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# get connected

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

CASTLEGAR AND TRAIL



Visit us online for Orientation Day details at  
**[facebook.com/selkirkstudentcentral](https://facebook.com/selkirkstudentcentral)**  
or **[selkirk.ca/students/future/orientation](http://selkirk.ca/students/future/orientation)**



Selkirk College

Castlegar 1.888.953.1133 | [selkirk.ca](http://selkirk.ca)

The Financial Aid office is located in the Administration Building on the Castlegar Campus. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with some of the information and services we offer.

Don't let your financial situation prevent you from furthering your education. Selkirk College strives to make post-secondary education accessible and affordable to its students. Last year Selkirk offered our students over \$500,000 in awards and support.

Contact the Financial Aid office or visit our website at [selkirk.ca/students/financialaid](http://selkirk.ca/students/financialaid) for information and/or assistance in:

- Planning and budgeting for the school year.
- Applying for government student loan programs.

For government funding general information, please visit [StudentAidBC.ca](http://StudentAidBC.ca) or [CanLearn.ca](http://CanLearn.ca)

The Financial Aid Officer is regularly available on the Nelson Campuses - call 1.888.953.1133 ext. 295 to make an appointment.

## ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

The Entrance Awards Program offers awards to students entering Selkirk College who have demonstrated high academic achievement or community involvement. For application details and deadlines visit [selkirk.ca/students/financialaid/awardsandsupport/](http://selkirk.ca/students/financialaid/awardsandsupport/).



## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Awards Program offers awards to students who have demonstrated high academic achievement while attending Selkirk College. For application details and deadlines visit [selkirk.ca/students/financialaid/awardsandsupport/](http://selkirk.ca/students/financialaid/awardsandsupport/).

## BURSARIES

Bursaries are awarded to students who are academically successful and show financial need. For application details and deadlines visit [selkirk.ca/students/financialaid/awardsandsupport/](http://selkirk.ca/students/financialaid/awardsandsupport/).

## WORK STUDY

Work Study is a student employment program where you can work on campus while going to school. Job postings are available through the Financial Aid office in September.

## SOUTHERN INTERIOR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TRUST (SIDIT)

Students in both secondary (high school Transitions) and post-secondary programs may be eligible for this award. Awards amounts vary and are based on demonstrated financial need. For application details and deadlines visit [selkirk.ca/students/financialaid/awardsandsupport/](http://selkirk.ca/students/financialaid/awardsandsupport/).

## Need more information?

Contact the Financial Aid office at: 1.888.953.1133 ext. 295 or email [financial\\_aid@selkirk.ca](mailto:financial_aid@selkirk.ca)

Visit our website at:

[selkirk.ca/students/financialaid](http://selkirk.ca/students/financialaid)

# STUDENT ACCESS AND SUPPORT

The Department of Student Access and Support is a cornerstone for Selkirk students. We're here to help students succeed by facilitating access to post-secondary education for prospective students as well as supporting students while they are studying at Selkirk College.

**CPT and Exam Invigilation Services** - The Computerized Placement Test (CPT) is required of all students applying to Selkirk College. It provides a basis for advising students on appropriate program or course choices. Selkirk College also offers Centralized Exam Invigilation Services. The schedules and online registration for these services can be found on the website at: <http://selkirk.ca/services/sas/cptandexaminvigationsservices> or contact Paris Voykin - 250.365.1313

**Counselling** – Counsellors help students to work toward their goals by providing career and personal counselling, educational planning and course advising about programs at Selkirk College and at other post secondary institutions, the university transfer system, and career and employment trends.  
Robin Higgins - Nelson Campuses  
250.352.6601 Ext. 3225  
Laurie Read (on leave) and Tami O'Meara -  
Castlegar Campus 250.365.1273  
Counsellors also have scheduled days at Trail and Grand Forks Campuses.

