



Study in Saskatchewan

International Post-Secondary Education Viewbook

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Canadians are known around the world as friendly, welcoming people who enjoy learning about different cultures. Canada welcomes more than **150,000 international students** each year and spends more per capita on its education system than most countries.

According to the 2021 Best Countries Report, Canada is the number one country in the world and ranks first in quality of life and social purpose. Canada is perceived as having a good job market and high-quality education.

Our air is consistently ranked among the cleanest in the world.

canada.ca



96% of international students recommend Canada as a study destination.

CBIE International Student Survey, 2018



One of the safest countries in the world for international students.

educanada.ca



About Saskatchewan

The province of Saskatchewan offers tremendous opportunities to study, live, work and raise a family. Our safe and friendly communities, competitive cost of living and the natural beauty of our prairie, lakes and forests give you an opportunity to explore different landscapes. Students from around the world enjoy this quality of life when they come to study in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan is located in the centre of Canada and has a population of more than a million people. The province has two international airports, in the cities of [Regina](#) and [Saskatoon](#), which easily connects to other parts of Canada and the world.



Flight Times

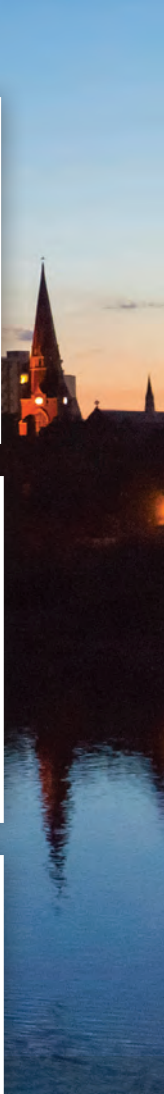


Approximately

2 hours to Vancouver

1.5 hours to Calgary

2.5 hours to Toronto



Saskatchewan Facts



One of the **lowest unemployment** rates in the country



Saskatchewan has **two national** and **29 provincial parks**



Land mass **651,036 km²**



Home to **100,000 lakes** and **rivers**



Sunniest province in Canada



More **golf courses** per capita than any other place in North America

Saskatchewan has Four Seasons

You'll find year-round activities in Saskatchewan. The many lakes in the province are perfect for canoeing, boating, swimming and ice-fishing. In the winter, there are many winter recreational opportunities, including hills and slopes for skiing, snowboarding and tobogganing. Provincial parks in many areas allow camping and picnics. Many communities have parks, play areas and outdoor wading pools for children.

The province is also home to numerous cultural events including winter festivals, symphony concerts and historical celebrations.

Spring April – June



As the days and nights get warmer, yards turn green, gardens flourish, flowers bloom and farm fields burst into colour.

Summer July – August



Hot, sunny days and warm nights. Parks, beaches and backyards are full. Families go to the many summer fairs and festivals, or just get in the car and explore the countryside.

Autumn September – October



Warm, sunny days that give way to cool, crisp nights with huge harvest moons. City and countryside erupt in a glorious display of colour.

Winter November – March



Days are generally sunny, the snow dry and powdery – perfect for skiing, tobogganing, skating, snowmobiling, ice fishing, winter festivals or hockey games. Our coldest days are often our most beautiful days, with sun dogs blazing in the sky. Often on winter nights the dancing Northern Lights appear.

Key Economic Sectors



Agriculture and Agri-Value

Saskatchewan is recognized worldwide for the quality of its crops, and is the world's largest exporter of dry peas, lentils, durum wheat, mustard seed, canola, flaxseed and oats. The province is also the second largest cattle-producing province in Canada and home to 40% of the country's crop land.



Energy

Saskatchewan is an energy giant, with the most diverse primary energy resource base in Canada. The province is one of the only jurisdictions in the world that produces crude oil, natural gas, coal, uranium, biofuels, geothermal, wind and hydro power.



Oil and Gas

Saskatchewan is the second-largest oil producer and the third-largest producer of natural gas in Canada.



Forestry

Saskatchewan's Commercial Forest Zone comprises 11.7 million hectares, of which 5.3 million hectares are classified as productive forest land available for commercial timber harvesting.

Life Sciences and Biomass

Saskatchewan is recognized as a world leader in biotechnology and life sciences, with some of the most advanced facilities in Canada.



Manufacturing

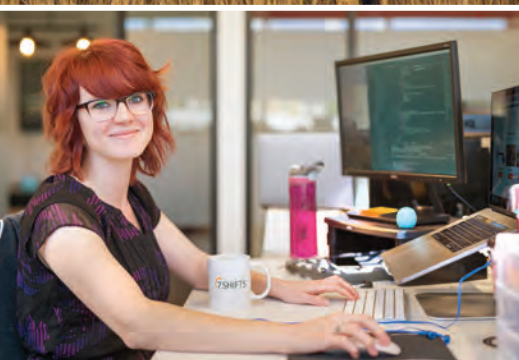
Saskatchewan manufacturers have achieved many world firsts – in everything from satellite communications technology and dryland farming equipment to in-road scales for the trucking industry.

Mining

Saskatchewan is a world-leader in potash and uranium with unrealized potential in diamonds, base metals and precious metals.

