

International Students Services (ISS)



Dear Student,

We hope you're enjoying the summer so far and getting ready for fall 2022 term! Are you traveling to Canada? Here are some travel tips for returning to campus:

Tip #1 When returning to Canada, ensure you have:

- a valid study permit
- either a valid Temporary Resident Visa OR an electronic travel authorization (eTA) - you'll need whichever is required
- your confirmation of registration letter
- proof that you have enough money to support yourself
- the ArriveCAN app with data uploaded and receipt
- proof of vaccination this is required of all international students 18 years old or older

Tip #2 As a returning international student on a valid study permit, you're perceived as a temporary resident in Canada. When completing your customs/CBSA declaration, you should complete the electronic form as a resident of Canada. You should also know your traveller exemptions. Be honest; know your responsibilities and declare.

If you have any questions or need support, please feel free to email our team at iss@ucalgary.ca.

Stay well!

Important dates and Information

- Aug. 12: Start of summer intersession exams
- Aug. 15: End of summer intersession exams
- Aug. 26: End of spring/summer term
- Aug. 29: Start of fall term | block week starts
- Sept. 2: Block week ends
- Sept. 5: Labour Day (university closed)
- Sept. 6: fall term classes begin

Save the date: The Welcome Centre opens Aug. 18

Are you new to Calgary? Visit the Welcome Centre in MSC 275 from Aug. 18 to Sept. 2. The Centre's operating hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. MST. Come get advice from current students to help you transition to living and studying in Calgary. Learn about campus supports, hear about things you must do in Calgary, and join daily social events to meet your peers. Visitors can also grab a free welcome bag while supplies last! Learn about the Welcome Centre.

Arranging a place to stay

Due to high demand, all on-campus UCalgary residence spaces are full for fall 2022. If you're on a waitlist for Residence, there's no guarantee that you'll receive a housing offer because the waitlist is moving slowly. For questions about Residence, please email Residence Services at campusservicecentre@ucalgary.ca.

If you don't have a confirmed place to live on campus, please refer to the following information and resources on finding off-campus accommodation:

- ISS housing webpage
- Off-campus housing webpage
- ISS "Welcome Webinars" titled: *Finding off-campus accommodation* and *Choosing accommodation in Calgary*.

You must arrange for temporary accommodations before you arrive in Canada so you have a place to stay while you look form long-term housing (or before the Residence move-in date). Before signing a rental agreement, we strongly recommend you visit the accommodation in-person to meet the landlord and prospective roommates (if it's shared accommodation). Try to arrive 2–4 weeks before classes start to arrange your off-campus housing.

Related articles

- Many neighbourhoods in Calgary are great places to live while studying
- How to interview a potential roommate
- Your guide to living off-campus
- Protecting yourself from potential rental scams

Information and opportunities

Transit summer pass discount

As Calgarians head into what's sure to be a great end to the summer, Calgary Transit is offering discounted monthly passes for Aug. and Sept. Adult and youth monthly passes will be \$56, which is a 50% discount on regular adult monthly passes and a 30% discount on youth passes. Learn more about summer transit passes.

Events and workshops



Minor Students: Travelling and Studying in Canada

This webinar is for new international students who are 17 years old or younger. We'll be presenting information on travelling and studying in Canada that's specifically tailored for minor international students. Register to attend.

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 17 **Time:** 7–8 a.m. MDT



Unwind with Leadership and Student Engagement

Join Leadership and Student Engagement for a fun Unwind session and participate in various craft activities, puzzles, and board games! Materials will be provided. Register to attend.

Location: International Students Services MSC 275

Date: Thursday, Aug. 18 **Time:** 11 a.m.–2 p.m. MDT

Plant and paint with the Office of Sustainability

Craving to get your hands in some soil and meet new friends? Join us for a FREE fun-filled afternoon of potting plants and painting pots hosted by the Office of Sustainability! You'll be able to take your



new plant friend home to 'spruce' up your room, house or apartment. Register to attend.

Location: International Students Services MSC 275

Date: Monday, Aug. 22 **Time:** 1–3 p.m. MDT



Games with Career Services

Join Career Services for a fun afternoon of games! Get to know Career Services and how they can assist you throughout your studies while meeting your peers and testing your knowledge on careerrelated topics and themes. Register to attend.

Location: International Students Services MSC 275

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 23 **Time:** 1–4 p.m. MDT



Academic Integrity: Collaborating with Peers

Students are strongly advised to listen to the recorded Academic Integrity 101 workshop and take the quiz available on the Academic Integrity D2L site before attending this workshop. View the instructions for accessing D2L. Register to attend.

Location: TFDL 355D

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 16

Time: 10–11 a.m. MDT



Planning Your Semester: Time Management Tips for Incoming Students

Did you know there are three levels of time management to consider when structuring your university semesters? In this online workshop you'll learn how to use big-picture planning, weekly scheduling, and daily programming to keep track of your commitments and maximize your time. Register to attend.

Location: online

Date: Thursday, Aug. 18 **Time:** 5–6 p.m. MDT



Communicating with Confidence at Work (International Students)

As an international student, being able to communicate confidently will help you achieve your career goals in Canada. Learn how to demonstrate confidence when communicating and identify the behaviours you can improve on. Register to attend.

Location: online

Date: Thursday, Aug. 18 **Time:** 10–11 a.m. MDT



Academic Success Strategies for First-Year Students

Join Student Success Centre at this online session to learn how they can help you work towards your goals as a UCalgary student. You will leave with a deeper understanding of their services and some tips to help you get a successful start to your semester. Register to attend.

Location: online **Date:** Friday, Aug. 19 **Time:** 9–10 a.m. MDT

Do you want more events?

Check out our **ISS Events calendar** for a list of events and workshops for international students.

Are you interested in events hosted by other offices? Visit the following:

- Career Services
- Faith and Spirituality Centre
- Leadership and Student Engagement
- Money Smart
- Student Success Centre
- Student Wellness
- Women's Resource Centre

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