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Studying and Working in Canada



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International Student Orientation Programs

- **Aug 24 -28:** online info sessions
- **Aug 31 – Sep 11:** in-person: tours, board game nights, lawn games on the quad!
- **Sep 3:** International Student Welcome

[Register for ISOP](#)



REMINDER

- Submit your [OneCard](#) photo by **Aug 25**
- You'll need it to check in at the ISW event!

Welcome notes

- This session provides information **for degree-seeking students**. It may not be applicable to Exchange or short-term students.
- Continuing Studies students: please contact uvcsimmigration@uvic.ca for immigration questions.
- Gustavson School of Business student: please contact gsbimmigration@uvic.ca for immigration support.
- This session will be recorded, and slides will be shared afterwards.
- Please feel free to share your questions in the chat and we will answer it during the Q&A period. Please turn off your audio and video during the session.



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Disclaimer

- This session is intended to provide general information, this is not legal advice
- The information in this session is up to date as of today, August 24, 2026. Information may change without notice
- For immigration-related questions, please contact us at isaimmigration@uvic.ca



We acknowledge and respect the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Xwsepsəm/ Esquimalt) Peoples on whose territory the university stands, and the Ləkʷəŋən and WSÁNEĆ Peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.



Agenda

- ICS & ISA introductions
- Study permit conditions
- Study permit work authorization
- Post-graduation work permit
- Q&A



International Centre for Students (ICS)

Hours: 9:00am to 4:30pm (PT)
Monday - Friday

Phone: +1 250 721 6361

Email: icsinfo@uvic.ca

Website: <http://www.uvic.ca/ics>

**Office B202d
Jamie Cassels Centre (JCC)
2nd floor**

Exchange

International exchange
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International Student Advising

Immigration Support
isaimmigration@uvic.ca
Settlement support
icsinfo@uvic.ca

Global Community

Social events and
community engagement
gcmentor@uvic.ca



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International Student Advising

We do we do?

We provide non-academic advising on immigration and settlement information and resources, including:

- Canadian immigration docs, study permits
- On-/off-campus work eligibility
- Health insurance
- Housing
- SIN & income tax
- Connecting to community
- Support for families

How to contact us

SETTLEMENT ADVISERS

icsinfo@uvic.ca | 250-721-6361

IMMIGRATION SPECIALIST

isaimmigration@uvic.ca | 250-721-6361

Drop-in advising: M-F, 1:30 – 3:30pm

First-come, first served basis

In-person support at the ICS office JCC
B202d

Virtual appts by calling: 250-721-6361



Study Permit Conditions

Immigration documents required to study in Canada

- Most international students will need a **study permit** to study in Canada in a program longer than six months.
 - Distance learning with in-person component in Canada
 - Programs that are less than 50% in person are not PGWP-eligible
- Most will also need either a temporary resident visa (TRV) or electronic travel authorization (eTA) to enter Canada.
- For more information about immigration documents, visit the International Centre for Students [website](#).



Entry Documents

Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

- Issued electronically
- eTA document number will be noted in your port of entry letter

Temporary Resident Visa (TRV)



Study permit

- Status document: allows you to stay in Canada and engage in a program of study
- Review all conditions carefully

Employment remarks
and restrictions



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

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CANADA

EB [REDACTED]
F [REDACTED]

Application/Demande: S [REDACTED]
UC/IUC: [REDACTED]

STUDY PERMIT/PERMIS D'ÉTUDES

CLIENT INFORMATION/INFORMATION DU CLIENT

Family Name/Nom de Famille: [REDACTED]
Given Name(s)/Prénom(s): [REDACTED]
Date of Birth/Date de naissance: [REDACTED] (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/jj)
Sex/Sexe: MALE
Country of Birth/Pays de naissance: KOREA, SOUTH
Country of Citizenship/Citoyen de: KOREA, SOUTH
Travel Doc No./N° du document de voyage: [REDACTED] PASSPORT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/INFORMATION SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Date Issued/Délivré le: 2025/02/20 (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/jj)
Expiry Date/Date d'expiration: 2026/12/03 (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/jj)
Case Type/Genre de cas: 30
Institution Name/Nom de l'institution: UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
Field of Study/Domaine d'études: SCIENCE, APPLIED
Level of Study/Niveau d'étude: UNIVERSITY - MASTER'S DEG. / UNIVERSITÉ - MAÎTRISE
In Force From/En vigueur le: 2025/02/20 (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/jj)