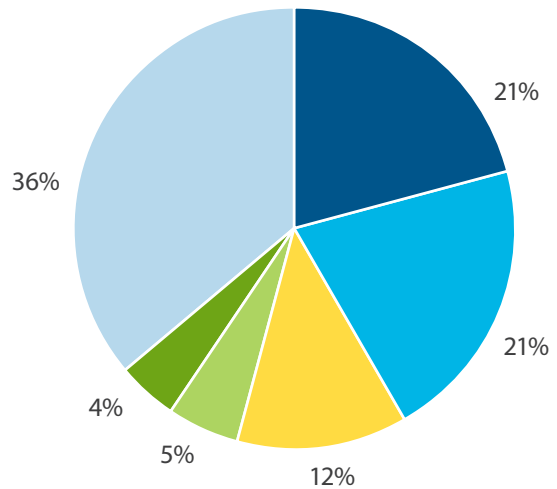
Technology

Saskatchewan has the solid research and development infrastructure and local talent to support a thriving technology sector. The sector is especially strong in agtech, enterprise software and satellite communications. For more information, visit thinksask.ca.





Saskatchewan Immigration 2012-2021
 Top Five Countries of Origin



 Philippines (26,393)	 China (15,625)	 Nigeria (5,562)
 India (26,135)	 Pakistan (6,514)	 Other (45,205)

Source: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Q4 2021 Data

Culture and Languages

Saskatchewan has a diverse cultural community. More than 125,000 people immigrated to Saskatchewan from 2012 to 2021.

Commute Time



You may have rush minutes, not rush hour. Our average commute time is less than 20 minutes, leaving more time to do the things you enjoy.

Affordable Living

Our cities and communities offer some of the lowest housing and utility rates in the country.



Cities and Communities

Saskatchewan cities offer the amenities of large urban centres, along with the friendliness and accessibility of a smaller city. Across Saskatchewan, you will find affordable costs of living, short commute times, great schools and endless entertainment options. Here, you can have a true Canadian experience in a community that is safe, affordable and student friendly.

Ten largest cities in Saskatchewan by population, include:

- 1. Saskatoon
- 2. Regina
- 3. Prince Albert
- 4. Moose Jaw
- 5. Swift Current
- 6. Yorkton
- 7. North Battleford
- 8. Warman
- 9. Estevan
- 10. Martensville



Source: citypopulation.de



Saskatoon

Saskatoon is Saskatchewan's largest city. It is known for its beautiful riverbank and skyline, as well as many bridges that cross the South Saskatchewan River. A series of walking and cycling trails follow the riverfront and meander through the city.

Whether you are interested in arts and entertainment, sporting events, great food, a bustling nightlife or family fun – Saskatoon has lots to offer. There are year-round festivals, as well as cultural institutions and museums to visit, including the new [Remai Modern](#) art museum, which overlooks the South Saskatchewan River.

To learn more about Saskatoon, visit tourismsaskatoon.com.

Multiple sectors drive the city's economy, including agriculture and agri-value, mining and energy, manufacturing, retail and wholesale, technology, tourism, as well as research and innovation. Learn more about the city's economy by visiting sreda.com.





Regina

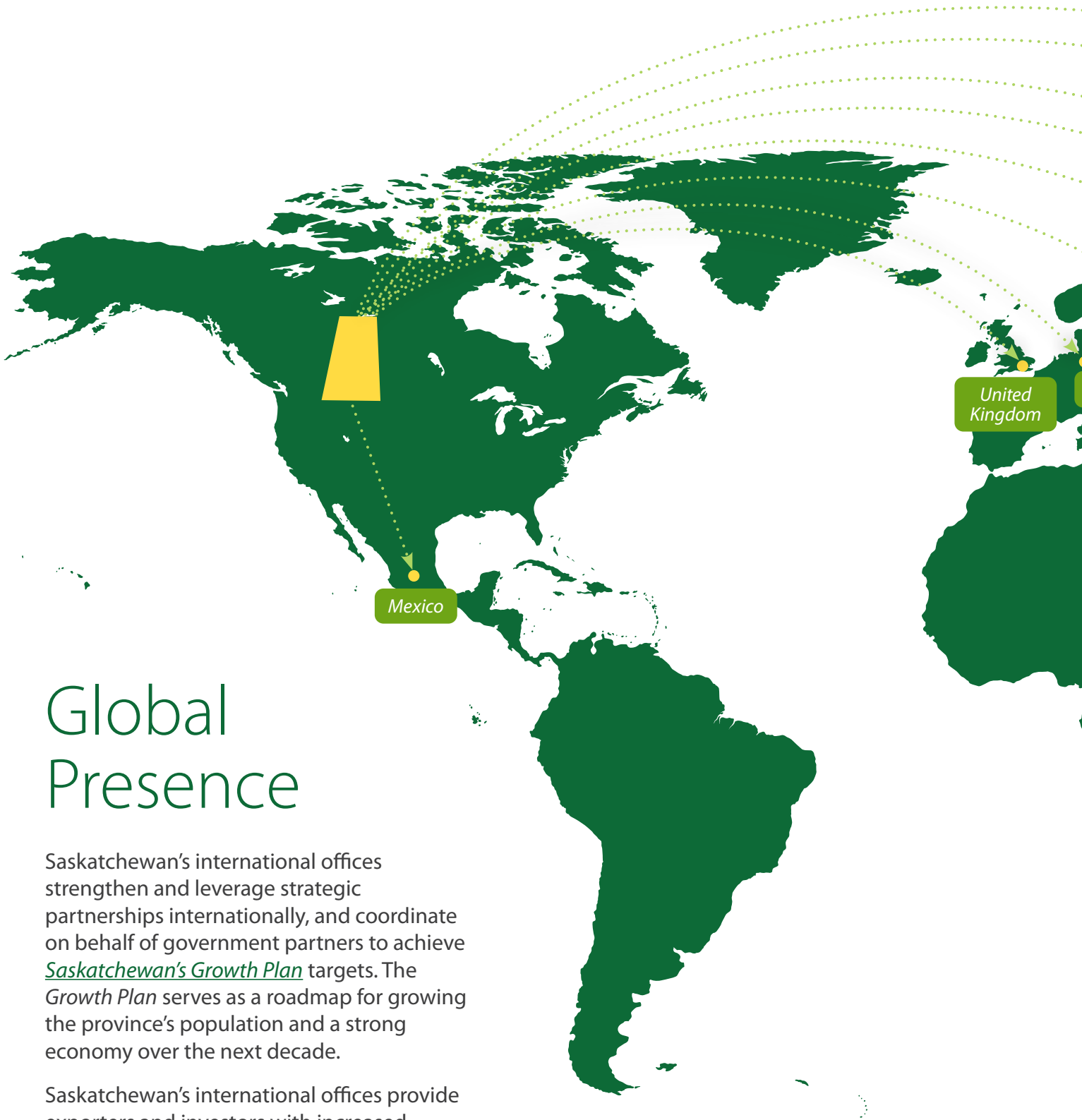
Saskatchewan's capital city offers an outstanding quality of life with a culturally diverse and growing population. It is a beautiful oasis on the prairies with more than 350,000 hand-planted trees and one of the sunniest skies in Canada, averaging more than 2,300 hours of sunshine each year.

