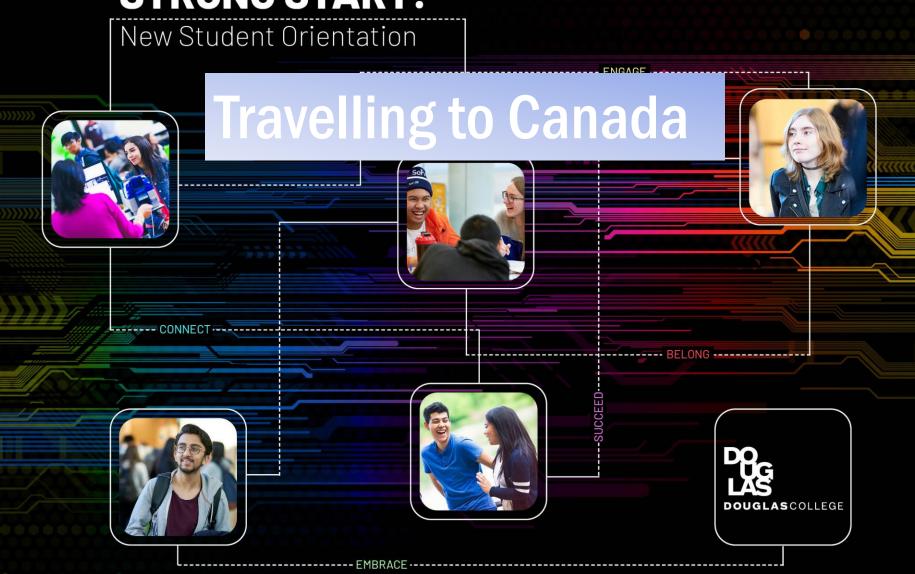
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Disclaimer

- This webinar is intended for new Douglas students who are traveling to Canada through Vancouver International Airport (YVR).
- The information provided during this presentation is current as of November 12, 2021. Details are subject to change.
- Please watch out for the updates and ALWAYS check the information on the Canadian government website.
- This is not a legal document.



Reminder – IMPORTANT

- Study Permit approval is required to study in the Winter 2022 semester.
- You will receive an email after Nov 16 from your admissions officer/agent. Please check your email inbox (and spam) on a regular basis.
- The deadline to respond to the survey is December 16th 11:45pm PDT.
- The deadline to defer to the Summer 2022 semester is December 16th.
- Please reach out to your agent or admission officer to discuss further.



Agenda

- Preparation for arrival in Canada
 - Eligibility to travel to Canada
 - Non-vaccinated travelers and fully vaccinated travelers
- Documents to bring with you
- Port of Entry & Vancouver Airport (YVR) procedures
- Post-arrival and Quarantines
- Intro to Douglas College
- Medical Insurance
- Q&A (Not recorded)

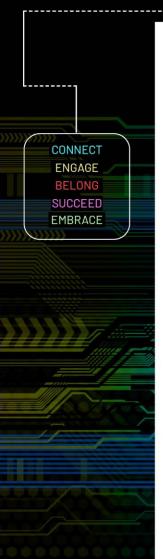


Traveling to Canada checklist

If you are not sure where to start, you can start at:

- Plan your arrival at a reasonable time before the semester starts
- <u>Travel checklist</u> a checklist from the Gov. to plan your trip to Canada
- Douglas College <u>Traveling to Canada</u> page





To enter Canada as a student, you must:

- be travelling to Canada to study;
- be attending a <u>designated learning institution (DLI) with a COVID-19</u>
 <u>readiness plan</u> approved by its province or territory (Douglas College);
- have a valid study permit or a Port of entry letter of introduction (POE letter/approval letter) that shows you were approved for a study permit;
- be traveling to Canada before the "Must enter Canada by" date on your POE letter if you are travelling with your POE letter; and
- be travelling to Canada while the medical exam is valid (only for those who underwent the medical exam for their study permit application)
- have a 14-day quarantine plans
- follow any COVID requirements imposed



