

PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION SESSION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SPRING 2022

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Territory Acknowledgement

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.



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International Student Advising

- Canadian Immigration documents related to international student experience
- Health insurance
- Settlement information

Self-isolation Program

- Support and resources for students planning to travel to Canada and complete the mandatory 14-day self-isolation

Student Exchange Program

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

Global Community

- Orientation events
- Mentorship and Conversation Partners Programs
- Facebook group and bi-weekly newsletter
- Volunteer and leadership opportunities
- Presentations, workshops and events



Agenda

- Preparing for your arrival
- Immigration and travel documents
- Academic enrollment status and implications
- COVID-19 travel requirements



Disclaimers

- This session is for general information only and information shared in this session may be subject to change without notice. For the most up-to-date information, always refer to
 - ❖ [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's \(IRCC\) website](#)
 - ❖ [COVID 19: travel, testing and borders](#)
- This session is not intended for Business or Continuing Studies students.
 - ❖ Gustavson School of Business students should contact GSB International team at gsbimmigration@uvic.ca.
 - ❖ Continuing studies students must contact uvcsimmigration@uvic.ca for help.
- This session is not for short term (less than 6 months) students
- This session is not for Canadian citizens or permanent residents.



International Student Advising

- ICS website: [Living in Canada](#) section
- ICS - [COVID-19 information website](#)
- In the Know: Advice for international students – [UVic Global Community Newsletter](#)
- Frontline advising
- Immigration drop-ins hours on most weekdays between 2:00pm to 4:00pm (PT)
- Email, phone, pre-booked appointments
- Information sessions and workshops



International Student Advisers

Do's

- Answer questions about study permit, student work authorization, co-op work permit, post-graduation work permit, your accompanying family member's immigration documents.

Don'ts

- Provide advice on academic planning
- Answer questions about Canadian citizenship or permanent residency related matters



PREPARING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL



New Student Information

- [Netlink ID](#)
 - [Online Tools](#)
- [International Student Welcome](#)
 - [Winter Welcome](#)
- [New Student Handbook](#)
- [Technology Integrated Learning](#)
- [ICS pre-arrival and arrival checklists](#)



IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS



What is a study permit?

- A status document that expires
- Allows you to stay in Canada and engage in a program of study
- May allow eligible students to work while studying in Canada
 - [On-campus employment conditions](#)
 - [Off-campus employment conditions](#)



Port of Entry Letter Sample



June 09, 2016

Unique Client Identifier: [Your Universal Client ID]



[Your Name]

[Your Address]

Application Number: [Your Application Number]



This is not a study permit

Dear [Your Name] ,

Your application to study in Canada has been approved. A permit authorizing your studies will be issued to you on your arrival to Canada following an examination by an officer of the Canada Border Services Agency, subject to your compliance with the requirements of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and its Regulations. The officer will ask to see this letter, your passport and may request to see your supporting documents, such as the letter of acceptance from your educational institution. Do not pack these or other valuable papers in your checked luggage. You can find out more about which documents you will need to bring with you by visiting www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study-arriving.asp

As you gather your documents, please take note of the following:

- **This letter is not a passport or travel document.** You will not be permitted to board your flight without your passport, even if you have this letter with you.
- **This letter is not an authorization permitting you to enter or remain in Canada.** An officer of the Canada Border Services Agency will make that determination upon your arrival to Canada.
- **This letter is important** because it contains information that will be used by the Canada Border Services Agency to issue your study permit. Please do not misplace it.



You must seek entry to Canada to obtain your study permit by 2018/03 /21 (yyyy/mm/dd). Your passport must be valid beyond the period you intend to remain in Canada. If not, the validity of your study permit will not be issued beyond the expiry date of your passport, or, for United States citizens and permanent residents, the validity date of your identity document.

Note: As an international student in Canada, it is your responsibility to ensure that you continue to meet the conditions of your study permit, including the requirement to actively pursue studies. Your study permit will automatically become invalid 90 days after you complete your study program, regardless of the expiry date indicated on your study permit. For more information, please consult: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp>



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Study Permit Sample


 Citizenship and Immigration Canada / Citoyenneté et Immigration Canada
 
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CANADA

TORONTO ON CANADA

Application/Demande: _____

UCI/IUC: _____

STUDY PERMIT/PERMIS D'ÉTUDES

CLIENT INFORMATION/INFORMATION DU CLIENT

Family Name/Nom de Famille: _____

Given Name(s)/Prénom(s): _____

Date of Birth/Date de naissance: _____ (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/yy)

Sex/Sexe: MALE

Country of Birth/Pays de naissance: RUSSIA

Country of Citizenship/Citoyen de: RUSSIA

Travel Doc No./N° du document de voyage: _____ PASSPORT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/INFORMATION SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Date Issued/Déjà le: 2014/ _____ (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/yy)

Expiry Date/Date d'expiration: 2015/ _____ (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/yy)

Case Type/Genre de cas: _____

Institution Name/Nom de l'institution: OTHER SECONDARY

Field of Study/Domaine d'études: ANY SECONDARY

In Force From/En vigueur le: 2014/ _____ (yyyy/mm/dd - aaaa/mm/yy)


