

# THINGS TO DO TO PREPARE TO STUDY IN CANADA

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## PROVIDE UFV WITH ALL YOUR OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

Before we can send you an official letter of acceptance, we need to receive all your documents, as outlined in your preliminary letter of acceptance.

If you wish to receive transfer credits, please send an official school transcript six to eight weeks before the application deadline. This will allow us to apply your credits in time to plan your course of study for your first semester.

Have your transcript sent directly from your school to UFV Admissions in a sealed university envelope. Transcripts must bear the official institution seal or authorizing signature. [View more transfer credit information.](#)

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## PAY YOUR FEES

**Pay your fees** in full, as detailed in your preliminary letter of acceptance, to secure your seat at UFV and proceed with course registration. Courses fill up quickly: delaying payment will affect your course selection.

Your fees include tuition, ancillary fees to cover the cost of providing student services and activities, and [medical insurance](#), which is mandatory for all people in Canada, including international students. View more information about [fees and tuition](#).

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## APPLY FOR PERMITS AND VISAS

When your fees are paid and we've received and evaluated your documents, you will receive an official letter of acceptance. Once you have this letter, you are ready to go to the nearest Canadian embassy or high commission to get your study permit and visa, if required.

Allow at least 4 to 12 weeks for processing. [Check processing time for your country on the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website.](#) Processing may be faster for Indian and Chinese students who apply and meet the requirements under the [Student Partners Program](#).

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I CANNOT COME?

If you've been refused a study permit by the Canadian embassy or are unable to attend UFV for medical reasons, you can transfer your fees and defer your studies to the next semester. Or if you prefer, you can receive a full refund, less your \$150 application fee and \$100 administration fee. **You must notify UFV in writing with supporting documents before classes start.**

If you choose not to attend for other reasons and want a refund, [please review UFV's refund policy.](#)

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#### PREPARE FOR YOUR TRIP TO CANADA

Before you leave your country, [download and save UFV's pre-arrival guide](#), to help you prepare to come study in Canada. This useful guide will tell you all you need to know about immigration, housing, transportation, medical insurance and more.

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#### ARRANGE FOR HOUSING

If you plan to live in residence, reserve your spot now before space is no longer available. [Follow application and payment procedures at UFV residence](#). For other accommodation options, [check the pre-arrival guide](#).

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#### ARRANGE FOR AIRPORT PICKUP, IF REQUIRED

UFV International can arrange to have you picked up at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) and taken to your accommodation by the Language Limousine Transportation service. UFV requires receipt of your completed [Airport Reception Request Form](#) and \$160 fee, a minimum of 14 days prior to your scheduled arrival. To arrange for pickup, contact us at [international@ufv.ca](mailto:international@ufv.ca), by phone at 1-604-854-4544 or fax at 1-604-855-7153.

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#### CHECK IN AT UFV INTERNATIONAL

When you arrive at UFV, [check in at the UFV International office on the Abbotsford campus](#) in room B223. We recommend that you participate in UFV International's student orientation, which takes place the week before classes start. Orientation helps you meet friends, and learn more about resources and services on campus. We will email you detailed information about orientation closer to your arrival date.