Regina has a rich cultural heritage. The city is home to the world famous [Royal Canadian Mounted Police](#) as well as one-of-a-kind attractions like the [Royal Saskatchewan Museum](#), [Saskatchewan Science Centre](#), [MacKenzie Art Gallery](#) and [Wascana Centre](#) – one of North America's largest urban parks. Regina is home to the Saskatchewan Roughriders, a Canadian Football League team known to have the most dedicated fans in the league.

To learn more about the city, visit tourismregina.com.

Multiple sectors drive the city's economy, including manufacturing, metal fabrication, arts and culture, agriculture and food, tourism, mining and energy, as well as finance and insurance. Learn more about the city's economy by visiting economicdevelopmentregina.com.





Global Presence

Saskatchewan's international offices strengthen and leverage strategic partnerships internationally, and coordinate on behalf of government partners to achieve *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan* targets. The *Growth Plan* serves as a roadmap for growing the province's population and a strong economy over the next decade.

Saskatchewan's international offices provide exporters and investors with increased support to further navigate business opportunities and increase trade.

To learn more, visit [saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca).



Commitment to International Engagement

The province's [International Education Strategy](#) lays the foundation for a global approach to position Saskatchewan as a destination of choice for international students from around the world; and provides opportunities for Saskatchewan students to study in other countries.



The strategy, developed in partnership with the post-secondary education sector, will assist institutions to attract international students in innovative ways, while meeting commitments outlined in [Saskatchewan's Growth Plan](#). International education is a major contributor to the Saskatchewan economy and this strategy will help position the province as a destination of choice for international students.

The strategy is built on two pillars: Global Engagement; and Capacity Building and Leadership in the sector and lays the foundation for a global approach to enhance Saskatchewan's profile, to attract key international markets, as well as new markets.

Key components of the strategy include:

- Fostering new international partnerships to promote education and research opportunities in both Saskatchewan and abroad.
- Supporting global citizenship in Saskatchewan and abroad through the Saskatchewan Ambassador Program.
- Developing a new International Education Practitioner Program to support a provincial approach on training throughout the sector that will provide students with a consistent experience, regardless of an urban or rural community.
- Supporting the growth and sustainability of French post-secondary programs in Saskatchewan through targeted recruitment in key French language markets.
- Participating in international missions to support branding efforts.

Study in Saskatchewan

The province of Saskatchewan is your place to receive a world-class education. Students from around the world enjoy the Saskatchewan quality of life when they come here to study.

Top Three Reasons to Study in Saskatchewan

1

World-Class Education

- High-quality, affordable education.
- Government-accredited universities, colleges, and technical institutes.
- State-of-the-art research and innovation facilities and top quality teachers.
- Wide range of courses and programs from trade certifications to doctoral degrees.

2

Thriving Economy and Employment

- One of the most competitive business environments in North America.
- Co-op or internship opportunities for students with a work permit.
- Additional work opportunities available to students without a work permit while studying.

3

Strong Immigration Policies and Programs

- Strong support services to help newcomers to Canada settle into the province.
- Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) encompasses multiple pathways for immigration upon graduation from a recognized post-secondary institution in Saskatchewan.
- Post-Graduate Work Permit through Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.
- Graduate Retention Tax Credits of up to \$20,000 of tuition fees.

University of Saskatchewan
Ranked #1 in Canada for water resources research, and has students from 130 countries.

University of Regina **Ranked #1** in research revenue growth and one of Canada's top 50 comprehensive universities for research.

94% of employers would hire graduates from Saskatchewan Polytechnic again.

Nearly **90% of graduates** from Saskatchewan's regional colleges are employed within 60-90 days after graduation.

Growing Economy
Saskatchewan has a one of the **lowest unemployment** rates in Canada.



Post-Secondary Education in Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan offers high-quality, affordable education.

Our [universities](#), [colleges](#) and [technical institutes](#) offer a wide range of courses and credentials from trade certifications to doctoral degrees. We have state-of-the-art research and innovation facilities and top-quality educators, which attract international students from around the world. The application process and fees vary by post-secondary educational institution. Students are encouraged to check with each institution for specific information.