Conditions:

1. MUST LEAVE CANADA BY 2026/12/03
2. NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT IN BUSINESSES RELATED TO THE SEX TRADE SUCH AS STRIP CLUBS, MASSAGE PARLOURS OR ESCORT SERVICES.
3. MAY ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT ON OR OFF CAMPUS IF MEETING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AS PER R186(F), (V) OR (W). MUST CEASE WORKING IF NO LONGER MEETING THESE CRITERIA.



As a study permit holder you must:

- Be enrolled at a designated learning institution (DLI), unless you're exempt
- Show you're actively pursuing your studies, unless you're exempt, by
 - being enrolled full-time or part-time during each academic semester (excluding scheduled breaks)
 - making progress towards completing your program's courses, **and**
 - not taking authorized leaves longer than 150 days from your study program
- Apply to extend your study permit to change post-secondary schools
- End your studies if you no longer meet the requirements of being a student **and**
- Leave Canada when your permit expires

([IRCC website](#))

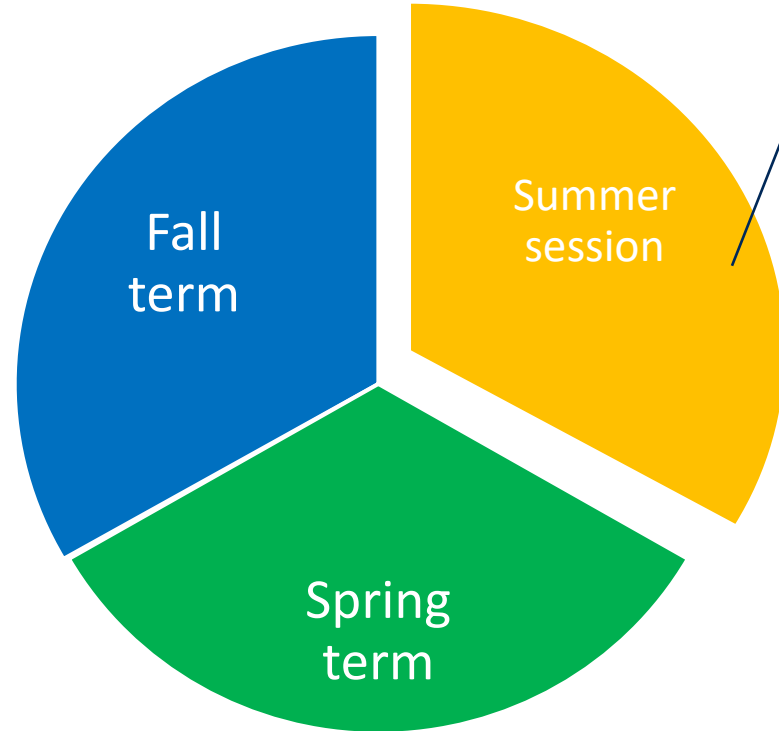
Full-time definition at UVic

- Undergraduate Calendar
- Graduate Calendar
- If you are registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL), contact your CAL Adviser for your full-time definition.



