



## Only two months to go!

With September fast approaching, the whole UCalgary community is looking forward with excitement to the start of a new academic year. Our [International Student Services](#) team is here to support you through your university experience.

Please review the important information below in preparation for the fall term.

Stay tuned, as we will be sending another email in August with updated information and reminders.

After reviewing the information below, if you have any questions or require assistance, please feel free to contact us at [iss@ucalgary.ca](mailto:iss@ucalgary.ca).

Kind regards,

International Student Services

## Travelling to Canada

### Travelling to Canada and quarantine requirements

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 a month prior to the commencement of the fall term on **August 30, 2021**. If you need to come sooner or if

you have any immigration related questions, please contact our Immigration Advisors at [issimmigration@ucalgary.ca](mailto:issimmigration@ucalgary.ca) to get their guidance.

Once you have confirmed your travel plans, you will need to share your arrival information with UCalgary. Learn how to do this [here](#).

For information about travel restrictions and quarantine requirements in Canada, please be sure to review all the information in the links below prior to your travels.

- [Alberta: Isolation and quarantine requirements](#)
- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): International students](#)
- [COVID-19: Travel, quarantine and borders](#)

To learn more, sign up for our Welcome Webinar "**How to prepare for your arrival in Calgary during the COVID-19 pandemic.**" Register today for [July 13](#) or [August 5](#).

As you prepare for the fall term, take some time to review the [New Student Checklist](#) and our [online resources](#) to ensure you're ready, whether starting remotely or in Calgary.

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## Fully Vaccinated Travellers

Effective **July 5, 2021**, fully-vaccinated travellers who are eligible to enter Canada (including international students with a valid study permit or study permit approval letter) may be exempt from the 14-day quarantine (including the 3-day hotel stay) and COVID-19 testing on day 8 of quarantine.

Fully-vaccinated travellers must have digital or paper proof of an [approved COVID-19 vaccination](#) (in English, French, or certified translation), complete pre-departure testing and testing upon arrival in Canada, be asymptomatic while travelling, prepare and submit a quarantine plan, and follow all public health measures currently in place. Learn more:

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

If you intend to live in UCalgary residence, you must also follow any current quarantine and resident health measures. For more details, please visit the [Residence Services website](#).

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## Travelling from India

The Government of Canada has [extended the suspension of flights](#) flying directly from India to Canada until **July 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.

## 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 further information.

## Workshops & events

### Welcome Webinars

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

- **July 8:** Introduction to International Student Services. Register [here](#).
- **July 9:** Choosing accommodation in Calgary. Register [here](#).
- **July 13:** How to prepare for your arrival in Calgary during the COVID-19 pandemic. Register [here](#).
- **July 14:** Healthcare & medical insurance in Alberta. Register [here](#).
- **July 20:** Finding off-campus accommodation. Register [here](#).
- **July 21:** Finances and planning for the year ahead. Register [here](#).
- **July 27:** Resources for students with families. Register [here](#).

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

If you are a new incoming student, be sure to check out the Orientation events (September 1 – 3) and resources on our [ISS Orientation webpage](#).



### Online Unwind

Leadership and Student Engagement (LSE) is hosting an event for students to meet and connect with others. Join them for fun icebreakers and activities to help you get to know other students. Bring a friend or meet new ones — all are welcome!

**Date:** Monday, July 12

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 p.m. [MDT](#)

Learn more and register [here](#).

## More information & resources

## Medical insurance

You must plan for your medical insurance and needs before you travel. Consider:

- What documents should you travel with (e.g. vaccination and health records)?
- Do you have travel medical insurance for your trip and until you have active coverage through the [Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan \(AHCIP\)](#) and the [Students' Union \(SU\)/Graduate Students' Union \(GSA\)](#), if eligible?
- Are you required to quarantine outside Alberta, in another province—and do you have medical insurance during this time?
- How to apply for the AHCIP after any required quarantine period?
- When does your SU or GSA coverage start?



To learn more, visit our [Medical Insurance](#) resource page and sign up for our Welcome Webinar on "Health Care & Medical Insurance in Alberta." Register now for [July 14](#) or [August 12](#).

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## Finding a place to live in Calgary

Whether you decide to live on or off campus, it's essential that you do research before your arrival to understand which accommodation option works best for your needs.

Visit our [housing](#) webpage to learn more about on- and off-campus housing, including options for when you first arrive and need to quarantine.

Sign up for a Welcome Webinar:

- [Choosing accommodation in Calgary | July 9](#)
- [Finding off-campus accommodation | July 20](#)



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## Unicard

If you don't have a [Unicard](#) yet, submit your photo for your card **before August 15** to be entered into a draw for some great prizes.

Learn more and send in your photo [here](#).

For questions, please contact [unicard@ucalgary.ca](mailto:unicard@ucalgary.ca).



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## 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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