**Disability Services** - Disability Service Coordinators provide a variety of services to support the educational goals of students with documented disabilities. They assist eligible students to access funding for equipment, adaptive software, and other programs and services. They also provide transition information for prospective students and offer assistance with admissions and registration procedures.  
Glynn Woodburn - Nelson Campuses  
250.352.6601 Ext. 3205 and  
Trish Foy - 250.365.1380 - Castlegar Campus  
Nadya Sofonoff - Disability Services Assistant  
250.365.1429 - Castlegar Campus

**Learning Success Centres** - Learning Skills Coordinators provide support to students in three major areas: One-on-one tutoring, workshops and peer tutoring. One-on-one tutoring and workshops focus on effective learning and study skills and include topics such as time and stress management, organizational skills, reading comprehension, note-taking, memory techniques, review, and exam preparation, while peer tutors provide assistance with specific course content.  
Laurie Jarvis - Silver King Campus  
250.352.6601 Ext. 3247  
Martin Keyserlingk- Tenth Street Campus  
250.352.6601 Ext. 1361  
Todd Solarik - Castlegar Campus 250.365.1338

**Early Alert** - In the first few weeks of a new semester, there are always adjustments to make. Early identification of issues and timely support may make all the difference to a student's success in a program.

Early Alert is an online referral system that enables instructors to identify students who are facing challenges in their courses or programs.

Students referred to Early Alert will be contacted by email and invited to meet with a member of the Student Access and Support Department. The student will then be connected with appropriate support services or resources.

Early Alert is available for the first five weeks of the fall and winter semesters.  
Contact [earlyalert@selkirk.ca](mailto:earlyalert@selkirk.ca) for more information.



For more information on Student Access and Support go to [selkirk.ca/services/studentssupport/](http://selkirk.ca/services/studentssupport/)

The **Aboriginal Services Coordinator** provides support to all prospective and current aboriginal students and works closely with staff, students and communities to enhance aboriginal learners' participation and success rates in Selkirk programs. Services can include such things as assistance with the application process, help with band funding, information on programs and accessing status and advocacy & support during the semester.

For more information about Aboriginal Services contact [aboriginalinfo@selkirk.ca](mailto:aboriginalinfo@selkirk.ca) or phone 250.365.1357.



**Lower Columbia All First Nations (LCAFN)** is a non-profit society working to serve Aboriginal people in the West Kootenay/ Boundary region. They administer and provide confidential services and support in the areas of employment, training, work experience, apprenticeship opportunities; mental health and addictions advocacy & support groups; legal services advocacy; child & family services & advocacy; and resources in Status application, business and other areas. For more information contact: Ed Pongraz at 1.877.304.2246.



*The Gathering Place - Castlegar Campus*

## BUS TRANSPORTATION

For information about bus transportation and passes go to [bctransit.com/regions/](http://bctransit.com/regions/)

## PARKING

Parking is free on Castlegar and Nelson Campuses.

## LIBRARY

Library hours and details are available online at [selkirk.ca](http://selkirk.ca)

## CAFETERIA

Castlegar: 7:30am - 2:00pm Mon.-Fri.

Nelson - Silver King: 7:30am - 1:30pm Mon.-Thurs., 8:30am - 1:00pm Fri.

Nelson - 10th Street: 7:30am - 2:30pm Mon.-Fri.

## BOOKSHOP

The Bookshop carries required textbooks for courses offered at the college, technical & office supplies, and a range of crested gift items.

Bookshop Direct Line: 250.365.1281

Toll Free: 1.888.953.1133 ext. 281

Castlegar Campus: Mon.-Fri.

8:30am - 3:00pm

Silver King Campus: Mon.-Thurs.

8:00am - 1:00pm, Closed Fri.

Tenth Street Campus: Mon.-Thurs.

9:00am - 2:00pm, Closed Fri.

NOTE: Summer hours fluctuate - call to confirm



# SELKIRK COLLEGE STUDENTS' UNION HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN



If you are registered in full-time studies at Selkirk College you will be enrolled in the Selkirk College Students' Union (SCSU) Health and Dental Plan. **If you have existing coverage you must remove yourself from the plan (opt-out) by providing proof of existing extended health and dental coverage to the SCSU by September 17th.**

Opting-out can be done at the SCSU office on your campus or online at the SCSU website - [selkirkstudents.ca](http://selkirkstudents.ca). The online opt-out form will be available as of August 15th, 2012 at [www.studentplans.ca](http://www.studentplans.ca)

There is an opt-out period at the beginning of each school year. This is the period when students can opt-out of the plan, or add-on additional family members and dependants. **Once the opt-out period is over, changes to your Plan can not be made for the remainder of the school year.**

The opt-out period is from August 1 to September 17th, 2012.