Full-time Definition for Undergrad

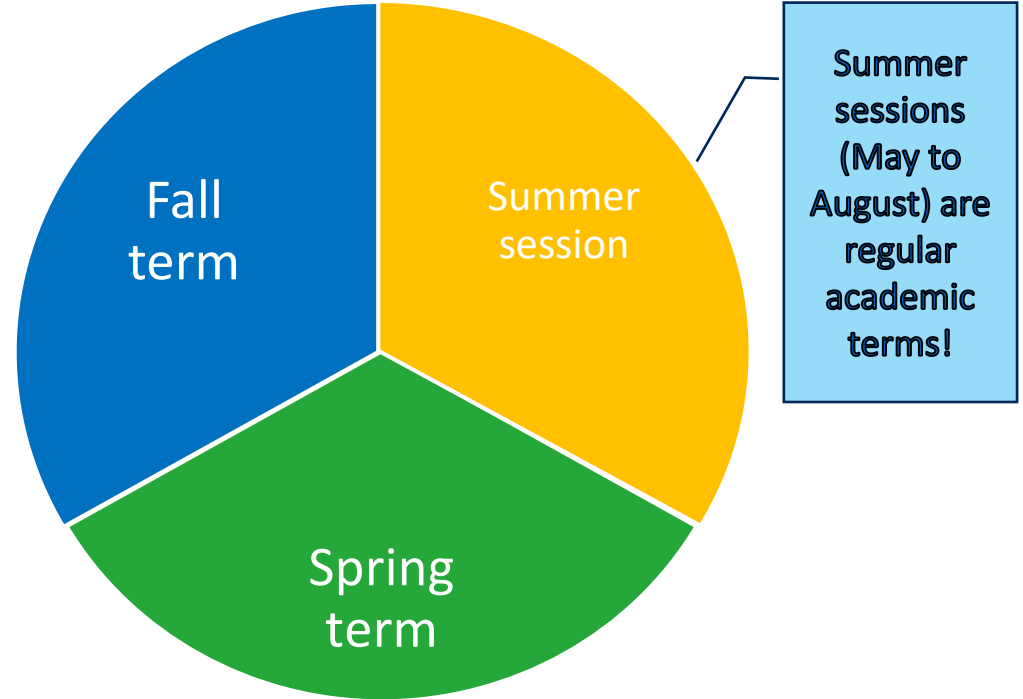
- Minimum 6 units in a 4-month term
- Minimum 12 units in fall term and spring term combined (Winter Session)
- Co-op term enrollment in a 4-month term



Summer sessions are considered scheduled breaks for many UG programs. Consult with your Academic Adviser if not sure.

Full-time Definition for Grad

- Continuous enrollment required
- Minimum 3 units in a single term
- Enrolment in a Co-op term



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a yellow sweater, is shown in profile, focused on her work. She is sitting at a desk, typing on a laptop. In the background, there is a large monitor displaying code, and the office environment is bright and modern with large windows and colorful sticky notes on the wall.

