



Study Abroad in Canada



Higher Education in Canada

- Almost all universities in Canada are public, giving them greater uniformity than in the USA. You will have an English language environment and opportunity for bilingual English-French studies.
- Universities in Canada are managed by provincial governments, so there are slight differences in how education is carried out, dependant on the whereabouts of the university.
- Undergraduate degrees in Canada can take either three or four years to complete, depending on the university. Postgraduate degrees last between one and three years to complete, again depending on the type of degree.

Entry Requirements & Application Process

- There is no overall centralised Canadian admissions scheme, applications must be made to individual universities or via one of the several regional application systems. Higher education institutions make their own admission decisions. The admissions/application process can take time; applicants should start their research at least a year in advance to compile the necessary information and documentation.
- University deadlines for applications for the September semester vary from institution to institution, though are generally from mid-December to the end of March.
- Most Canadian higher education institutions require the completion of a high school diploma and, in some provinces, the completion of 40 hours of community service/volunteer work (this may not be expected of international students – check with the institution—but will work well for IB students). International students may also be asked to provide proof of language proficiency, either in English or French.
- Students who have studied a Baccalaureate may be given exemption to part of a Bachelors programme.

Fees

Go to the Universities Canada website for the most current information on fees.

<https://www.universitystudy.ca/plan-for-university/tuition-fees-by-canadian-university/>

Visa

If studying in Canada for more than 6 months a study permit will be required. You will also have to prove that you have the means to pay your tuition fees.

Highest Ranked Universities

University of Toronto (26)

McGill University (27)

University of British Columbia (46)

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

Working

As a student in Canada you automatically have the right to work on campus at your university, students at some universities may be able to work off campus as well. This covers part-time work up to 20 hours per week.

Further Information

Macleans provides the most authoritative guide to Canadian universities and courses
<https://www.macleans.ca/education-hub/>

Study in Canada <https://www.universitystudy.ca/>

For information on scholarships please see https://www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/non_can/index.aspx?lang=eng