Some smaller group settings are helpful for discussion, interaction and relationship development. Professors and instructors can eventually connect you with great career opportunities in your field or write letters of recommendation for graduate school because they will get to know you.

Post-Secondary Institution Locations



- **University of Saskatchewan**
• Saskatoon • Prince Albert
- **University of Regina**
• Regina
- **Saskatchewan Polytechnic**
• Moose Jaw • Prince Albert
• Regina • Saskatoon
- **Carlton Trail College**
• Humboldt • Watrous • Wynyard
- **Great Plains College**
• Kindersley • Swift Current • Warman
- **Suncrest College**
• Yorkton • Nipawin • Melfort • Tisdale
- **North West College**
• Battlefords • Meadow Lake
- **Southeast College**
• Assiniboia • Estevan • Indian Head
• Moosomin • Weyburn • Whitewood

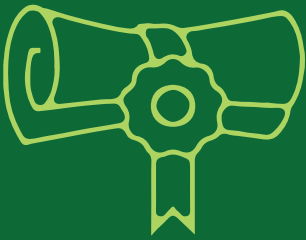




University

Saskatchewan's universities are post-secondary institutions that offer courses and programs in academic disciplines that lead to degrees, diplomas and certificates at the bachelors, masters and doctoral levels. The universities also conduct globally recognized research that generates new knowledge and contributes innovative ideas to the world. Student housing is available on campus at both universities.

- **University of Saskatchewan**
Located in Saskatoon and Prince Albert
- **University of Regina**
Located in Regina and Saskatoon



Technical Institutes

Technical institutes in Saskatchewan offer post-secondary credentials in applied fields, including degrees, apprenticeship training, diplomas and certificates. These institutions provide programs that are responsive to the industry and support economic development through applied research. Technical institutes offer training that meets the needs of industry and employers, and students graduate with job-ready skills. Student housing is available at specific Saskatchewan Polytechnic campuses. Contact the institution directly to learn more.

- **Saskatchewan Polytechnic**
Located in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon




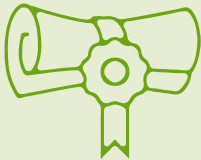

Regional College

Saskatchewan's regional colleges are post-secondary institutions located in numerous vibrant, welcoming smaller communities throughout the province. These colleges offer courses and programs in trades, skills training and academic studies leading to certificates, diplomas and degrees. Regional colleges also provide adult basic education to prepare adult learners for post-secondary studies.

- **Great Plains College**
Located in Kindersley, Swift Current and Warman
- **Suncrest College**
(previously Cumberland College and Parkland College)
Located in Yorkton, Nipawin, Melfort and Tisdale
- **North West College**
Located in Battlefords and Meadow Lake
- **Southeast College**
Located in Assiniboia, Estevan, Indian Head, Moosomin, Weyburn and Whitewood

Types of Post-Secondary Credentials

Students should consider the career they want to pursue and their preferred style of learning when determining the type of post-secondary credential to earn. There are numerous learning pathways available for international students in Saskatchewan. Below is a brief outline of the main categories of credentials offered in the province. Students are encouraged to contact the [institution of their choice](#) for more detailed information about programs and credentials.

	Bachelor's Degree	Diploma	Certificate
Time to Complete	 <p>4-5 years</p>	 <p>2-3 years</p>	 <p>Up to 2 years</p>
Type of Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides general education courses in a chosen area of study • Often required by employers • Requirement to move on to graduate programs (e.g. Master's degree) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepares students for specific occupations or fields of work • Often required by employers • Can often be applied to a future bachelor's degree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short programs that offer training in a specific area or skill • Can be taken individually or completed alongside a degree program
Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Saskatchewan • University of Regina • Specific technical institution programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Saskatchewan • University of Regina • Saskatchewan Polytechnic • Regional Colleges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Saskatchewan • University of Regina • Saskatchewan Polytechnic • Regional Colleges



Doctoral and master's degrees are offered by Saskatchewan's two universities



**1st in Canada and
20th in the world for
water resources research**

**One of the top 100
universities globally
for contributions
to the United
Nations Sustainable
Development Goals**

**Top five in Canada in
the study of:**

- Water resources #1
- Materials science and engineering
- Public administration
- Agricultural science
- Chemical engineering
- Energy science and engineering
- Environmental science and engineering
- Veterinary science

University of Saskatchewan

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) is one of the top research-intensive, medical doctoral universities in Canada, and is home to world-leading research in areas of global importance, such as water and food security, infectious diseases, agriculture, information technology, health services and biotechnology.

USask's main campus is located in the vibrant city of Saskatoon on Treaty 6 territory and the traditional home of the Métis. This historic campus is recognized as one of the country's most beautiful, with plenty of green space, stately greystone buildings and tree-lined walkways.

USask's diverse range of programs include degrees in agriculture, arts, business, education, engineering, kinesiology, law and science, as well as a full range of health sciences including dentistry, medicine, nursing, nutrition, pharmacy and veterinary medicine.

USask also offers online and in-person English language study programs, including a joint admission pathway for students intending to enroll in direct-entry undergraduate degrees, and short-term and specialized programs for individuals and groups.




Global Partnerships

USask continues to engage in [partnerships with institutions and organizations](#) from around the world with a focus on developing customized, short-term group programs that are based on academic and cultural areas of interest.


As of April 30, 2021, USask is engaged in **387** active agreements with **201** partners in **61** countries around the world, including the globally top ranked institutions such as Korea University, Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität München, Peking University, Sungkyunkwan University, University of Birmingham and Yonsei University.