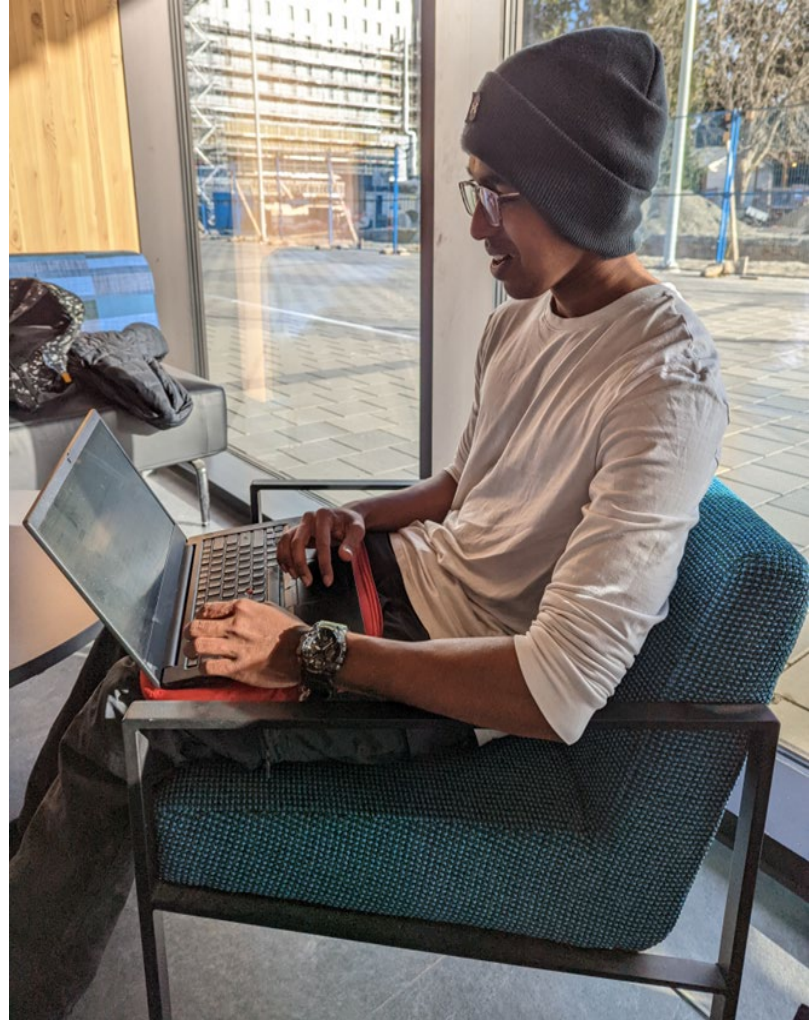
Study Permit Work Authorization

Work while you study

- Full-time enrolment at a DLI during regular academic terms except for final term
- Employment remarks (on/off campus) on your valid study permit
- You have started your program
- A valid Social Insurance Number (SIN)

ICS webpage: [Working in Canada](#)

IRCC website: [Definition of work](#)





Co-op, internship & practicum work

- Valid study permit that include remarks indicating that you may work on campus;
- Letter from UVic confirming the work placement is required for your program;
- The work placement must total no more than 50% of your study program;
- UVic program must be at least six months in duration and must lead to a degree, diploma or certificate; and
- full-time registration for the duration of your work component.

Social Insurance Number (SIN)

What is a SIN? How do I apply?

- Used for tax purposes, and required in order to be paid for work you do in Canada
- [Register](#) for the SIN Application Drop-in on September 4, 2026

Visit [Employment and Social Development Canada \(ESDC\)](#) website



Immigration Medical Exam (IME)

An immigration medical exam is required to work in certain jobs or settings in Canada. This applies even if the work is unpaid, and regardless of the type of work authorization you are using (on campus, off campus, co-op/internship/practicum work permit, post-graduate work permit, etc.)

A few examples of jobs/settings for which you will require a medical exam include:

- Workers in health-care settings
- Workers in primary or secondary school settings
- Workers in childcare settings

[Medical Exams \(IRCC website\)](#)

Post-Graduation Work Permit Eligibility

- You must complete a PGWP eligible program that's at least 8 months in length with a DLI
- You must have maintained **full-time** enrollment in your regular academic sessions except for scheduled breaks, authorized leaves (less than 150 days) and final term
- You must complete at least 50% of your program in-class inside Canada.
- English language requirement

Refer to the [IRCC website](#) for detailed and up-to-date PGWP program information at the time of applying



UVic Supports & Resources

- ICS website
 - [Working in Canada](#)
 - [Study permit](#)
- [Resources for working in Canada](#)
- [Jobs and career services](#)
- [One-on-one career coaching sessions](#)
- [Academic skills centre](#)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Study permit
Work eligibility & PGWP
Health insurance
Housing
Family supports
Community connections

GET SUPPORT

Drop-in advising

In-person | Phone | Virtual
M-F 1:30-3:30 pm



 uvic.ca/ics
 [uvicinternational](https://www.instagram.com/uvicinternational)
 [Global Community](https://www.facebook.com/GlobalCommunity)



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A coastal landscape featuring a rocky shoreline with dark, jagged rocks meeting the water. In the foreground, a pebbly beach is covered with numerous pieces of weathered driftwood. To the right, a steep hillside rises, covered in dry grass and some green shrubs. In the background, a calm sea extends to a distant, hazy mountain range under a clear sky. A small sailboat is visible on the far left horizon.

Questions?

Thank you and welcome
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