Please note that there are various rules and guidelines at different levels:

Federal requirements

- Eligibility to travel to Canada
- Use of ArriveCAN
- Pre-arrival, on-arrival, and post-arrival COVID tests
- Quarantine etc.,
- BC Provincial restrictions (varies depending on the province)
 - A mask in public indoor settings (including on Douglas campuses)
 - proof of vaccination to participate in certain activities etc.,

Douglas College requirements

- Submission of Study Permit Confirmation survey
- Submission of travel and self-isolation plans
- Self-isolation check-in



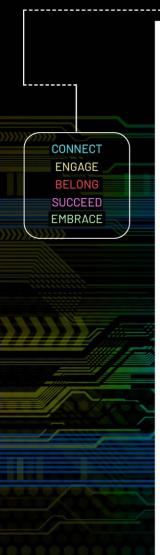
Use ArriveCAN to enter Canada

- You MUST use ArriveCAN app within 72 hours before your arrive to Canada
- You must submit details about your contact information, flight information, vaccination information, quarantine plans, etc.
- The app is used to confirm your arrival, track your quarantine, and report your COVID selfassessment.

Check the Government page for more info:

https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/arrivecan.html

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Pre-entry test result requirements

- You MUST provide proof of a COVID-19 negative molecular test result
- The test must be done within 72 hours of your scheduled departure to Canada
- Rapid antigen tests are not accepted

Check the Government page for more info:

https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/flying-canada-checklist/covid-19-testing-travellers-coming-into-canada



Are you fully vaccinated?

You must meet ALL the requirements to be considered "fully vaccinated"

- Met <u>all entry requirements</u> (i.e. pre-entry test)
- Have no signs or symptoms of COVID-19
- Received full series of one of accepted COVID-19 vaccines or a combination of them

Accepted vaccines:

- Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty, tozinameran, BNT162b2)
- Moderna (Spikevax, mRNA-1273)
- AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD (ChAdOx1-S, Vaxzevria, AZD1222)
- Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.COV2.S) single dose
- Received your last dose at least 14 days before the day you enter Canada
- Uploaded the <u>proof of vaccination</u> in ArriveCan the proof has to be either English or French

https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/awareness-resources/fully-vaccinated-travellers-covid-19.html



Are you fully vaccinated?

If you are fully vaccinated, you MAY BE exempted from:

- On-arrival test
- Day-8 test
- 14 day quarantine

→ The decision is made by the Border Officer upon entry. Douglas College is not able to confirm whether you are exempt or not. You are still required to have your 14-day quarantine plan for your arrival and submit the plan via ArriveCAN.

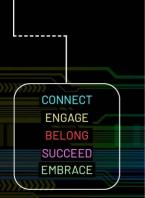
Even if you are vaccinated, you are still expected to:

- follow local public health measures
- keep copies of your proof of vaccination for 14 days



If you are not fully vaccinated,

- When you arrive in Canada, your health will be assessed
- You must go through <u>on-arrival</u> and <u>Day-8 COVID tests</u> in Canada
- You must quarantine for the 14 days. Check for the guidelines on BC Centre of Disease Control website and IRCC website
- If you do not have a quarantine plan, you may not be allowed to enter Canada.
- Quarantine is mandatory even if you have no symptoms



General Timeline

Before travel

- Check if you meet eligibility to travel
- Check the government website for a recent update
- Book your flight and plan your quarantine

2 weeks to 3 days before the trip

- Submit your travel plans to <u>Douglas College</u> to request a travel support letter (please submit at least 2 business days before your departure)
- Book your pre-arrival COVID test

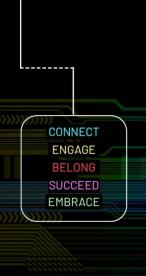
Within 72 hrs.

of departure

- Take a pre-arrival COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours of travel
- Download the <u>ArriveCAN</u> and submit your quarantine plans to the Federal Government
- Check your in-flight COVID measures
- Check the documents needed for your arrival and put them in your carry-on luggage
- Check what you can/cannot bring to Canada on <u>Canada Border Services Agency</u> <u>website</u>

Airport Checkin

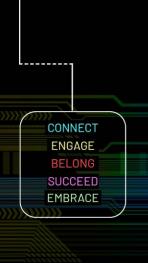
- Present your COVID test result and other documents requested at check-in
- Follow the guidelines at the Airport



DO NOT pack your documents in your checked luggage!