Student Population: 
25,965

International Students: 
12%

Number of Countries: 
131

Degree*, Diploma, Certificate, English for academic purposes 

**Doctoral, Master's, Bachelor's*

Research

As one of Canada's 15 leading research-intensive universities, USask provides a highly collaborative research environment with some of the best facilities and analytical tools in the country.



The **Canadian Light Source** is Canada's only synchrotron and one of the most advanced in the world. It allows scientists to see the microscopic nature of matter. Over 4,000 scientists from 41 countries have used it to publish 6,000 scientific papers in 874 international scientific collaborations.



The **Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre** assists local and international agri-businesses in creating innovative products and value-added opportunities in the food industry.



The **Livestock Forage Centre of Excellence** is a world-class complex of field and science laboratories which strives to improve livestock production around the globe.



The **Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO)**, a leading international vaccine research centre, responsible for developing vaccines to protect people and animals from global diseases, such as avian influenza and COVID-19.



The **Global Institute for Water Security** is leading the largest university-led international fresh water research program with more than 170 partners world-wide.



The **Integrated Health Sciences Complex** fosters collaboration between students, faculty, and researchers across **health disciplines**.



The **Global Institute for Food Security (GIFS)** works with multiple partners to discover, develop and deliver innovative solutions for the production of globally sustainable food.



The **Crop Development Centre** is a field crop research organization where scientists integrate basic research with genetic improvement of a variety of crops such as spring wheat, barley, chickpea, and more.



Prairie Diagnostic Services Inc. provides veterinary diagnostic services and expertise in support of animal health diagnostics, research, teaching and surveillance.



University of Regina

The University of Regina (U of R) prides itself in being an inclusive campus and welcomes students from around the world, supporting them in a variety of ways. The university has campuses located in Regina and Saskatoon on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territories. Its main campus is in the City of Regina located in beautiful Wascana Park, one of the largest urban parks in North America. Students can walk, run, paddleboard, snowshoe and bike around the park.

The City of Regina is rich with cultural heritage. The city is also home to the world famous [Royal Canadian Mounted Police](#) as well as one-of-a-kind attractions like the [Royal Saskatchewan Museum](#), [Saskatchewan Science Centre](#), [MacKenzie Art Gallery](#), and Darke Hall theatre.

The University boasts **10 faculties** and **25 academic departments** that deliver more than **200 undergraduate and graduate programs** of study.

The U of R is known for its focus on experiential learning and wellness and health studies. It is focused on providing all students with opportunities to learn hands-on, either through community partnerships to enable work placements for students, or through direct experience provided within each program.



1st University in Western Canada to offer co-operative work placements to provide students the opportunity to earn wages and gain valuable work experience in their field of study

50+ programs use the Co-operative Education and Internships Program

#1 for Undergraduate Research in 2020 by Research Infosource

One of **Canada's top 15** comprehensive universities

Ranked 6th best university for Psychology Degrees in Canada by Times Higher Education.

Source:
researchinfosource.com/pdf/2020RUYUndergraduate.pdf





Scan our QR code for details.

The university offers degree programming in areas such as engineering, business administration, science, education and social work, as well as a number of health-related fields including nursing and kinesiology and health studies.

Students have access to on-campus and online academic supports as well as amenities, including on-campus housing, a student-run art gallery, libraries, coffee shops, a pool, and a state-of-the-art fitness and athletics facility. Students can attend public lectures, plays, and musical performances, or get involved in more than 50 societies and clubs.

Research

The U of R is a centre of excellence for numerous research initiatives and at forefront of teaching and research in health care; environmental sustainability; technology; social justice and community safety; and heritage.

Our diverse research community includes faculty members, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and several research chairs. Ten institutional-level research centres and institutes and numerous faculty-operated centres support research collaboration and partnerships.

Global Partnerships

The U of R works in partnership with academic institutions, government organizations and funding agencies around the world for the establishment of exceptional programs for faculty members, students and staff. The University has developed UR International Relations and Partnerships to foster the fast-growing international community within and beyond the borders of Saskatchewan.



**Doctoral, Master's, Bachelor's*



Saskatchewan Polytechnic

Located in each of the province's four largest cities (Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw) Saskatchewan Polytechnic is the province's leading publicly funded post-secondary technical and skills training institute.

More than **80 post-secondary programs** are offered to international students which lead to rewarding careers in business, information technology, health, mining, transportation and other sectors.

Approximately two-thirds of Saskatchewan Polytechnic programs offer a work-integrated learning component to gain real-world experience. Depending on the program, students will reinforce their skills through labs, clinical placements, field investigations, outdoor camps, machinery time, workplace practicums and/or co-op work terms.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic has a consistently high graduate employment rate and a global reputation for innovative, industry-focused programming.

93% of employers would hire a Saskatchewan Polytechnic grad again

94% employment rate within six months to one year of graduation

94% of graduates are satisfied to very satisfied with program quality





Research

Students are encouraged and supported by faculty to partner with business, industry and the community on applied research projects that provide real-world solutions to today's challenges.

As a leader in innovation and applied research, Saskatchewan Polytechnic draws on faculty expertise to support businesses and communities, and to provide students the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills through real-world experience with research and development, and innovation. Areas range from agriculture to artificial intelligence, and biotechnology to biomechanics.

Global Partnerships

Saskatchewan Polytechnic is recognized around the world for its international engagement and development projects and is committed to fostering an open and inclusive environment which embraces diverse cultures, heritages and opinions. Saskatchewan Polytechnic has designed, delivered and managed over [19 international projects](#) across multiple countries and continues to engage in international partnerships.



