Economics, International Development, and Anthropology are just a few of the other Majors students can pursue. Engineering, as well, offers a long list of options just within the one academic area including options of choosing Civil, Electrical, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical, Bio Systems, Chemical and/or Metallurgical Engineering focuses.

With multiple other universities and colleges based throughout the city, Halifax is also widely considered a popular "student town" hosting over 20,000 post-secondary scholars every year. And from weekly farmer's markets, to regularly occurring dramatic performances, sporting events, and live music of all kinds, the number of "things to do in Halifax" is almost as big as its scholarly population!

Many international students also use their time at Saint Mary's as an opportunity to gain some valuable work experience not to mention wages to help cover their tuition or living expenses. Second year Saint Mary's student Gorba Bhandari, for example, is currently holding onto four different on-campus job positions. Besides earning considerable wages (which typically start at around $10 Cdn per hour), he says working during his studies is also a great way to build up experience and references for continuing his studies or applying for jobs later on.

Although this is an extremely large work commitment for any full-time student in Canada (and certainly beyond the "typical" student job experience), Gorba still manages to keep up high marks in his Bachelors of Commerce courses. Working 30 to 40 hours a week, Gorba says that, through his work, he manages to cover his own student living expenses.

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SAINT MARY'S AT A GLANCE

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia population 396,000

Student Body Population: More than 8,800

Percentage of International Students: 20%

Undergrad Faculty to Student Ratio: 1:19

Special Services: Co-operative Education (work experience) Program, Career Services, Writing Centre (offering one-on-one support and tutoring for students' to enhance their writing abilities), a Centre for Academic Technology (to help improve students' computer and technology-based skills), 24-hour comprehensive medical services (available to all students as included as part of their mandatory tuition fees), and special international student support including an International Student Centre, various English-language courses, and an "FYI" Introductory Program, as well as comprehensive assistance with all immigration, visa, and tax issues.

Gorba's important advice for first-time international students is to live in residence for the first year. Apart from being a great way to get to know other students and staff members, he says that living on-campus is also a great way to build up important relationships which can then lead to great recommendations and/or job opportunities on-campus later on.

For other students looking for special experiences in Canada from work experiences, to family housing, children care options, or special needs education options Saint Mary's caters to students as individuals. Even within the campus meal plan options (which is careful to offer special food options for students with unique dietary requirements, including vegetarian, kosher, and/or halal needs), it is clear that the school truly prides itself on being accessible and welcoming for all.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about attending Saint Mary's University or another Canadian institution be sure to visit www.canada123.org. Or, even better, come out and meet us in person! You can drop by our Dhaka-based Canadian University Application Centre (or 'CUAC') office located on Gulshan Road or, alternatively, on Friday, November 5, we will be present along with other Canadian university representatives at The Westin Dhaka from 12 noon to 8pm, ready to answer all your questions with typical Canadian helpfulness.

We look forward to seeing you soon!
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