

International Student Welcome - Fall 2024

Studying and working in Canada

August 19, 2024



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Immigration policies may change without notice. The information provided in this presentation is current as of August 19, 2024. Please always refer to the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's website.



Agenda

- Welcome and introduction
- Your Canadian Immigration Documents
- Study permit conditions
- Your enrollment status and immigration considerations
- Q&A

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International Student Advising (ISA)

We provide information and advice on non-academic matters pertaining to your life as an international student in Canada. Topics we support include:

- Canadian immigration documents
- Health insurance
- Housing
- On-/off-campus work eligibility, SIN & income tax
- Identification cards
- Banking
- Mobile phones
- Referrals



Ways to get support from ISA team

- ICS website:
 - Living in Victoria
 - Video resources for new students
- International Current Newsletter
- Frontline settlement advising
- Immigration drop-in hours
- Information sessions and workshops



Your Immigration Documents

While you study at UVic

- Study permit (status document)
- Temporary resident visa (TRV) or Electronic travel authorization (ETA) (entry document)
- Co-op work permit (if applicable)

After graduation

Post-graduation work permit (PGWP)



Immigration documents for accompanying family members

Spouse/common law partner

- Spousal Open Work Permit or visitor visa
- eTa or TRV

Dependent children

- study permit or visitor visa
- eTA or TRV



Travelling to Canada

- Valid passport or other accepted travel document
- Valid temporary resident visa or eTA (if required)
- Valid study permit or letter of introduction
- UVic Verification of enrollment (Online Tools)
- Proof of funds
- Proof of a valid immigration medical examination (if required)

For more information, visit ICS website — <u>Travelling to Canada</u>.



Port of Entry (POE) Letter of Introduction

Be sure to

Review all conditions carefully





Documents you must bring with you to get your study permit:

- · a valid passport or travel document.
 - Your study permit won't be valid beyond your passport's expiry date.
- a valid temporary resident (visitor) visa (TRV) or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA), if required.
 - Your eTA is valid for multiple visits to Canada, until
 . Your eTA number is and is linked to the passport you used when you applied to study in Canada. If you obtain a new passport before you will need to apply for a new eTA by visiting www.canada.ca/eTA.



Entry documents



Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)



Temporary Resident Visa (TRV)- <u>Visa required country</u>

Study Permit

Be sure to

- Review all conditions carefully
- Consult with your international student adviser if needed
- Plan to extend your document 4-6 months before it expires



Remarks/Observations:

THIS DOES NOT AUTHORIZE RE-ENTRY/CECI N'AUTORISE PAS LA RE-ENTREE

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Study Permit Conditions

As a study permit holder you must:

- Be enrolled at a designated learning institute (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
- Tell IRCC any time you 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

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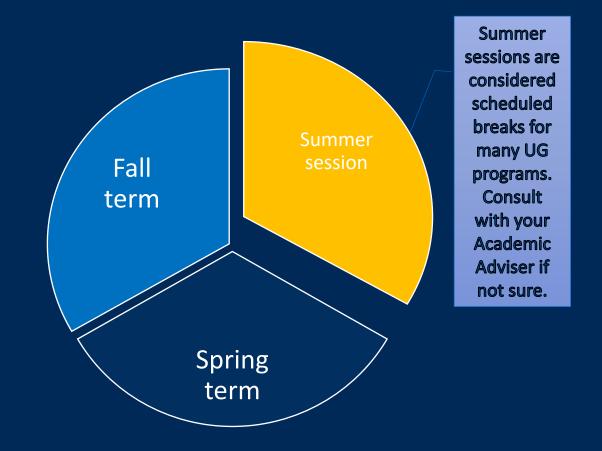
- o <u>Undergraduate Calendar</u>
- o <u>Graduate Calendar</u>

If you are registered with <u>Centre for Accessible</u> <u>Learning</u> (CAL), contact your CAL Adviser for your fulltime definition.



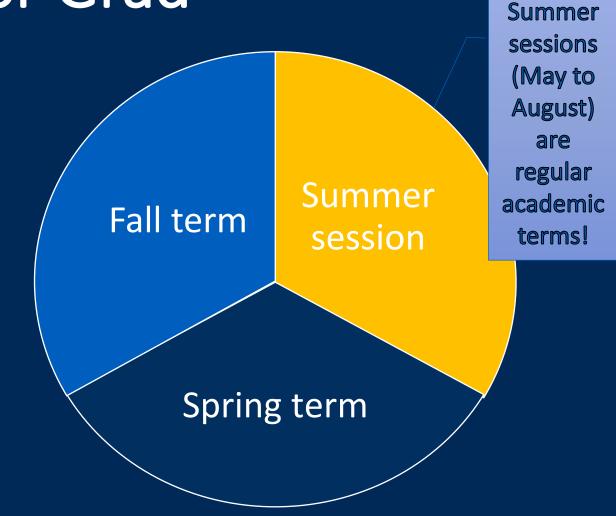
Full-time Definition for Undergrad

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



Full-time Definition for Grad

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



Study Permit Work Authorization

Working On/Off Campus

- Have a valid study permit with on/off campus remarks
- Have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Be registered in full-time studies at UVic during regular academic sessions except for final term
- Have started your program

Refer to the IRCC Website for detailed information



Co-op Work Permit

- If your program at UVic includes a work component such as a Co-op, internship, or practicum, you will need a co-op work permit.
- The co-op work permit can only be used for work that is an integral component of your studies at UVic.
- To apply for a co-op work permit, you will need a letter from your UVic Co-op, internship, or practicum program confirming that work is required for your program.
- Definition of work (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.
- Refer to the <u>IRCC website</u> for detailed and up-to-date PGWP program information at the time of applying



Social Insurance Number (SIN) and Income Tax

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
- Refer to the <u>Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)</u> website
- SIN application drop-in session on campus (August 30)

Income Tax

- Refer to ICS website Working in Canada page
- Visit the <u>Canada Revenue Agency</u> website



Students outside Canada: considerations

- Study permit processing timelines and options
- Online studies and post-graduation work permit (PGWP)
- Deadlines:
 - September 17, 2024 course drop with 100% tuition reduction
 - September 22, 2024 MTMI opt-out deadline for students outside Canada. Visit <u>Guard.me website</u>.



Students outside Canada:

- Admission (including entry point change / deferral)
 - Undergraduate students:
 Admission Assistant
 - Graduate students: Supervisor or Graduate Secretary
- Scholarships
 - Student Awards and Financial Aid
 - Graduate students: Department or <u>Faculty of Graduate Studies</u>

- Academic and program planning
 - Undergraduate students:
 Academic Adviser
 - Graduate students:
 <u>Graduate Adviser / Graduate</u>
 <u>Secretary</u>
- Residence
 - Residence Services



Immigration and settlement: Contact us!

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Daily drop-ins: Virtual, phone, and in-person from 1:30pm to

3:30pm (PT)



Q&A