The Selkirk College Students' Union (SCSU) Health and Dental Plan was designed *by* students *for* students to provide many important services and help cover expenses not covered by your basic Provincial Medical Services Plan (MSP) or iMed (if you are an international student). These services include prescription drugs, dental care, travel health coverage, and more.

If you have any questions please contact Sean Rossouw, Campaigns and Services Coordinator, at [healthanddental@selkirkstudents.ca](mailto:healthanddental@selkirkstudents.ca).



**SCSU** Selkirk College Students' Union  
Local 4 - Canadian Federation of Students

# HOW TO DROP A COURSE/PROGRAM

If you have to drop a course, it is important to follow the guidelines.

## Guidelines

- You may drop a course online anytime before September 4, 2012.
- After September 4th, to drop a course/program, your decision **MUST** be communicated to the Records Office by filling out & submitting a course change form (found online at selkirk.ca, or in the Admissions Offices) within the deadlines noted below.
- If you do not communicate the dropping of a course/program to the Records Office, this may result in a DNW (Did Not Withdraw) and **NO** tuition refund. Please note that a DNW can have a negative impact on your overall GPA (a DNW receives a Grade Point Value of 0.00).

**TUITION IS DUE AND PAYABLE PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES.**

## Drop Policy – Refund of Tuition\*

If you drop a course/program:	You get a tuition refund of:
Between September 4 & September 17, 2012	75%
Between September 18 & October 1, 2012	50%
After October 1, 2012	0%

## Drop Policy – Transcript Note

If you drop a course/program:	On your final transcript you will see:
Between September 4 & October 1, 2012	Nothing
Between October 2 & November 9, 2012	W = Withdrew
After November 9, 2012 – Withdrawals not allowed	DNW = Did Not Withdraw

**NOTE:** For programs with other start dates and/or a shorter semester, refunds are based on the date of notification of withdrawal if received in writing by the Admissions Office. For a shorter semester, refund of fees prior to or during the first five days of instruction is 75 percent of the tuition fee. Refund of fees during the 6th to 10th day of instruction is 50 percent of the tuition fee. After the 10th day of instruction, no refunds will be granted.



## LIVING IN RESIDENCE AT SELKIRK COLLEGE

The Kekuli House Residence offers private accommodations for up to 100 students. It offers single occupancy rooms equipped with a single bed, desk and chair, storage area and kitchen area which includes a two burner stove, fridge and sink. A washroom is shared between every set of two rooms. Cablevision and private telephone service options are available and each resident is able to individually control their own heating or air conditioning as required.

Every room has a private entrance and outside access which provides a panoramic view of the spectacular valley. Conveniently located within the residence building is a communal area and recreation lounge. The manager's office, coin operated laundry facilities and common storage facilities are also housed within the residence building.

## WHY KEKULI HOUSE?

Students living in residence share various academic goals and interests which positively affect their overall educational experience. Living on campus close to facilities and services makes the best possible use of valuable time at college and supports students who are serious about their education. We endeavour to make your stay on campus comfortable and memorable.

## Kekuli House Advantages

- Rooms are private, comfortable and secure.
- Each room has a spectacular view of the valley and some rooms have a river view.
- You are minutes away by car or bike from shopping, airport and social activities.
- Computer labs, library and full gymnasium are only steps from your door.
- Rooms are equipped with an individual climate control and kitchenette cooking facilities.
- A tennis court, soccer field and many walking trails are readily accessible.
- Private telephone and cablevision options are available.
- A full meal cafeteria is open for breakfast & lunch, Monday through Friday.

**APPLY NOW:** To download an application and fee schedule visit [selkirk.ca/housing/](http://selkirk.ca/housing/) or call 250.365.1227 for more information.





## STUDENT APPLICATION/ADMITTANCE AND ELIGIBILITY

A student who meets the Selkirk College admissions policy is eligible for, but not guaranteed, a place to live in residence. Preference will be given to full-time students. References may be required. Students on behavior probation under the Selkirk College Student Code of Conduct Policy, **for a matter related to the Residence**, are not eligible for admission to the Residence. Special requests may be submitted to the Residence Manager for consideration.

- Room assignments are made on the basis of application date and permanent address (76% in-province, 24% out-of-province).
- “Permanent address” is defined as the last place where the applicant lived continuously for one year or more prior to submitting an application.
- Applications will be processed only when accompanied by a payment of \$125.00 (\$25.00 application fee and \$100.00 room deposit).