- ✓ Valid passport that you used for your study permit application
- ✓ Valid Temporary Resident Visa or eTA usually attached to your passport
- ✓ Valid study permit or the Port of Entry letter of introduction (POE letter/study permit approval letter) Note: Approval in Principal/AIP does not allow students to travel
- ✓ Letter of Acceptance (LOA) from Douglas College (bring all LOAs you have)
- ✓ Verification of Enrollment (VOE) printed from your myAccount
- ✓ Travel support letter from Douglas College
- ✓ Documents that proves funds available bank statement etc.
- ✓ Negative COVID test result you took within 72 hours of your departure
- ✓ Proof of Vaccination —original and translation (if applicable)
- ✓ Details/confirmation on your quarantine plans (if applicable)
- ArriveCAN receipt (display on your phone or printout)
- ✓ Medical Insurance information





Verification of Enrollment (VOE)

- Official document you can print from your online Douglas College myAccount any time
- Confirms your enrollment for a specific semester

To print a VOE online:

- 1. Log-in to your <u>myAccount</u>
- Select "Student Records"
- 3. Select "View/Print Documents & Letters"
- 4. Select the Verification of Enrolment document type (with or without fees)
- Select a term
- 6. Click "continue"
- 7. On the window toolbar select "file" and then "print"





Douglas College Travel Support Letter

How to Request the Travel Support Letter?

- Submit your self-isolation plan to Douglas College here.
- Upon verification we will be able to provide a letter of support for travelling to Canada.
- Request the letter at least 2 business days in advance
- Our travel Support Letter does not guarantee your entry to Canada.
- A border services officer will make the final decision on whether you are eligible to enter Canada.



Proof of funds

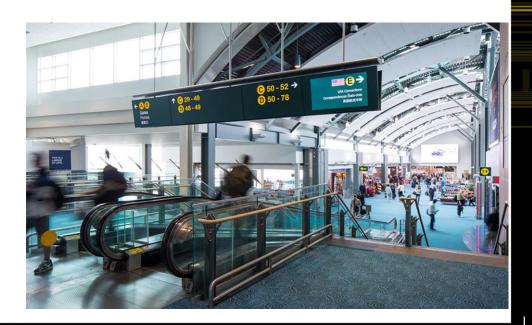
- You must bring proof of sufficient funds to support yourself during your stay in Canada
- First-year tuition fees + living cost (CAD\$10,000) + \$3,000 to \$4,000 (additional expenses)
- You **must** disclose to the border officer if you arrive with more than **CAD \$10,000**.

See details on Canada Border Services Agency website: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/ttd-vdd-eng.html

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Arrival at the Vancouver International Airport









Mandatory Requirements - Entering Canada

Screening

All travellers will go through health check screening, no matter their country of origin.

Masks

You must wear a non-medical mask throughout your travel, upon arrival in Canada (including the time you are travelling from the airport to your residence)



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Arrival: Declaration & check in at the kiosks





Make an on screen declaration

Primary Inspection Kiosk at Vancouver International Airport

Primary Inspection Kiosks (cbsa-asfc.gc.ca)



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Arrival: check in at the kiosks

How to use the kiosks



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Take your photo

Verify your fingerprints

• Answer a few questions to complete your declaration

Take your receipt from the Kiosk

• Bring the receipt to the Border Officer

https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/pik-bip-eng.html



Custom Clearance

When the Border officers greet you, they look at several factors, including:

- Your reasons for travelling to Canada
- Your funds available to support yourself in Canada
- Your ability to comply with <u>all the COVID requirements</u>, including Douglas College policies
- Timing of you arrival
 - You have time to complete your quarantine before you physically attend classes (if applicable), or
 - You can study online during your quarantine
 - If you arrive too early, the border officer can question or refuse your entry

**Canada Border Services Agency Officers are NOT visa officers from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. They are like Police for the Border. Make sure you are respectful and honest.

