

Camosun International Student Newsletter

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Greetings for August!

Welcome to the new academic year at Camosun College! Whether you're starting **fresh or returning**, we're excited to have you as part of our community. This year is full of opportunities to learn, grow, and connect with others.

For our graduating students, we know this time is crucial, especially if you're considering applying for the **Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)**. Make sure you stay informed about the eligibility criteria and timelines to ensure a smooth transition from study to work in Canada.

We're here to support you every step of the way. Best of luck in your studies, and don't hesitate to reach out if you need any assistance. Welcome, and here's to a successful year ahead!

New to Camosun or Canada?

Make sure to check these 3 tips before your first semester begins!



Apply for MSP Insurance

Have you applied for the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP)?

It's important to register for MSP as soon as you arrive in British Columbia to ensure continuous health coverage.

If you haven't yet applied, please do so before your guard.me insurance expires.

[Apply for MSP](#)

Apply for Bus pass (Umo)

New students can get their U-Pass benefit code 10 days before the term starts, but it will only become active on the first day of classes.

You can use either the Umo app or a reloadable Umo card for your bus rides.

[Learn More](#)

Apply for Camosun ID card

Your Camosun ID card is essential for borrowing books, accessing facilities, and getting discounts.

New students can request their ID 10 days before classes start, provided they're registered in at least one credit course.

Pick up your card at the library the next day with a government-issued ID.

[Learn More](#)

Are you planning to apply for the **Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)**?



You might be eligible to live and work in Canada after graduating from your program.

Make sure to check your eligibility and prepare your documents in advance.

You will need **two specific documents** from us for your PGWP application.

[Learn about PGWP](#)

*"Applicants are eligible for only **ONE** post-graduation work permit*

in their lifetime."



Coming soon!

Join us for the in-person New Student Orientation!

August 28 & 29

Get ready for an exciting start at Camosun College by joining our International Student Welcome events.



You'll have the chance to make new connections, meet staff and volunteers, and get crucial information on resources, including immigration and health insurance.



Be sure to register for and join the events for **your designated group** on August 28 and 29, 2024.

[Register here](#)



For all international students!

Parents and Supporters Orientation

Starting a post-secondary journey is a significant milestone for both students and their families.

This guide is designed to provide you with essential information to help you support a Camosun student, making the transition smoother for everyone involved.

[Parents/Supporters Guide](#)

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International Student Services

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Isabel Dawson, ID 201

[Interurban campus](#)

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By Email

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In person

Monday - Thursday: 9am to 4pm

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

By phone

250-370-4812

Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən (Songhees and Kosapsum) and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We honor their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.