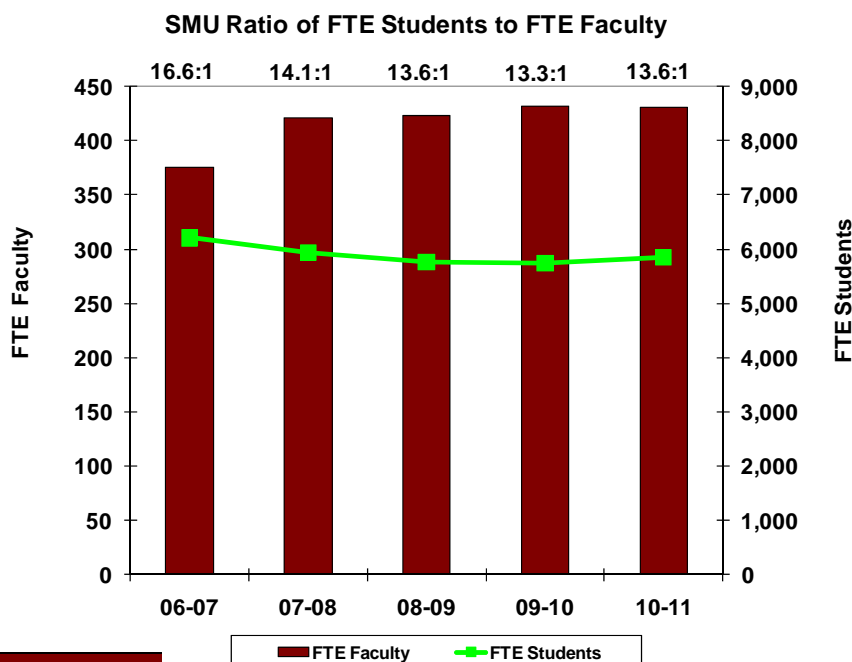


## Saint Mary's University Student-Faculty Ratios

Student-faculty interaction is an important internationally recognized benchmark for quality in education. The student-faculty ratio at Saint Mary's has declined over the past five years because of enrolment declines and increases in faculty.

Saint Mary's has a strong commitment to serve the needs of its students with an appropriate number of highly qualified faculty. In 2010, SMU was reported to have the sixth highest number of full time faculty with a terminal degree (PhD, a first professional degree or a terminal degree in their field) among primarily undergraduate universities in Canada<sup>1</sup>.



<b>SMU Student-Faculty Ratios</b>						
		<u>FT Faculty</u>	<u>FTE Faculty</u>	<u>FTE Students</u>	<u>Ratio of FTE Students to FT Faculty</u>	<u>Ratio of FTE Students to FTE Faculty</u>
<b>2010-11</b>	Arts	98	150.1	1,880.0	19.2	12.5
	Commerce	73	138.7	1,669.9	22.9	12.0
	Science	75	141.8	2,291.7	30.6	16.2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>246.0</b>	<b>430.6</b>	<b>5,841.6</b>	23.7	13.6
<b>2009-10</b>	Arts	100	158.1	1,904.5	19.0	12.0
	Commerce	69	125.7	2,235.5	32.4	17.8
	Science	74	147.9	1,603.8	21.7	10.8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>243.0</b>	<b>431.7</b>	<b>5,743.8</b>	23.6	13.3
<b>2008-09</b>	Arts	101	162.1	1,975.9	19.6	12.2
	Commerce	66	124.2	2,129.1	32.3	17.1
	Science	69	136.8	1,663.3	24.1	12.2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>236.0</b>	<b>423.0</b>	<b>5,768.3</b>	24.4	13.6
<b>2007-08</b>	Arts	104	172.8	2,164.1	20.8	12.5
	Commerce	66	125.4	2,063.7	31.3	16.5
	Science	69	123.2	1,710.6	24.8	13.9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>239.0</b>	<b>421.4</b>	<b>5,938.4</b>	24.8	14.1
<b>2006-07</b>	Arts	101	153.9	2,277.3	22.5	14.8
	Commerce	66	107.4	2,136.7	32.4	19.9
	Science	69	113.6	1,794.7	26.0	15.8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>236.0</b>	<b>375.0</b>	<b>6,208.7</b>	26.3	16.6

**Notes:**

- "FTE" means the Full Time Equivalent
- "FTE Faculty" is the sum of FT faculty plus the number of units taught by part time faculty & overloads, divided by a 2.5 courseload
- "FTE Students" is the sum of course registrations divided by 5.0

### Comparison

Student-faculty ratios are reported by universities, media and governments using various methods: student headcount/faculty headcount, full-time equivalent (FTE) student/faculty headcount, and FTE students/FTE faculty. This is further complicated since there is no agreed definition on the calculation of full time equivalents for faculty or students.

In 2007-08, the ratio of FTE students to FT faculty averaged 24.2 in Canada and 18.1 in Nova Scotia<sup>2</sup>. In comparison, SMU's ratio of FTE students to full time faculty in 2007-08 totaled 24.8:1. When calculated as FTE students/FTE faculty, this ratio drops to 14.1:1.

<sup>1</sup> 2010 University Rankings, Maclean's, November 2010

<sup>2</sup> Source: Statistics Canada, UCASS, as reported by Canadian Association of University Teachers, [http://www.caut.ca/uploads/University\\_Student.xls](http://www.caut.ca/uploads/University_Student.xls), accessed June 9, 2011