**Bachelor's, only for select programs*





Regional Colleges

Located in vibrant and welcoming communities throughout the province, Saskatchewan's regional colleges offer high quality post-secondary education programs in learning environments of 24 students or less.

Benefits of a regional college:
small class sizes; focus on skills for the work force; sense of community; low cost of living.

The **Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP)** offers programs geared towards rural locations.

Saskatchewan's regional colleges offer a variety of programs and skills training in the areas of trades, agriculture, business, health and trade programs, leading to certificates, diplomas and degrees. There are also select programs that offer post graduate opportunities. Programs at regional colleges are shorter in length and tailored to ensure that students are prepared for the Canadian workforce.

There are several regional colleges across Saskatchewan. To learn more about programs and courses offered at each college, admission requirements and process, scholarships, housing options and more, students are encouraged to visit the website of each institution or scanning the QR code on the next page.

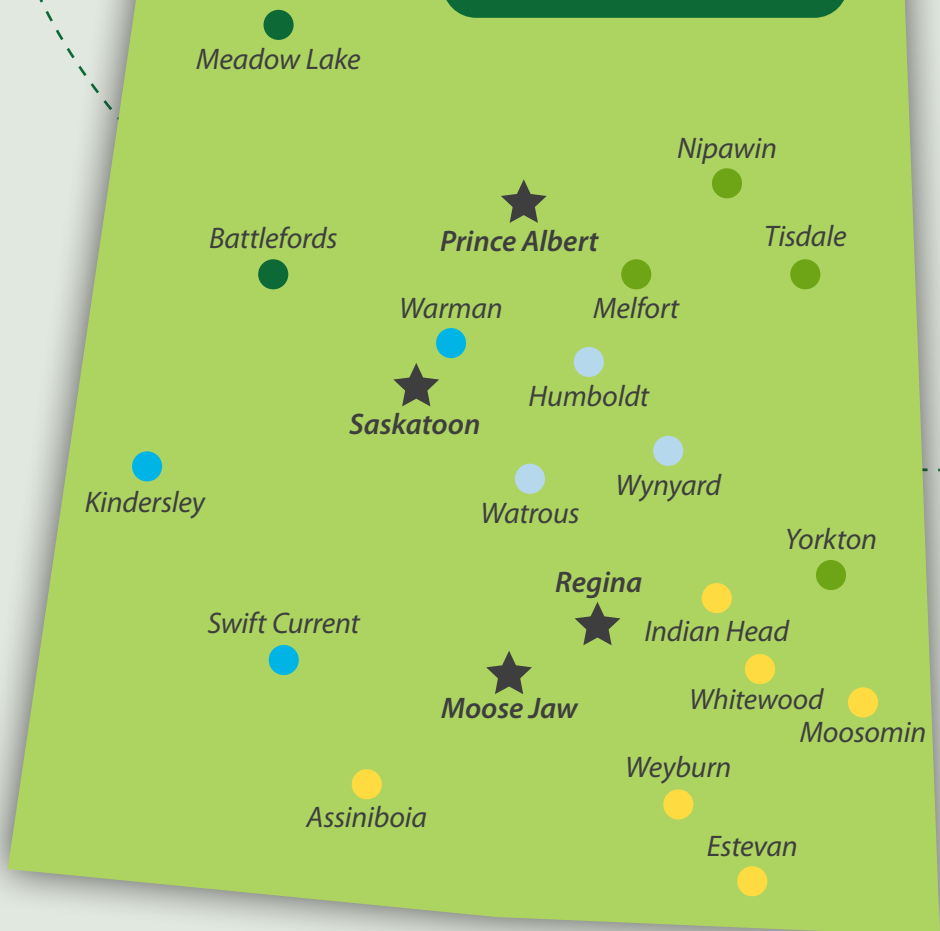
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• Kindersley • Swift Current • Warman
- **Suncrest College**
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- **Southeast College**
• Assiniboia • Estevan • Indian Head
• Moosomin • Weyburn • Whitewood



Scan our QR code for details.





French is the **most common language** learned as a second language, after English

French is the **3rd language of business worldwide**

French is the **5th most spoken language in the world**



Scan our QR code for details.

Study in French

The French language is one of Canada’s two official languages, making the fluency in the language an asset in entering Canada and Saskatchewan’s workforce. A French post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree can open many doors in Canada, as well as internationally, at a personal and professional level. This diploma can also serve as a starting point towards multiple careers or fields of study such as education, nursing, law, international studies and journalism.

Saskatchewan offers a range of post-secondary courses and programs that are taught only in French. To learn more, scan the QR code above.

[La Cité universitaire francophone](#) of the University of Regina offers select degrees in French, such as a Bilingual Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (SCBScN), as well as opportunities to study French as a second language. La Cité offers an ideal setting for a bilingual university experience—students can learn in a favorable immersion environment while familiarizing themselves with the Fransaskois community.

The [Faculty of Education](#) at the University of Regina offers French teaching degrees such as the [Baccalauréat en éducation française](#) and the [Maîtrise en éducation française](#) to prepare its graduates to successfully teach at English language schools, French immersion schools or Fransaskois schools.

[Collège Mathieu](#) has three campuses located in Gravelbourg, Regina and Saskatoon, and offers professional and technical training in the fields of administration, education, trades, health and tourism. It is the only technical and vocational college in French in Saskatchewan since 1918. Students can study a wide variety of programs in French, including business administration, early childhood education, journalism, occupational therapist assistant, health care attendant and more.