**Note:** Selkirk College provides housing to residents by way of a License Agreement only. The Residential Tenancy Act of BC does not have any application to this agreement.

## REFUNDS/TERMINATION OF LICENSE AGREEMENT

A Resident may cancel this Agreement in writing thirty (30) days or more prior to the occupancy date and be entitled to the return of all monies prepaid to Kekuli House in respect of the Agreement, with the exception of the \$25.00 Application Fee.

In the event that a Resident cancels or terminates this Agreement before occupying the room but less than thirty (30) days prior to the advised occupancy date, the resident shall forfeit one (1) month of residence fees. A refund will be made to the Resident only if the vacancy created by their cancellation or termination has been filled by a Replacement Resident.

If a Resident wishes to cancel this Agreement AFTER occupying their room, the Resident is required to give two (2) months notice in writing, by the first day of the month. Kekuli House will refund any fees prepaid by the Resident in respect of their room for the period after the two months notice given. Residents will be assessed two (2) months fees if the Resident has departed without the requested notice.

## OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

We can provide students with lists of available rental properties in Nelson, Castlegar, Trail and other local areas. To access the lists go to [www.selkirk.ca/students/kootenay-life/off-campushousing/listings](http://www.selkirk.ca/students/kootenay-life/off-campushousing/listings).

You can also send an email to [housing@selkirk.ca](mailto:housing@selkirk.ca) or telephone the college (1.888.953.1133 ext. 273 in Castlegar or 1.866.301.6601 in Nelson) to request the list.

*If you read this document, [click here](#) for a chance to win a bookstore gift certificate...*

# ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

## RECREATION

Selkirk College offers a variety of sports, activities, and recreation in both Castlegar and Nelson. Basketball, volleyball, badminton, racquetball, squash and dodge ball are just some of the sports offered in our gymnasiums. Fun social events like the Ski Night, Curling Night, Bowling Night and Wine Tours are offered throughout the school year. Various fitness classes (Yoga, Tai Chi, Circuit Training, Capoeira, etc.) are available at great student discount rates, and the use of the gym and weight rooms are free for all students and staff. Various contests and games are scheduled throughout the year, so get involved, get in shape, and have some fun!

Contact one of your Sports Attendants by calling 250.365.1292 in Castlegar or 250.505.1325 in Nelson.

## WORK STUDY JOBS

There are many jobs available within the Athletics and Recreation department which entail coordinating or assisting with the: weight room, climbing wall, intramurals, student activities, varsity team management, home game operations, and training. Postings come out during the first week of classes.

## FINANCIAL AID – FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

There are many opportunities for student athletes to receive financial aid by participating in Saints Athletic programs. These include college entrance awards, bursaries and year end awards. Many student-athletes may also earn athletic scholarships as part of a coach's recruitment drive or as a result of successful athletic performance.



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## SAINTS HOCKEY



The Saints hockey team plays under the BC Intercollegiate Hockey League (BCIHL).

The league recently accepted Eastern Washington University as a new member. Other teams include SFU, Trinity Western, UVIC, UFV, Okanagan College, TRU and Selkirk College. The BCIHL is a very competitive men's league that attracts players from Junior B, A and WHL. For more information visit [www.bcihl.ca](http://www.bcihl.ca).

Saints exhibition games against the Beaver Valley Nitehawks, Castlegar Rebels and Eastern Washington University are scheduled for September.

2012-13 regular season play gets under way on October 5 with the first home game on October 12.

For all games schedules, up-to-the minute team news and information visit the official Saints website at [www.gosaints.ca](http://www.gosaints.ca)

## SAINTS CLUB TEAMS

Club teams exist at Selkirk College in a variety of forms and according to interest and student leadership. Over the past few years there has been club teams in men's, women's and co-ed volleyball, soccer, bouldering/climbing, rugby, xc running and golf. Students looking to be a part of a club team and/or are willing to assist in the organization please contact the Athletics and Recreation department.

## TRYOUTS

Tryout and camp dates for all teams will be released in late August or early September. Keep an eye out for postings on your campus and the website. All prospective student-athletes should contact the Athletics department to pre-register.

For all Athletics inquiries, please call Kim Verigin at 250.365.1304.