



STUDY PERMIT/VISA INFORMATION

FOR STUDENTS COMING TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG FOR 2 TERMS (MORE THAN 6 MONTHS)

Study Permit: As a visiting/exchange student who is planning to study at The University of Winnipeg for 2 terms (or more than 6 months), you are required to hold a Study Permit¹ in order to study in Canada at The University of Winnipeg. You should apply for this Study Permit outside of Canada, in your country of nationality or residence.

Temporary Resident Visa: You may need a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV)² in order to enter Canada, depending on your country of citizenship. People from many (but not all) countries require a TRV before they will be allowed to enter Canada. To find out whether or not you need a TRV to enter Canada, visit IRCC's website at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp>.

Electronic Travel Authorization: Those individuals exempt from obtaining a TRV may be required to obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) prior to coming to Canada. US Citizens are exempt from the ETA requirement. Once granted, the ETA is valid for five years or until the expiry of your passport, whichever comes first.³ You should be issued an ETA automatically when issued a Study Permit approval outside of Canada. For more information, visit IRCC's website at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp>.

For more information on how to apply for a Study Permit or Temporary Resident Visa, please view the '[Applying for a Study Permit & Temporary Resident Visa \(outside of Canada\)](#)' information sheet available on the ISS website.

Entering Canada: For more information on what documents to bring with you when entering Canada, please view the '[Entering Canada](#)' information sheet available on the ISS website.

Working in Canada: As a visiting/exchange student with a valid Study Permit, you may be able to work on-campus while studying in Canada. Once arriving in Canada, you

¹ A Study Permit is the official, written authorization given by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to a foreign national which allows them to engage in academic, professional, vocational or other education/training in Canada. Some foreign nationals are exempt from the requirement to hold a Study Permit when attending a program that is longer than 6 months in duration. Those exempt from this requirement include foreign nationals who are family members of foreign representatives or staff members accredited by DFAIT, members of the armed forces of countries designated under the *Visiting Forces Act* or individuals who are Registered Indians in Canada (IRPR, s.188(1); IRPA, s.30(2)).

² A Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) is the official document showing you meet the requirements to enter Canada. It is a separate document from your Study Permit. It is a sticker that is the approximate size of a passport page which has been pasted into your passport by IRCC authorities.

³ For more information on Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA), please see this webpage: www.canada.ca/eta

would need to enroll in full-time studies and obtain a Social Insurance Number (SIN) in order to be eligible to work. Please note that to obtain a SIN, sometimes an extra process to change or amend the study permit is required. Please note that as a visiting/exchange student, you are not eligible to work off-campus.⁴

Continuing Studies: If you think you may wish to stay in Canada longer in order to continue studies at The University of Winnipeg, you will likely have to apply to renew your Study Permit from within Canada. Staff in International Immigrant and Refugee Student Services can assist you with the process of renewing your Study Permit from within Canada. Please note that The University requires visiting/exchange students who wish to switch to a regular undergraduate degree program to re-apply to The University for admission in the regular admission category. Once switching to a regular undergraduate degree program, you could be eligible to work both on- and off-campus.

DISCLAIMER: This document does not constitute legal advice, and should not be relied upon as a source of legal advice. It is a reference sheet designed to provide information on Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada's (IRCC) requirements for visiting and exchange students coming to study in Canada and describes existing requirements under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and the regulations made under that Act in general terms. IRCC's regulations, policies and procedures are subject to change and may change without notice. For the most current information, please visit IRCC's website (www.cic.gc.ca). This reference sheet was prepared by a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant in good standing with the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council and is accurate as of January, 2023

⁴ Regulations regarding eligibility to work off-campus can be found in Section 186(v) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* or online: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study-who.asp>. The regulations state that in order to be eligible to work off-campus, you must: hold a valid Study Permit; be a full-time student enrolled at the Designated Learning Institution (DLI) (The University of Winnipeg is a DLI) in a post-secondary program of at least six months or more in duration that leads to a degree, diploma, or certificate; and work no more than 20 hours per week during the regular academic session (eligible to work full-time during regularly scheduled breaks). As visiting/exchange students are not pursuing a degree, diploma, or certificate in Canada, they are not eligible to work off-campus.