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We acknowledge and respect the *ləkwəŋən peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.*



International Centre for Students

International Student Advising (icsinfo@uvic.ca)

- Canadian Immigration documents pertaining to your international student experience at UVic
- Health insurance
- Settlement information
- And more

Student Exchange Program (goglobal@uvic.ca)

Student exchanges (incoming and outgoing) with partner universities in over 20 countries

Global Community (gcmentor@uvic.ca)

- Orientation, presentations, workshops and social events.
- Mentorship and Conversation Partners Programs
- Facebook group and <u>@UVicInternational</u> Instagram
- Volunteer and leadership opportunities



International Student Advising (ISA)

Immigration topics we can provide guidance

- Canadian immigration documents for students and their dependent family members (e.g., study permit, TRV or eTA, co-op work permit, post-graduation work permit, spousal work permit and visitor records)
- Student work authorization while studying and after graduation
- PR advising and open work permit unrelated to your program at UVic are outside of our scope.

Topics related to your life as an international student

 Health insurance, housing, income tax, banking, mobile phones etc.

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Ways to receive our support

- ICS website
- In the Know: Advice for international students International Current Newsletter
- Frontline advising 9am to 4:30pm during weekdays (inperson, phone, email, or Teams)
- Immigration Drop-in Appointment Hours during weekdays (2-4pm, in-person, phone, or Teams)
- Information sessions and workshops



Disclaimer

- Do not cite immigration information from the presentation as policies may change without notice
- Business students should contact Business International team at <u>gsbimmigration@uvic.ca</u>
- Continuing studies students must contact <u>uvcsimmigration@uvic.ca</u> for help.
- Refer to the <u>IRCC website</u> for most current information.



Immigration Knowledge Pop-Quiz

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- A study permit with an employment remark allows me to work in Canada.
- I must register for full-time course load during academic sessions to meet study permit conditions.
- 3. I must not work for more than 1 job as an international student in Canada.



Sample Study Permit





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Study Permit Work Authorization

Working in Canada:

- It may be possible for you to work while studying without having a work permit, but your program of study must always be your first priority.
- **Before** you begin working, you **must** ensure that you are eligible to work in Canada.

Working from outside Canada:

• Work authorization is not required.





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Work on- and off-Campus

Your study permit may allow you to work while studying in Canada if you meet all of the following conditions:

- You have started your program and are registered in fulltime studies during regular academic sessions
 - Undergraduate Calendar

Graduate Calendar

- Your study permit has employment remarks stating your work eligibility
- You have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)



Work on- and off-Campus

In general, study permit holders with full-time enrollment meeting conditions may be allowed to work:

- Up to 20 hours per week off-campus during regular academic sessions (<u>special measure</u> lifting 20-hour-per-week rule in effect until December 31, 2023, conditions apply)
- Unlimited hours on-campus during regular academic session
- Unlimited hours on- and off-campus during scheduled breaks

Source: IRCC website - work while studying



UVic Co-op/Internship/Experiential learning

- You must have a valid Study Permit
- You must also have a Co-op Work Permit or student work permit for paid or unpaid work experiences that are part of your program of studies (Temporary Co-op WP exemption in effect ending December 31, 2023)
- You will need a letter from Co-op Office or department to apply for a co-op or student work permit.
- If you are interested in working for co-op employers outside Canada, consult with International Co-op Coordinator, Sarah McQuillam (<u>intlcoopcoord@uvic.ca</u>).



SIN and Income Tax Resources

If you want to work while you study at UVic, you need to:

- apply for a <u>Social Insurance Number</u>
- learn about filing an <u>income tax return</u>



Work after Graduation

Eligible international students can apply for a postgraduation work permit to gain valuable Canadian work experience in Canada after graduation.

- <u>Post-graduation work permit program (PGWPP)</u>
- <u>PGWP eligibility</u>





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Hours: 9:00am to 4:30pm (PT) during weekdays

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