Ollscoil na Gaillimhe
University of Galway

Studying Abroad in Canada (Less than 6 moths)

The below information is correct as of October 2024.
For the most up-to-date information, please visit:

Canada Immigration and Citizenship

This guide is for students going to Canada for one semester (less than 6 months).

Visa Requirements

- Irish citizens do not need a Study Permit for programs under 6 months.
- Irish citizens require Visitor Visa or an eTA (Electronic Travel Authorization).
  - ETA Application https://ircc.canada.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=1056&top=16
- Students need their valid passport and supporting documents (see below).

Whilst a study permit is not required, applying for one may be beneficial. Find out more information.

Documents to Carry at the Border

- Valid passport (must cover the entire stay in Canada).
- Letter of Acceptance from the Canadian university.
- Proof of financial support (e.g. recent bank statement, scholarship confirmation, or funding letter).
- Return flight booking or proof of onward travel.
- Health insurance confirmation (e.g. UHIP at York University).

Work Rules

- Students without a Study Permit cannot work in Canada (on-campus or off-campus).
- Even unpaid internships or volunteering may count as 'work' under Canadian law.

Tips

- Keep all documents in hand luggage when traveling.
- Border officers may ask questions about study plans and financial support so be ready to show documents



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