Immigration Office

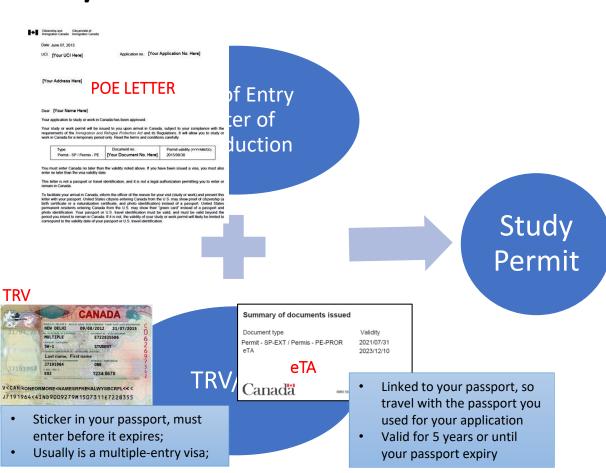
After assessed by a border officer, you need to go to an immigration office and have your study permit printed. You have to show your POE letter here.





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Study Permit





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Study Permit



A <u>study permit</u> is a document issued by IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) that allows <u>foreign nationals</u> (YOU) to stay and study at <u>designated learning</u> institutions (i.e. Douglas College) in Canada until the expiry of your authorized stay.



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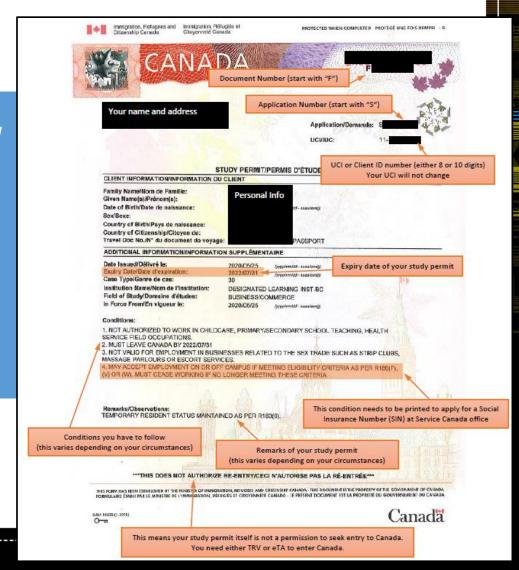
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Study permit – What to check?

 May work 20 hrs per week off-campus or full-time during regular breaks if meeting criteria outlined in section 186(v) of IRPR.

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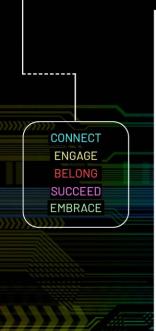
 May accept employment on or off campus if meeting eligibility criteria as per R186(f), (v) or (w). Must cease working if no longer meeting these criteria.





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Important reminders:

- Be prepared to spend a few hours at the airport.
 - The wait at Immigration and Customs area could be long
- The CBSA no longer stamps passports at airports.
 - If you need an entry stamp, you must request from a border services officer after completing a kiosk transaction.
- Once your study permit is issued, check the details on your study permit before you leave the office.
 - Your personal information, Eligibility to work (for academic programs), Remarks etc.
 - If you notice an error, notify the officer before you leave!





