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Dear Student,

Are you thinking of working during the holiday break? From **Dec. 25, 2021**, to **Jan. 2, 2022**, all full-time students with a valid study permit are permitted to work full-time, overtime or multiple jobs off-campus.

Do you have questions about work eligibility? Contact our Immigration Advisors at issimmigration@ucalgary.ca.

Stay well!

International Student Services

Important dates and information

- **Dec. 9:** End of classes; Last day to withdraw from a course
- **Dec. 13:** Final exams begin
- **Dec. 22:** Final exams end
- **Dec. 24:** End of term
- **Dec. 25 - Jan. 2:** University closed for the holidays

Proof of full vaccination deadline (Jan. 1, 2022)

To be eligible to take in-person courses in winter 2022, you must have declared yourself fully vaccinated and uploaded your proof of vaccination by **Jan. 1, 2022**.

[Learn more »](#)

International students planning to travel to Canada but unable to access a WHO-approved vaccine in their home country may be able to apply for **temporary accommodation**. The application deadline is **today, Dec. 1, 2021**.

Note: Requests are reviewed in the order they are received. There may be a delay in getting formal decisions completed, as a high volume of requests have been received, and each request takes time for thorough and careful review.

IMMIGRATION AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

Distance learning (remote studies)

Inside of Canada - Students in Canada are encouraged to attend in-person classes. However, students can study remotely **if their courses were moved online due to the pandemic** without impacting their post-graduate open work permit (PGWP) eligibility.

Outside of Canada - Students can complete up to 100% of their studies remotely from outside Canada **between spring 2020 and Aug. 31, 2022**, and still be eligible for a postgraduate work permit if they hold a valid study permit, have a study permit approval or have applied for a study permit and are approved later on. This is **a temporary COVID-19 policy** and expires on **Aug. 31, 2022**.

If these IRCC policies impact you, we encourage you to connect with your **program advisor** to discuss your options in ensuring your continued academic success.

Note: Changes can occur rapidly. Ensure you are keeping up to date on immigration policies and requirements.

[Learn more »](#)

Suspension of entry to Canada (NEW)

Effective immediately and until **Jan. 31, 2022**, all foreign nationals who have been in **Botswana, Egypt, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa and Zimbabwe** within the previous 14 days before arriving in Canada will not be permitted entry to Canada.

[Learn more »](#)

On-arrival PCR testing (NEW)

On-arrival PCR testing has been implemented once again for all travellers authorized to travel to Canada.

[Learn more »](#)

Travel update

The Government of Canada recently made an update regarding additional measures when entering Canada. To learn more, visit our [ISS COVID-19 FAQ](#) page under the "Testing and quarantine requirements for travellers to Canada" section.

Information and opportunities

Online student payments

Online payments made from Dec. 25 to Jan. 3 will not be processed to student accounts until the first week in January. Ensure your payment is initiated with enough processing time before UCalgary closes (Dec. 25) to ensure it is posted to your account.

[Learn more »](#)

Participation opportunities

Are you interested in participating in either research studies or other student opportunities for a chance to win prizes? Visit our [Get Involved](#) page to learn more!

Events and workshops



Explore Calgary: Nanta Karaoke Bar

We are calling all music lovers! Join us for a night of karaoke fun. This event is a great way to show off your musical skills. There will also be some appetizers to share with attendees. If you are looking for good music, a fun time and tasty refreshments, then this is the place to be!

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 1, 5:30 p.m. MST



Weather in Calgary

Not sure what to expect with Calgary weather – or how to dress for it? Join us as we share suggested tips, resources, and strategies to prepare for the changing climate in Calgary.

Date: Thursday, Dec. 2, 10 - 11 a.m. MST



Discover Calgary

Are you new to Calgary? Join us for this webinar to learn about suggested tips, resources, and strategies for settling and becoming familiar with Calgary.

Date: Thursday, Dec. 9, 10 - 11 a.m. MST



Trivia Night

Newcomers and International Students Subcommittee (NISS) invites international graduate students to join them for a cultural trivia night! Free of charge, sign up individually or as a group of four to five. Lots of prizes to be won!

Date: Thursday, Dec. 8, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. MST

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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