We acknowledge and respect the lək̓ʷəŋən 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
- 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
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
This is not a study permit
Study Permit Sample

TORONTO ON
CANADA

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: 
Sex/Sexe: MALE
Country of Birth/Pays de naissance: RUSSIA
Country of Citizenship/Citoyen de: RUSSIA
Travel Doc No./N° du document de voyage: 

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/INFORMATION SUPPLÉMENTAIRE
Date Issued/Délivré le: 2014
Expiry Date/Date d’expiration: 2015
Case Type/Genre de cas: 
Institution Name/Nom de l’institution: 
Field of Study/Domaine d’études: OTHER SECONDARY
In Force From/En vigueur le: 2014

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***
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
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
• Time spent studying online outside Canada between spring 2020 and **December 31, 2021**, may count toward the length of a PGWP if you meet all the PGWP eligibility criteria and receive a study permit approval.

• After December 31, 2021, any time spent studying outside Canada may be deducted from the length of your PGWP.

**IRCC Post-graduation work permit measures**
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](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
ICS Contact Information

**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (PT) Monday - Friday

[Time Zone Converter](#)

**Phone:** +1 250 721 6361

**Email:** icsinfo@uvic.ca

**Website:** [www.uvic.ca/ics](http://www.uvic.ca/ics)

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