General Timeline

On Arrival

- Go through Immigration and Customs
- Obtain a Study Permit at Immigration office
- On-arrival COVID test at the Airport (if applicable)
- Pick up the Day-8 test kit (if applicable)

After arrival

- Complete 14 day quarantine at your quarantine location (if applicable)
- Respond to Douglas College quarantine check-in
- Take the Day-8 COVID test (if applicable)
- Check BC COVID guidelines





Quarantine 101

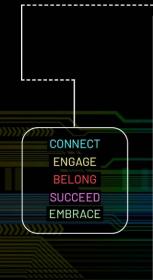
Some travellers are <u>exempt from quarantine</u>, but everyone entering Canada must arrive with <u>quarantine plans for 14 days.</u>

Your quarantine plan must consider:

- The location of your 14-day quarantine
 - Check Douglas College <u>"Travelling to Canada"</u> for suggestions on quarantine locations.
- How you will travel to your quarantine location
- Arrangements for your necessary support such as food, medication, child care, or cleaning supplies

Review and follow these guidelines:

- BC Center for Disease Control guidelines
- BC quarantine requirements
- Federal government's guidelines



Quarantine 101 - continued

Calculation of your quarantine period

Your quarantine period begins on the day that you arrive in Canada.

During the self-isolation period

- Staff from the International office will check-in for the first 3 days, and then every other day until day 14.
- You are required to reply to the check-ins and update us on your health conditions.
- Failed to reply to the check-in could result on reporting the student to the health authorities.

Please note that Douglas College International staff cannot confirm if your individual plan will be sufficient and does not need to approve your quarantine plan.

You can refer to the assess your quarantine plan tool for guidance.





Penalties

Not following instructions or not providing accurate information result in penalties

such as:

- Ticket fine up to \$5,000
- Fine of up to \$750,000 and/or 6 months in prison
- Being found <u>inadmissible</u>, removed from Canada

The Government is strict with the rules



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Three campuses:

New Westminster (NW)

700 Royal Ave, New Westminster, BC V3M 5Z5

Coquitlam Campus (COQ)

1250 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, BC V3B 7X3

Anvil Centre Office Tower (AOT)

11 Eighth St, New Westminster, BC V3M 3N7



Commuting between three campuses:

From New West (main campus)

To AOT: 5 mins. walk down the hill on Eight St.

To COQ: 30-40 mins. By skytrain; 25-30mins. by car



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Campus Locations – New West, Anvil Office Tower, Coquitlam











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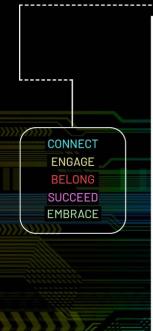
- Temporary private health insurance it provides you wit basic health insurance during the 3 month waiting period for MSP.
- First semester international students are charged \$189.00. Coverage period is from January 4 April 3, 2022.

Medical Service Plan

- Mandatory for everyone who lives in BC for six months or longer. Upon arrival in BC you must apply for MSP. You can apply online.
- Coverage: See the <u>list of medical services</u> that MSP covers.
- Cost: \$75.00/month per student.

DSU Extend Health Care Plan

- Extended health insurance covers on the cost of prescription medicine, dental care, vision care, and travel insurance.
- Coverage period for the Winter 2022 semester is January 1 to August 31, 2022.
- Opt in period: January 17 to January 31, 2022.
- Cost: \$375
- For more information about the DSU Health and Dental plan, please email <u>services@thedsu.ca</u> or check out their <u>website</u>.



Important reminders:

- Familiarize yourself with Douglas College website pages to stay informed (search by key words)
- Contact us if you have questions, <u>before</u> making a decision
- Check the expiry of your study permit and extend it 90 days before it becomes invalid
- Mark your calendar for important dates and deadlines
- Attend as many workshops and webinars as you can
- Remember that your enrollment status FT or PT may affect your immigration status – join our Immigration 101 webinar
- Do not leave anything up to assumptions; rules and regulations are not the same as the ones practiced in your country.



You can reach us by email at:

dci@douglascollege.ca

Please include your <u>full name</u> and <u>student ID</u> <u>in the subject line</u> of ALL your emails!



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Thank you!

See you at the next workshop.