

# G. Registration

Registration is the process whereby students choose courses for an academic session and confirm this selection of courses with the Registrar's Office. The University offers courses in different periods of time or sessions:

Academic Year	September to April
Semester One	September to December
Semester Two	January to April
Intersession	April to June
Summer Session	July to August

Registration for the academic year (September to April) takes place in the spring for continuing and returning students, and from April to August for new first-year students. Confirmation of this registration must be accomplished by arranging payment of tuition fees by the appropriate deadline.

## Registration Procedures for Continuing and Returning Students

Before registering, you are encouraged to seek academic advice and program information from appropriate departments or academic advising.

1. Once you have selected your courses, register online using the web-based student access system (WebAdvisor) at [www.stu.ca](http://www.stu.ca).
2. Confirm your registration by arranging payment of tuition fees by the published September deadline. Without this confirmation, your registration in courses will be cancelled. For information on academic fees and regulations for payment, see *Section Three: University Fees*.

## Registration Procedures for New First-Year Students

1. New first-year students beginning study in September will receive a guide to course selection and registration in April. This guide will explain academic requirements and options, and outline the services available to you. It will also contain information on how to register using our online course registration system, WebAdvisor.
2. You will be encouraged to complete your course selections online as soon as you receive your registration email. For questions regarding course selection, students may contact [admissions@stu.ca](mailto:admissions@stu.ca). You will be able to access your course schedule online as well.
3. Confirm your registration by arranging payment of tuition fees by the published September deadline. Without this confirmation, your registration in courses will be cancelled. For information on academic fees and regulations for payment, see *Section Three: University Fees*.
4. During the first week of classes in September, new students will be issued a photo identification card.

## Course Load

1. The normal course load for full-time students in the Bachelor of Arts is 30 credit hours. The minimum course load for a full-time student is nine credit hours per semester. Students wishing to take more than 30 credit hours in any year beyond their first

year, and having an annual GPA above 2.7 may, on application to the Registrar's Office, be permitted to take up to 18 credit hours per semester. Students having an annual GPA below 2.7 may apply in writing to the registrar to take more than 30 credit hours; these applications will be referred to the Senate Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing for consideration. Thirty-six (36) credit hours constitute the maximum allowed in the regular academic year. Eighteen (18) credit hours per semester constitute the maximum in a semester.

2. The normal course load in the Bachelor of Education and the post-degree Bachelor of Social Work programs is 60 credit hours.
3. A total of 12 credit hours is the normal course load maximum in each of intersession (May-June) and summer session (July-August).

### Course Numbers

The course subject, number, and abbreviated title, with the final grade and credit hours, are recorded on the academic record. The four digits of the course number provide some information concerning the course:

#### 1. *First Digit*

The following scale of the first-digit course numbers responds to the level of progression within the discipline:

0000 - non-credit, continuing education

1000 - introductory

2000 - intermediate

3000 - advanced

4000 - seminars, Honours, independent study

5000 - second undergraduate, professional

#### 2. *Second/Third Digit*

The second and third digits are determined by the academic Department.

#### 3. *Fourth Digit*

The fourth digit designates the credit value of the course:

Eg. 6 = 6 credit hours, normally offered over two semesters of an academic year;

3 = 3 credit hours, normally offered within one semester of an academic year. In the case of courses with 12 credit hours, the final two digits designate the credit value.

### Course Sections

A letter (or letters) designates a section of a course. A single course may be offered in different timeslots, by different professors, or in different locations. The single or double letters designate the different sections of the course.

### Withdrawal from Course (academic year)

To withdraw from a course, a student must notify the Registrar's Office online through WebAdvisor. A student may withdraw from a course at any time up to the last day for withdrawal designated in the academic calendar. In order to withdraw from a first or second semester course without academic penalty, such withdrawal must be completed within eight weeks after the first day of lectures in each semester. In order to withdraw from a full-year course without academic penalty, such withdrawal must be completed within two weeks of the beginning of second-semester courses. The academic penalty for withdrawal after these dates, except for substantial medical or compassionate reasons, will be to have WF (valued at O grade points) recorded on the student's transcript of marks.

## Repeating Courses

Repeating courses is permitted; however, where the first course has a passing grade, no further credit toward the student's program is granted upon successful completion of the repeated course. The new grade does not replace the old grade on the student's transcript of marks.

There may be circumstances where the student will be denied permission to retake a course. The student's appeal of this decision is to the Senate Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing.

## Policy on UNB Courses

As a matter of policy, full-time St. Thomas University students may register in University of New Brunswick courses with the approval of the Chair of the Department and the Registrar's Office. This approval is not automatic and it is given at the discretion of the Registrar's Offices of both universities.

The following regulations are issued for the guidance of the student:

1. students in second, third, and fourth years taking more than the 30 credit- hour load will not normally be approved for courses at UNB.
2. students who have had experience as drop-outs or failures in UNB courses normally will not be approved for courses at UNB.
3. approval of UNB courses is tentative in the sense that it is open to review within a reasonable time by either university. UNB also reserves the right to limit spaces in their courses.
4. students should ensure that they have the appropriate prerequisite background for the proposed courses.

*Note: Students are reminded that the UNB schedule of course additions and withdrawals is in force for any UNB courses in which they register. These dates are different from the STU schedule. All changes to your registration in UNB courses must be recorded on the appropriate STU forms and approved by the Registrar's Office.*