Saskatchewan has a rich and enduring connection with the French language dating back over 250 years. Language, culture and diversity have combined to form relationships and create a province wide francophone collective known as the Fransaskois community, a vibrant, thriving component of the social fabric within the province of Saskatchewan.

Post-Secondary Institutions Designated for International Students in Saskatchewan

[Academy of Fashion](#)

[Academy of Learning College – Saskatoon](#)

[Briercrest College and Seminary](#)

[Campion College](#)

[College of Emmanuel and St. Chad](#)

[Collège Mathieu](#)

[Cumberland College \(Suncrest College\)](#)

[Elite Hairstyling and Esthetics Training Center](#)

[Eston College](#)

[First Nations University of Canada](#)

[Great Plains College](#)

[Horizon College and Seminary Inc.](#)

[Luther College](#)

[Lutheran Theological Seminary](#)

[Millar College of the Bible](#)

[Millennium Aviation](#)

[Mitchinson Flying Service](#)

[Nipawin Bible College](#)

[North West College](#)

[Parkland College \(Suncrest College\)](#)

[Regina Flying Club](#)

[Saskatchewan Polytechnic](#)

[Saskatoon Business College](#)

[Saskatoon Health Region Orthoptic Program](#)

[Southeast College](#)

[St. Andrew's College](#)

[St. Peter's College](#)

[St. Thomas More College](#)

[The Professional Institute of Massage Therapy Ltd](#)

[University of Regina](#)

[University of Saskatchewan](#)





Education in Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan ensures that our province has a highly skilled and educated population by putting the needs of students first. Our education system is based on the principle that all students, regardless of race, gender, and ability have equal rights and opportunities.

Saskatchewan’s education system has the following components:

Education	Grades /Certification	Age*
Elementary	Prekindergarten to Grade 9	3 or 4–14 or 15
Secondary	Grades 10 – 12**	15–17 or 18 or up to age 22
Post-Secondary	Certificate, Diploma, Degree	17 or 18 +

**Reflects age of child at the beginning of Saskatchewan’s school year in September. School years typically run from September to June.*

***Secondary grades are 10-12 where credits are granted.*

Elementary and Secondary Education

In Saskatchewan, school divisions oversee a group of schools, based on their location. It is the parents' choice as to the type of school in which they wish to enroll their child(ren). All schools in Saskatchewan use Saskatchewan provincial curricula which are developed by the Government of Saskatchewan.

There are 27 school divisions in Saskatchewan which include 18 public school divisions, eight separate school divisions, which are Roman Catholic, and one Francophone school division which provides education to students whose first language is French. Saskatchewan also has a variety of other types of schools including Historical High Schools with residences, Associate Independent Schools, Qualified Independent Schools and Certified Independent Schools.

For additional information about the types of schools, registration, language instruction and resources, please access [*Education in Saskatchewan: a Guide for Newcomers*](#) on saskatchewan.ca.



Post-Secondary Education

Saskatchewan post-secondary education is offered through post-secondary institutions that provide certificates, diploma, or degree credentials.

Post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan must be designated by the province to enroll international students. See page 16 for more information on post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan, or visit saskatchewan.ca for a list of designated institutions.

Cost of Studying in Saskatchewan and Scholarships

In Saskatchewan, elementary and secondary school divisions determine their own tuition fee amount for non-residents based on the per-student cost of educating the student within that division. As a result, each school division charges a unique per-student tuition fee amount. Tuition for elementary and secondary students may be waived if their parents are residing in Saskatchewan on a work permit or are completing a full-time degree or diploma program in Saskatchewan. You may contact your chosen school division for more information. Historical High Schools, Associate Schools, Qualified Independent Schools and Certified Independent Schools set their own tuition rates.

Graduate Retention Program

The [Graduate Retention Program](#) provides income tax credits of up to **\$20,000** of tuition fees paid by eligible graduates (including international graduates) who live in Saskatchewan and who file a Saskatchewan income tax return.



Why study English as a Second Language Program (ESL) in Saskatchewan:

- Experience the academic culture on campus before you enter your degree program.
- Develop lifelong friendships in your intensive language classes.
- Live with a Canadian family and experience Canadian culture while improving your English.



Language of Instruction in Saskatchewan Schools

In Saskatchewan, the languages of instruction are either English or French. Each school in Saskatchewan is responsible for supporting newcomer students in learning English as an Additional Language (EAL). In Francophone schools, newcomer students are provided support in learning French (Francisation) and EAL.

In the post-secondary system, both the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan are accredited as language schools by [Languages Canada](#). English language programs can be taken before or as part of your studies.

Work in Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan's vibrant economy and growing population have contributed to competitive wages and strong job prospects in the province. Saskatchewan's key sectors include agriculture, construction, energy, forestry, manufacturing, mining, life science and biotechnology, and information technology.

Saskatchewan has competitive wages and strong job prospects in the province. The province's unemployment rate is among the lowest in the country, with averages just between 4% and 6% since the 1970s. The average family income in the province is more than \$90,000 per year.

For information on career opportunities available in Saskatchewan, visit saskjobs.ca. For a list of in-demand occupations in Saskatchewan, visit the [Labour Demand Outlook](#) on saskatchewan.ca.

Saskatchewan has many quality work opportunities for international students and graduates.

Work While you Study

It is possible to work in Saskatchewan while you are a student. Some institutions may offer co-op/internship opportunities for students depending on their program of study.

With the changes to the International Student Program, full-time international students enrolled at designated post-secondary educational institutions may work part-time off campus and full-time during scheduled school breaks without a work permit. However, if you wish to work as part of a co-op/internship program, you will need to apply for a co-op work permit.

