



Only one month to go!

The UCalgary community is looking forward to the start of the upcoming fall term on **August 30**, with regular classes starting **September 7**. Our [International Student Services](#) (ISS) team is especially excited to share updates and valuable information to help you prepare for the upcoming fall term.

Carefully review the information below and plan to attend webinars—or review the recordings and presentation slides. If you missed our earlier July 5 update email, a copy can be viewed [here](#).

If you still have questions after accessing the resources provided, contact our team at iss@ucalgary.ca.

Kind regards,

International Student Services

Travelling to Canada

Travel restrictions are still in place; however, Canada is allowing international students who have a valid study permit or study permit approval letter to enter.

Please time your arrival to Canada no earlier than one month prior to the commencement of the fall term on **August 30, 2021**. If you need to **come earlier**

than **July 30, 2021** or have any immigration related questions, contact our ISS regulated Canadian immigration advisors at issimmigration@ucalgary.ca.

Students from the United States (U.S.)

As of **August 9, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. EDT**, fully vaccinated citizens and permanent residents of the United States (U.S.) who are currently residing in the U.S. will be allowed to enter Canada for non-essential travel.

Read the [Public Health Agency of Canada press release](#).

Travelling from India

The Government of Canada has [extended the suspension of flights](#) flying directly from India to Canada until **August 21, 2021**. If you are travelling to Canada from India through a connecting country, you will be required to obtain a [COVID-19 pre-departure test](#) from the connecting country before continuing your trip to Canada.

Quarantine and testing requirements

July 19, 2021 update: The Government of Canada announced plans to ease some quarantine and testing requirements for travellers to Canada **arriving after 12:01 a.m. EDT on August 9, 2021**, including:

- The 3-night mandatory hotel quarantine requirement will be removed for all travellers to Canada;
- Fully vaccinated travellers will not need to complete a post-arrival test unless randomly selected to complete a Day 1 COVID-19 test.

At this time, ISS does not have more specific information than what the [Public Health Agency of Canada Press Release](#) includes. For general information about these new changes, visit the [Re-opening Canada's Borders page \(PDF version\)](#). When we know more, updates will be shared to the [ISS Covid-19 FAQ](#) page.

If you are travelling before 12:01 a.m. EDT on August 9, 2021, unless you are eligible for an exemption (such as the fully vaccinated traveller or unaccompanied minor exemptions), you must follow testing and quarantine requirements, including the 3-night hotel stay. Learn more about requirements and exemptions here:

- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): International students](#)
- [COVID-19: Travel, testing, quarantine and borders](#)
- [Fully vaccinated travellers website](#)

QUARANTINE PLANS:

Regardless of when you intend to travel or your vaccination status, you must have a 14-day quarantine plan. Travellers who are not fully vaccinated must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.

- [Mandatory quarantine or isolation website](#)
- [Assess your quarantine plan](#)

Once you have confirmed your travel plans, you must submit an online arrival form to the **University of Calgary Student Public Health Inquiry** team. See below for more details and to access the form:

- [UCalgary arrival information website](#)

*Our ISS team understands how challenging it can be to plan when government regulations continue to change. We are here to help! Attend our updated Welcome Webinar "**How to prepare for your arrival in Calgary during the COVID-19 pandemic**" on August. 5. Register [here](#).*

Important contact information

RESIDENCE:

Residents of on-campus housing for fall 2021 must submit a quarantine request to **Residence Services** to inform them of their arrival plans and to determine availability for on-campus quarantine. For more details:

- Residence Services [Fall 2021 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Residence Services email: campusservicecentre@ucalgary.ca

GRADUATE STUDENTS:

If you need more support as you prepare, the Faculty of Graduate Studies Grad Arrival team can provide assistance. Review their website for [International graduate students arriving in Canada](#).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES:

ISS has [resource pages](#) (e.g. banking, phone, medical insurance) and upcoming [Welcome Webinars](#) to answer many common questions. If you can't find the answer to your question, contact our team:

- Non-academic, non-immigration questions: iss@ucalgary.ca:
- Canadian immigration questions: issimmigration@ucalgary.ca

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Want to learn more about what you need when travelling to Canada, travel restrictions, Government of Canada updates, the impact of COVID-19 on your studies, and more? Visit our [ISS COVID-19 FAQ](#) page and the [UCalgary fall 2021 term FAQ](#) page for the most up-to-date information.

Programs



USpeak Global

Want to be more comfortable speaking English or another language? Sign up for this language exchange experience to improve your language skills, while teaching your own at the same time!

Stay tuned for more information. Applications will be **open in late August**. Learn more [here](#).

Workshops & events

ISS Welcome Webinars

Questions about student life, transitioning to Calgary, housing or finances? Attend Welcome Webinars hosted by our [ISS](#) team. These webinars will help ensure a smooth start to your time in Calgary.

- **Aug. 5:** How to prepare for your arrival in Calgary during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Register »](#)
- **Aug. 6:** Finding off-campus accommodation. [Register »](#)
- **Aug. 11:** Finances and planning for the year ahead. [Register »](#)
- **Aug. 12:** Healthcare & medical insurance in Alberta. [Register »](#)
- **Aug. 18:** Exploring Calgary. [Register »](#)
- **Aug. 25:** Calgary Weather. [Register »](#)
- **Sept. 16:** Resources for students with families. [Register »](#)

Find a full list of upcoming webinar and workshop sessions [here](#).

International Student Orientation

New graduate students can register for **Graduate Student Orientation** (Sept. 1). Your registration will also include International Student Orientation on Sept. 1 and an international graduate student panel on Sept. 3.

- Learn more about International Student Orientation [here](#).
- Register for GSO and ISO together [here](#).

If you can't attend these virtual events, recordings and slides will be shared on the ISS webpage.

Campus partner webinars and events

The University of Calgary has many teams dedicated to supporting you! Check out some of these upcoming events and workshop series:

Online Unwind

Leadership and Student Engagement (LSE) hosts events throughout August for students to meet and connect with each other. Bring a friend or meet new ones - all are welcome! Learn more and register for events [here](#).

University 101s with Professor Rex

Join the **Office of the Registrar** as they host a series of workshops to help you in the year ahead on subjects such as financial aid, international student support, fees, and more! See full list of sessions and register [here](#).

Get set for academic success

Interested in ways to academically succeed this year? The **Student Success Centre (SSC)** hosts many webinars to help you set goals for a fulfilling and successful year. Learn more and find additional learning resources [here](#).

More information & resources

Looking for help with course registration?

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is here to help you. You can contact them directly at graduate@ucalgary.ca.

Connect with us

Follow us on our **Facebook** and **Instagram** accounts, as we will be sharing information via social media.

We also encourage you to [sign up for the ISS newsletter](#) to get important updates and to learn about interesting webinars and opportunities for students.

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