

Study Permit Guide – Fall 2021

Please review the following questions before submitting your study permit information.

How to make a decision about your Fall 2021 application

1 How will Fall 2021 classes be delivered?

To prioritize students' health and safety, we will offer you flexible in-person, blended, and online course options in most program areas. That means we will offer many classes in person again and offer flexible options to meet your educational needs.

According to IRCC guidelines, students are able to study either in person, or online. Please note, all International ELL courses will be delivered in person.

We encourage students who are in Calgary to take as many in person classes as possible. However, taking online courses will still count towards your Post Graduate Work Permit. Please see section 5 for more details.

For more information on course availability through in person or online delivery modes: [Fall 2021 Course and Program Delivery Details](#).

2 Which immigration documentation do I require to start my classes in Fall 2021?

The following students can begin classes in Fall 2021:

- Students who have received a valid official study permit
- Students who have received a Letter of Introduction/Approval Letter/Student Visa
- Students who have a study permit application in process: IRCC current policy allows international students to continue to study online until December 31, 2021 with their time online counting towards their PGWP. For more information: [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): International students](#)

3 What should I consider before starting classes without a study permit approval?

Our updated study permit deadline is August 6, 2021. IRCC expects to process all study permits applications by August 7, 2021 if they were submitted before May 15, 2021. Please email ieconnect@bowvalleycollege.ca with your approval, or denial.

Study Permit Denial Submission	Refund Options
Students who submit proof of a denial between June 28 – August 31, 2021	Students will be refunded their confirmation deposit of \$1500 CAD and any tuition fees paid
Students who submit proof of a denial between September 1– September 10 (add/drop deadline)	Students who submit a denial and <i>drop their classes</i> will be refunded their tuition. After the start of class, students will not receive a refund on their student association fees, health and dental fees, or their confirmation deposit. This applies to all students.
Students who submit proof of a denial after September 10	Students will be responsible for all tuition and fees. Students can continue to study for the remainder of the term.
Students who do not receive a response from IRCC before December 31, 2021	Students will be responsible for all tuition and fees. Students can continue to study for the remainder of the term.

Students who receive a study permit refusal can continue to remain in class until the end of the term. However, time spent studying and/or credits earned prior to or after the refusal will not be considered towards a Post-Graduation Work Permit. This also applies to students who do not receive a final answer from IRCC by December 31, 2021.

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Add/Drop Deadline

This date is the last day to cancel/drop courses or programs in the current term and be eligible for 100% tuition refund, excluding the confirmation deposit, student association fees, and health and dental fees.

Students must ensure that they drop their courses through their MyBVC account to be eligible for a tuition refund.

Please visit the **Bow Valley College refund [webpage](#)**.

4 Do I have to start my classes in Fall 2021?

It is expected that students will begin their studies in September. Students can study online if they are awaiting their study permit to be processed, or are unable to come to Calgary. Students who do not respond to the study permit email by August 6, 2021, will have their seat remain in September 2021.

Please note, deferrals and closures are not currently being offered to students, with the exception of unforeseen circumstances.

- Students who wish to request a deferral or closure must fill out the form in the email you received with this guide. **Students must make their request by August 6. Please allow two weeks from the date of your request before sending a follow up email, as high email volumes will slow down our processing times.**
- You will be notified about the outcome of your request within two weeks of your request. **These requests are not guaranteed, and must be approved by the Office of the Registrar. You will be notified if your request is approved or not.**

5 How do I register for courses?

Course registration for new learners opens between July 5 and 8, depending on the school you are registered in. For more information on registration and to check the delivery model options for your program: [Online Course Registration](#)

For more information on registration dates: [Important Dates](#)

For registration help, please visit [Academic Advising](#) or email advising@bowvalleycollege.ca.

Fall 2021 Term: Course registration & class delivery mode

If your program includes an in-person practicum/clinical experience/work experience courses:

You will need to travel to Canada to attend classes in person and will require a final approval on your study permit application.

***Please note:** You will need an approved co-op work permit in addition to your approved study permit. For more information: [Co-op Work Permits](#).

If your program offers online courses only:

You can study online in Canada or outside Canada until December 31, 2021.

If your program has options to choose class delivery mode:

Students in Canada are to register for in-person courses and physically attend classes at the Bow Valley College campus in Calgary.

Students who are overseas but have an approved study permit application are to register for in-person courses and make plans to travel to Canada before the start of Fall 2021 term to physically attend classes at the Bow Valley College campus in Calgary.

Students who are overseas but still waiting for an approval on their study permit application are to register for online courses and commence studies from outside Canada until December 31, 2021.