

Camosun International Student Newsletter

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Summer Starts
Here - Welcome
Aboard, New
Students!

[Camosun International Home](#)



Greetings from Camosun International!

Welcome to Summer 2024 Term! While the weather is warm and inviting, we encourage you to stay focused on your studies amidst the distractions. Remember, the Camosun International Student Services team is here to support you. Check out our helpful tips whenever you need them.



Come see us at the front desk

Monday-Thursday: 9am-4pm

- **Interurban campus:** Liz Ashton Campus Center, CC251 (by the Bookstore)
- **Lansdowne campus:** Isabel Dawson, C201



Send us an email

You are welcome to send us an email with your question(s) at **International_advisors@camosun.ca**.

Please include your full name and Camosun ID#.



Call our office

Call +1-250-370-4812

Monday-Friday 9am to 11:30am and 1:30pm to 4pm

Please feel free to leave a message clearly stating your question with your full name and Camosun ID#.



Academic Advising

Booking Appointments (Tuesdays 9:30am to 11:30am and Thursdays 2:00pm to 4:00pm)

You can book 30-minute appointments with an Academic Advisor. Topics you can discuss in these sessions include:

- Building your own learning plan
- Academic success and support service discussions
- Graduation and completion requirements
- Program change
- Transfer credits evaluation
- Transferring to universities

Please drop by our office, phone us at 250-370-4812 or email international_advisors@camosun.ca if you wish to book an appointment with an advisor. Include your name and Camosun ID#, your program and the questions you have.

Drop-ins (Mondays 2:00pm to 4:00pm and Wednesdays 9:30am to 11:30am)

You can come to the office for a 15-minute drop-in. Drop-ins are for quick questions. You don't need to book appointments in advance. [The first-come, first-served policy applies.](#)

Contact us

Please note that on Fridays, our services will be available virtually only from 9am to 4pm. We kindly request you to contact us via phone for any inquiries.

Counselling Center

Do you feel overwhelmed?



Counselling Services provides personal, Career and Educational Counselling. Counselling appointments are confidential and are provided at no additional cost.

Phone the Camosun College Counselling Centre at **250-370-3571** (open Monday to Friday, 9:00-4:00pm), to schedule a counselling appointment with a Counsellor.

Additionally, for students who need support during evenings and weekends, or who are currently outside of Canada, we encourage you to seek help by contacting Here2Talk.

First Semester Checklist

[Starting your first semester at Camosun?](#)

Make your transition a breeze with our handy new student checklist.



- **Apply for Medical Services Plan (MSP).** This is mandatory provincial health insurance for all BC students.
- Get your **student ID card** with the library. Also, **Get your Umo U-pass** (Bus pass) (**BC transit – Umo**)
- **Open a bank account** in Canada
- Get a SIM card (phone) & Internet
- Apply for your **BC Services Card** (you do not need to carry your passport with you in Canada)
- Apply for **SIN number** (you will need this to work)
- Apply for your **Co-op Work Permit** as soon as possible, if internships/practicums are a mandatory part of your program, especially for Health programs (Practical Nursing, Early Learning & Care, Health Care Assistance etc).
- Apply for **Criminal Record Check (CRC)** immediately if your program requires this (for example, Practical Nursing, Health Care Assistance, and Sport and Exercise Education programs).
- Textbooks: Make sure that you purchase your textbooks at the **Bookstore** early. You will need to know your course codes and section numbers (e.g. ACCT 111-001 in order to find your textbooks).
- Log into **myCamosun** and view “My Program” under “Student Planning”. Check your program requirements in the **Academic Calendar**. You can also contact your International Academic Advisor for your Personal Learning Plan during your first semester.

Tips for Successful Semester

Take the time to review them and set yourself up for a successful semester.

Know Deadlines & Important Dates

- [Important Dates & Fee Deadlines 2023/24](#)
- [First Semester International Student Refund Procedure](#)

Dropping a Course after the Fee Refund Deadline

- Please see [How to Drop Your Courses](#)

Waitlisted Courses

- Are you waitlisted for a course? Make sure that you review the [Waitlist Process](#)

Understand your immigration status

- [Study permit, co-op work permit, off campus work eligibility, and post-graduation work permit \(PGWP\)](#)

Get ready to register for 2024 Fall Term

- [Registration timelines and how to get into courses you need.](#)
- [Student Responsibility](#)

Familiarize yourself with Academic Regulations and Standards

- Knowing policies and procedures about your studies along with your rights and responsibilities will help you make informed decisions. **"I didn't know! Nobody told me!"** will not help you. Please see [Academic Regulations & Standards and Tuition & Fees](#)

Take advantage of special academic supports for second language speakers

- [Writing Centre and Learning Skills, Help Centres](#)

Make the most of your time at the College

- [Student Services](#)

Connect with other students

- [Camosun College Student Society](#)

Keep up to date

- [Camosun International Student Newsletters, Student Affairs Newsletters](#)

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International Student Services

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Isabel Dawson, ID 201

[Interurban campus](#)

Liz Ashton Campus Center, CC 251

In person

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Friday: no in-person service. Virtual service (via Email): 9am to 4pm

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