



Student and Enrolment Services

International Student Services (ISS)



Dear Student,

Stay up-to-date with the UCalgary international student community by liking us on [Facebook](#) and following us on [Instagram](#), where we post news, upcoming events and important updates. **Thank you** for staying connected with us for those of you who are already following us on social media.

We recently passed 2,100 followers on Instagram and over 5,200 on Facebook!

Stay well!

International Student Services

Important dates and information

- **Dec. 9:** End of classes; Last day to withdraw from a course

Important travel notices

Starting Nov. 30, 2021, the Government of Canada is expanding the list of **approved vaccines** that allow travellers to qualify as fully vaccinated.

The Government of Canada has recently announced that, as of Jan. 15, 2022, all international students who are 18 years and older will be required to be fully vaccinated by a Canada-approved vaccine to enter Canada.

Domestic and connecting flights

Students who do not qualify as fully vaccinated and are allowed entry into Canada can connect to flights inside Canada and continue to their final destination using their valid pre-entry molecular test if their connecting flight is within 24 hours of the departure time for their flight to Canada.

Know before you go; please review the information from the following sources before making any travel plans:

- [ISS COVID-19 FAQ page](#)
 - [COVID-19: Travel, testing, quarantine and borders](#) - Travel.gc.ca
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Distance learning

Students in Canada are encouraged to attend in-person classes.

In-Canada students can study remotely **if their courses were moved online due to the pandemic** without impacting their post-graduate open work permit (PGWP) eligibility. Students outside of Canada continue to be limited to remote studies **until Dec. 31, 2021**. Studies conducted remotely, while outside of Canada, may not be eligible for a post-graduate open work permit effective Jan. 1, 2022.

If you are impacted by these IRCC policies, 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 »](#)

Information and opportunities

COVID-19: Alberta restrictions exemption QR codes

Is your WHO-approved COVID-19 vaccination record from **outside Alberta or Canada**? Do you want to download your Alberta restrictions exemption QR code? Follow these steps:

- Once you have your Alberta mailing address, upload your proof of vaccination to the [Alberta Immunization Record Submission Online Portal](#). **Note that you do not need an Alberta Health Number to upload your proof of vaccine**; however, if you intend to live in Alberta for a year or more, you should also apply for Alberta Health Care Insurance if you have not already.
- Once Alberta Health Services approves your WHO-approved COVID-19 vaccination record, you can download your [Alberta Vaccine Records QR Code](#).

Learn more on our [FAQ page](#).

GPS Mentorship program

Are you in your second year or above? Join the GPS Mentorship program and be a guide for new international students at UCalgary for the upcoming winter term. As a mentor, you will share your knowledge and experience with life at UCalgary, while meeting new people and developing valuable mentorship and intercultural communication skills. The deadline **to apply is Nov. 28!**

Will winter 2022 be your first term in Calgary? Sign up as a “mentee” through the GPS Mentorship program for the winter term. You will be matched with an upper-year student mentor who can help answer your questions and who will stay in touch with you via groups, one-on-ones, and shared events!

[Learn more and apply now to be a mentor or mentee »](#)

Apply to be a study group peer leader

Do you want to improve studying outcomes for yourself and your peers, develop your leadership skills and earn co-curricular credit? Become a study group peer helper with the Student Success Centre.

[Learn more and apply by Nov. 26 »](#)

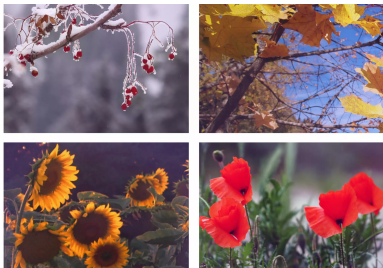
Events and workshops



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

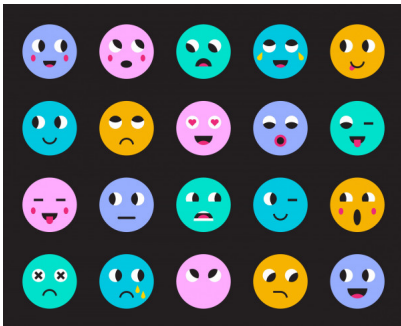


CLIP's Financial wellness fair

Are you new to Calgary? Join the Calgary Local Immigration Partnership (CLIP) for their annual Financial Wellness Fair to learn ways of managing your money and planning for your future needs.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 25

For questions, contact
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Ask a counsellor: international student edition

As exams and the winter break are approaching, do you have any questions about coping with stress, staying well, or how to be successful? Join Wellness Services as they answer questions about life, relationships, wellbeing, and more.

Date: Monday, Nov. 29, 3 - 4 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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