Conditions:

1. UNLESS AUTHORIZED, PROHIBITED FROM ENGAGING IN EMPLOYMENT IN CANADA.
2. MUST LEAVE CANADA BY 2015/

Remarks/Observations: _____

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

THIS FORM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE MINISTER OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION - THIS DOCUMENT IS THE PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
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Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) and Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

- Only required for certain nationalities
- Entry document
- When you apply for a study permit outside Canada, your TRV or eTA will be issued when your study permit is approved
- TRV usually shares the same expiry date as your study permit
- eTA may be issued for up to 5 years or to your passport expiry
- US citizens do not need TRV or eTA to enter



PGWP Eligibility Requirements

- To apply for a [post-graduation work permit](#), you must have:
 - completed a study program that was at least 8 months long
 - maintained **full-time** status during regular academic terms except for scheduled breaks or your final semester, which can be part-time, or if you took an authorized [leave from your studies](#).
 - have or had a valid study permit when you apply
 - Completed at least 50% of the program in-person
- [IRCC COVID-19 special measures](#)



ACADEMIC ENROLMENT AND IMMIGRATION IMPLICATIONS



Program Planning

- Seek academic advice early and often
- Program Planning:
 - [Resources for Undergraduate students](#)
- Connect with your Academic Adviser:
 - [Undergraduate students](#)
 - [Graduate students](#)
- [UVic Academic Important Dates](#)



Academic Enrolment Terms

- **Academic sessions**
 - Winter session (September – April)
 - Summer session (May – August)
- **Scheduled breaks**
 - Summer break (E.g., UG Tri-Faculty, Law and some Fine Art programs)
 - Reading break
 - Winter break
- **Full-time definitions at UVic**
 - [Undergraduate Calendar](#)
 - [Graduate Calendar](#)



COVID-19 SPECIAL MEASURES & TRAVEL DOCUMENTS



PGWP Eligibility – Online Studies

- Time spent studying online outside Canada between spring 2020 and **August 31, 2022**, may count toward the length of a PGWP if you meet all the PGWP eligibility criteria and receive a study permit approval.
- After August 31, 2022, any time spent studying outside Canada may be deducted from the length of your PGWP.

[\(Note: This slide has been updated to reflect the most recent update from IRCC on November 26, 2021\)](#)

For most updated IRCC Post-graduation work permit measures, be sure to visit the [IRCC website](#).



Immigration and Travel

To be able to enter Canada as a student, you must meet 2 requirements:

- You must have a valid study permit or a valid letter of introduction that shows you are approved for a study permit.
- You must be attending [a designated learning institution \(DLI\) with a COVID-19 readiness plan](#) approved by its province or territory. **UVic is a DLI with an approved COVID-19 readiness plan.**



Travel Documents

- Passport
- A valid study permit **or** a letter of introduction issued by IRCC
- A valid [entry document](#) (TRV or eTA if required)
- A valid letter of acceptance (UVic study permit information letter)
- Verification of Enrolment (You can print it out through UVic [Online tools](#) > Online request forms when you are registered in courses.)
- Proof of your [valid medical exam](#) (if required)
- [Proof of funds](#) available to support you and any family members who come with you to Canada
- Any other required documents regarding COVID-19 vaccination, testing and quarantine information



COVID-19 VACCINATION AND QUARANTINE INFORMATION



Vaccination & self-isolation requirements

- Vaccinated travelers may travel to Canada and those who meet the [Government of Canada requirements of fully vaccinated travelers](#) may not have to self-isolate (quarantine) for 14 days.
- Follow the appropriate checklist on the [Government of Canada website](#) when making arrangements as requirements may vary depending on your method of travel.
- You must [register your self-isolation plans](#) with:
 - **Government of Canada**, using ArriveCAN app
 - **University of Victoria**, by completing the [Study Location Registration Form](#)



Travel within and from Canada

- Starting November 30, travelers must have Canadian Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination to travel by plane or train. To obtain this proof of vaccination, refer to the BC Vaccine Card and Canadian Proof of Vaccination [Handout](#) for instructions.
- **For detailed information about the proof of vaccination to travel within and from Canada, visit the [Government of Canada's COVID-19 website](#).**



UVic Self-isolation Program

If you are not fully vaccinated with a [Health Canada approved vaccine](#) or have any questions pertaining to vaccination or self-isolation requirements, please contact the Self-isolation Program team for specific information:

- **Email:** uvicsip@uvic.ca
- **Phone:** +1 250 472 4984
- **Webpage:** <https://www.uvic.ca/international/inbound-students/self-isolation/index.php>



Resources

- IRCC Website: <https://www.cic.gc.ca>
- [How the COVID-19 is affecting immigration services](#)
- [Help Centre](#)
- [IRCC International Student Program](#)
- [COVID-19: Travel, testing, quarantine and borders](#)
- [COVID-19: Post-Graduation Work permit eligibility special measures](#)
- [Contact CBSA](#) if you have questions about border measures



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Winter break: December 25, 2021 –
January 3, 2022

