for International Management for further consideration.



*For more details, please review the [Queen's University English Proficiency Requirements](#)



Academic Information

Important Dates	Fall 2026*	Winter 2027*
Course Dates	September–December	January–April
Exam Period**	December (end before December 25 – Christmas holiday)	April
Course Selection Period	Mid to late July Mid-August to Mid-September	Mid to late July Mid-August to Mid-January
No classes or Exams	October 12 (Thanksgiving) Mid-October (Mid-term Break Week)	February 15 (Family Day) Mid-February (Reading Week) March 26 (Good Friday)
Orientation (Mandatory)***	End of August/Beginning of September	Beginning of January
Transcripts Available	Sent directly to partner school in January	Sent directly to partner school in June

* Dates are not yet finalized.

** Exam Period (Avoid booking travel until exam schedule is finalized in mid-October (Fall) / mid-February (Winter))

*** Orientation Dates will be shared with incoming students after students are admitted into the program.



Course Information

- Students must take the majority of courses at Smith School of Business. Review the list of [Commerce courses](#).
- Students may also take some courses in the Faculty of Arts and Science. Review the list of [Faculty of Arts and Science courses](#).

Note: Courses are subject to availability, and pre-requisites may apply. Course availability will be confirmed before enrolment begins in July.



Grading Scale

View [Queen's University Grading Scale](#).

Academic Accommodations are available to students.

For more information, visit the [Queen's Student Accessibility Services \(QSAS\)](#).

Exam Accommodations

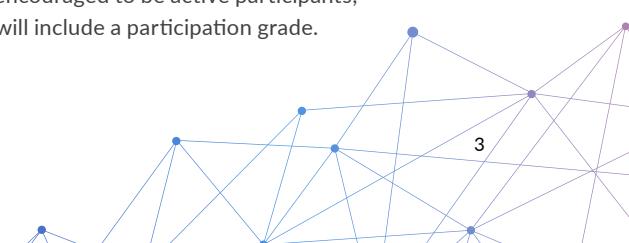
An extra 30 minutes and a translation dictionary (not electronic dictionary) are permitted for exchange students whose first language is not English and who were required to submit a language test with their Smith School of Business, Queen's University exchange application (final exams only).

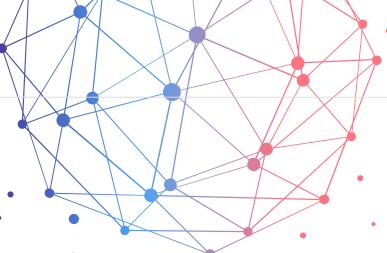
Workload

- 36 Contact hours per course (equivalent to 6.5–7 ECTS)
- Each classroom hour, students should plan for approximately 3 hours of additional independent and/or teamwork
- Undergraduate exchange students are required to enroll in 3–5 courses during their exchange at Smith School of Business, and should also follow any additional course requirements set by their home school

Class Format

- Small class sizes between 55–89 students per class.
- Variety of teaching methods to form a well-rounded learning environment, including lectures, presentations, teamwork, simulations, and case studies.
- Attendance is mandatory for all classes.
- Students are encouraged to be active participants; most classes will include a participation grade.





Living Expenses & Housing

Expenses*	Per Month
Off-Campus Housing (includes utilities)	\$720-\$1,380
Food	\$450
Textbooks & Supplies	\$50-\$150 per course
Phone	\$35-\$65
Miscellaneous (not including additional travel)	At least \$355

*Fees are based on the 2025-2026 academic year and are approximations. Mandatory fees will automatically be applied to each student's account.

On-campus residence is not available. For more information on finding accommodations, review [Queen's housing resources](#) or contact the [Off-Campus Living Advisor \(OCLA\)](#).

Health Insurance

Mandatory: University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)

UHIP medical insurance offers coverage for basic services such as emergency hospital visits and physical examinations. UHIP does not cover supplementary medical services, such as dental work or physiotherapy.

Students who hold a Canadian citizenship and are studying from another country may still be eligible for UHIP depending on period of stay. Please email smithexchange@queensu.ca for more information.

Fees (based on 2025/26 rate and are approximate)

One term: \$264 / **Two Terms:** \$528

Mandatory fees will automatically be applied to each student's account.

Supplementary Medical Insurance: Private international medical insurance is recommended for supplementary medical coverage.

Visa and Study Permit

Entry Visa: Citizens of certain countries and territories will require either a [Visa](#) or an [Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#) to visit Canada.

Study Permit: A [study permit](#) is required for anyone who wants to study in Canada for six months or more.

Questions about permits and visas? Visit [Queen's University International Centre](#) or contact a QUIC International Student Advisor (ISA) at isa@queensu.ca.

Student Services

Student Card & free city transit

A Queen's student card will provide students with access to free use of Kingston Transit and facilities listed below.

- [Athletic and Recreation Centre](#)
- [Campus Bookstore](#)
- [Libraries](#)
- [Student Wellness Services](#)
- [Student Academic Success Services](#)
- [Dining Halls and Eateries](#)
- [Queen's School of English](#)
- [Queen's University International Centre \(QUIC\)](#)
- [Commerce Society and Commerce Global Network \(CGN\)](#)
- [Off-Campus Living Advisors \(OCLA\)](#)
- [Smith Connect \(Alumni network\)](#)
- Computer Services: [Goodes Hall](#), home to [Smith School of Business](#), has wireless network access throughout the building, and a full-service IT department.





Life in Kingston



[A short video to show you what living in Kingston is like!](#)



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Emergency Contact Information

Outside office hours (weekends and holidays):
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They will contact the appropriate personnel
to provide assistance. This service is available
24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Acknowledgement of Territory

Smith School of Business at Queen's University is situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Territory. We are grateful to be able to live, learn and play on these lands.

Centre for International Management (CIM)

The Centre for International Management at Smith School of Business coordinates the global activities within the school. This includes managing relationships with business school partners and overseeing our suite of exchange and double degree programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

