

Why study in Canada?

Our international office offers professional services for obtaining a student visa in Canada. We can help you throughout the process of obtaining a student visa. We can also help with post-landing assistance. Some of the main reasons why one should study in Canada are highlighted below.

- First-rate educational system with high standards of teaching level
- A Canadian degree, diploma or certificate is well-regarded in business, government and academic circles around the world
- Canada is one of the best places to live, with universal health system, low crime and violence rate and high standard of living
- International, welcoming environment as Canada is a country of immigrants.
- One of the most beautiful, natural environments in the world as well as diverse geography.
- A safe place to study as Canada has one of the lowest crime rates in the world.
- Canada is an international leader in computer and information technologies and has a reputation for excellence in such sectors as telecommunications, transportation and engineering
- Bilingual country with two official languages, English and French.

Education system

Canada's education system includes both publicly-funded and private schools, like community colleges/ technical institutes, career colleges, language schools, secondary schools, summer camps, universities and university colleges.

Under the Canadian constitution, education is a provincial responsibility. That means there are noteworthy differences between the education systems of the different provinces. However, standards across the country are uniformly high.

High Quality Education

Although education institutions are not officially ranked, you will find excellent institutions across the country. When choosing your school in Canada, you should think about the type, size and location of the institution. If you are interested in a particular area of study, explore which schools have more to offer in that discipline.

School Types:

- Universities

- University Colleges
- Technical Institutes and Colleges
- Career Colleges
- Language Schools

Canada has a great variety of universities and university colleges located in both urban and rural settings in every region of the country. Universities in Canada are internationally known for the quality of teaching and research. Degrees are considered to be equivalent to those from American and other Commonwealth universities. Canadian universities retain a high degree of academic autonomy.

Full-time student enrolments at individual universities range from over 35,000 to less than 1,000. In addition, most universities have a large number of part-time or continuing education students. They offer a broad range of courses and a full range of degrees from undergraduate to doctorates, and can also offer certificates and professional degrees. Fees for universities differ depending on the province, institution and program of study.

The academic year usually runs from September to May. Some institutions have a semester or trimester system, with all courses available even in the summer. Each university sets its own admission standards and assesses the qualifications of each applicant individually.

As Canada is bilingual an international student can take a degree either at an English or French language institution. Some universities offer instruction in both languages. However, students do not have to be fluent in both languages to attend a Canadian university.

Students for whom English is not a first language must have passed an English examination test to be able to study in Canada. The TOEFL is commonly accepted but Canadian universities often have their own tests for students or may accept other English examination tests such as the IELTS.

There is no standardized French language test that international students are required to pass in order to qualify for a degree program however French universities will determine the level of a student's French language skills on a case-by-case basis.

Getting Student Visa

Depending on your country of origin and the type and length of study, you may require:

- A temporary resident visa
- A study permit
- For Quebec-bound students, a CAQ (Quebec Application Certificate)

If you are taking program up to six months length you will not need study permit. All programs which are longer than six months require study permit.

If you will be studying in a program of six months or less, but think you may continue your studies in another program after this short-term program is completed, you should apply for a study permit before you come to Canada. If you do not have a valid study permit and wish to continue your studies, you will have to leave Canada in order to apply for one.

Please note that a temporary resident visa may be required depending on your country of origin.