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To: Presidents; Administrative and Professional Officers
Local Associations in Atlantic Canada

From: David Robinson, Executive Director

Re: **2020 Atlantic Fall Enrolment Numbers**

Last week, the Association of Atlantic Universities released 2020 enrolment data for 16 public universities.

- Full-time enrolment (undergraduate and graduate) declined by -1.3% (-1,023) year-over-year.
- Full-time visa students declined -6.6% (-1,264) during the same period.
- Full-time first-year student enrolment is down -10.5% year-over-year (-1,477); however, there was a significant increase in part-time enrolment of 19.6% (+2,438).

Looking at institutional level data, **full-time enrolment** changes vary greatly:

- Significant drops in full-time enrolment were seen at Cape Breton University (-25.8%), NSCAD (-16.2%) and Université Ste Anne (-12.2%);
- Smaller decreases at St. Thomas University, (-4.1%), Saint Mary's University (-3.6%), St. Francis Xavier University (-3.2%), and Acadia University (-2.7%); and,
- Some have experienced increases: UPEI (4.2%), Dalhousie University (3.8%), Mt. St. Vincent (3.3%), Mount Allison University (1.1%).

International students

- Largest decreases in full-time international student enrolment were at Cape Breton University (-27.9%), Université Ste. Anne (-22%), NSCAD University (-17.5%), Acadia University (-13.7%) and Saint Mary's University (-12.3%).

Institutional data can be found here

<https://www.atlanticuniversities.ca/statistics/aau-survey-preliminary-enrolments>

If you have any questions, please email research@caut.ca.