Work After you Graduate

The Post-Graduation Work Permit Program provides eligible international graduating students with an opportunity to work in Canada for up to three years. Visit the [Stay in Canada after Graduation](#) page at canada.ca for more information.

For information on career opportunities available in Saskatchewan, visit saskjobs.ca.

Become a Permanent Resident

Following your studies, we hope you will decide to stay in Saskatchewan. Through the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP), the province invites residency applications from non-Canadians who want to make Saskatchewan their home. Successful applicants will be nominated to the federal government, so they can gain permanent residency in Canada.

You may consider applying for permanent residency through the [Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program](#) or the [Canadian Express Entry](#). Before you apply, make sure you know the requirements and current application procedures as the policies are subject to change. Check out Saskatchewan's [playlist of videos](#) explaining more about the SINP on YouTube.



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Stay in Saskatchewan

While Saskatchewan is one of the fastest growing economies in Canada, the cost of living is low. Saskatchewan welcomes newcomers and offers many opportunities to experience Canadian culture while also celebrating cultures from around the world.

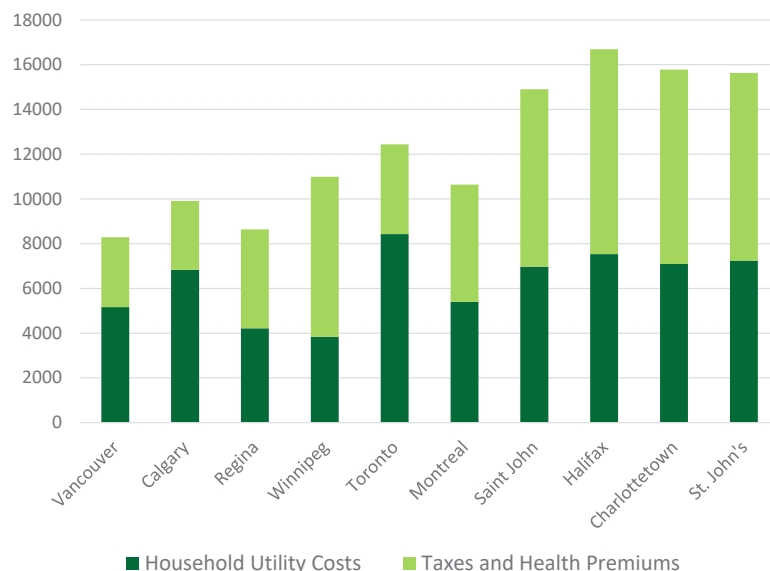


Cost of Living

Housing costs in Saskatchewan's cities and communities are lower than most major Canadian cities. The costs of transportation are also low. If you choose to live off-campus, you can take advantage of the reasonably priced, unlimited transit pass included in your student fees.

In 2021, a two-income family with an annual income of \$75,000 will pay lower combined taxes and household utility costs in our capital city of Regina than in most other major Canadian cities. Saskatchewan is also home to some of the lowest utility rates in Canada.

2022 Intercity Comparison of Taxes and Utilities
Family at \$75,000 Total Income (Values in Dollars)





Health Care

International students in Saskatchewan are eligible to apply for a Saskatchewan Health Card. A valid Saskatchewan health card provides international students access to basic medical care services in the province free of charge. These include:

- Appointments with a family doctor or specialist physician
- Walk-in clinic health care
- Emergency room treatment
- Hospital treatment based on doctors' recommendation
- Maternity care

To apply for a Saskatchewan health card, an international student will need a valid study permit, proof of registered, full-time status and a Saskatchewan residence address.

Some post-secondary institutions, including the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Polytechnic offer extended health and dental coverage for international students.

Resources and Supports for Newcomers

Saskatchewan has a number of services to help newcomers to Canada settle into the province. From welcome centres across the province to translation services, we have services available to help you make our province your new home.

To learn more about these supports, visit [saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca).





Play in Saskatchewan

In addition to safe and friendly communities, you will enjoy the natural beauty of prairie grassland, rolling parkland, lush boreal forest and nearly 100,000 lakes.

Saskatchewan has 19 national parks and historic sites, 39 provincial parks and historic parks and 75 accredited regional parks.

Saskatchewan offers a variety of entertainment options. No matter where you choose to live, you will find activities to suit your personal interests. Museums, art galleries, entertainment venues, local shops and malls, and acclaimed restaurants animate cities and communities. Diverse events are held throughout the year.

The province is home to the popular Saskatchewan Roughriders, a Canadian Football League team. Modern multi-sport facilities for hockey, swimming, soccer (football) and a variety of sports are located in Saskatchewan cities.



Along with the change in seasons comes a change in scenery and an opportunity to try new activities. From spring to fall, you may find yourself hiking, cycling, attending events and festivals, and visiting the parks and beaches. In winter, the temperatures dip; however, days are generally sunny and the snow is light and powdery – perfect for skiing, tobogganing and snowshoeing. Embrace the outdoors and try skating, snowmobiling, ice fishing, or taking in a hockey game or winter festival.

Saskatchewan has a vibrant arts and cultural community. Many internationally renowned authors, artists and musicians call Saskatchewan home. Both Saskatoon and Regina have symphony orchestras. The province has a record of success hosting major sporting events and world-famous performers.

To find information about things to do in Saskatchewan, visit tourismsaskatchewan.com or follow with the adventures of the [Saskatchewanwanderer](#) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Twitter](#).



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