

# Study Permit Guide for Incoming January 2022 International Students

# HOW TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT YOUR WINTER (JANUARY) 2022 APPLICATION

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

The information in this guide is subject to IRCC policy changes.

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Do I have to start my classes in person, in January 2022?

It is expected that students will begin their studies, in person, starting January 2022.

Students who do not respond to the study permit email by **November 26, 2021**, will have their application automatically closed, without a refund.

**Please note**, deferrals and closures are not currently available to all students. However, students may apply to be considered for a deferral or a closure (with a refund of the confirmation fee), due to unforeseen circumstances. Students who have been previously deferred, cannot request an additional deferral for the January term. **All deferral and closure with a refund requests must be received by November 14.** 

Students requesting a deferral or closure (with a refund of the confirmation fee) must be aware of the following:

- Students who wish to request a deferral or closure with a refund, must click on the link in **section 4: "Provide your decision for your Winter (January) 2022 application"** and complete the form by November 14, 2021. This link is also available in the email provided to you. Students will not be able to request a deferral or closure with a refund, after November 14.
- Please do not email your request, as it will not be processed. Ensure
  that you go through the specified link. You will be notified about the
  outcome of your request within four weeks of making your request.
  These requests are not guaranteed and must be approved by the
  Office of the Registrar.

Students who receive a refusal for their:

- deferral request; OR
- closure with a refund request can still opt to close their application, however, they will not receive a refund for their confirmation deposit.



Which immigration documentation do I require to start my classes in January 2022?

To confirm your attendance to start in January 2022, you require one of the following:		
Letter of Introduction/Port of Entry letter issued by IRCC; OR	A document sent from a visa office to confirm approval of study permit. Students must present the letter when they arrive in Canada.	
A valid study permit	A document issued by IRCC that authorizes a foreign national to study at an educational institution in Canada for the duration of the program of study. Study permit is issued upon arrival at the Port of Entry.	

# In order to cross the border and start classes in Canada, you will require: An official counterfoil issued by IRCC or visa offices and placed in a foreign national's passport to enter or re-enter Canada. Study Visa; OR an eTA To enter Canada as an international student in addition to study permit, you need to have either a Temporary Resident Visa or an electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).

See our <u>Pre-Arrival Resources page</u> for our Student Travel Guide, government updates, and important considerations when planning your trip to Canada.

#### What do I do if I receive a study permit refusal?

Our updated study permit deadline is Friday, November 26, 2021.

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Attendance Decision	Refund Options
Students who submit proof of a study permit refusal before the start of term, January 10, 2022.	Students will be refunded their confirmation deposit of \$1500 CAD and any tuition fees paid.
Students who have registered for courses and choose not to start their program.	Students who register for classes and decide not to attend their January 2022 program, can receive a refund for tuition. The confirmation deposit is not refundable for students who decide not to continue with their program.
Students who start their program and decide to drop courses by the add/drop deadline.	Students who start their program and decide to drop their courses by the add/drop* deadline, will receive a tuition refund. After the start of classes, students will not receive a refund on certain fees. This includes their student association fees, health and dental fees, or their confirmation deposit. This applies to all students.

#### 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 <u>tuition and fees</u> webpage and the <u>refund</u> webpage.



## Provide your decision for your Winter (January) 2022 application

Please click here to confirm your attendance for January 2022.

#### This link allows you to:

- Submit your Letter of Introduction; OR
- Submit your valid study permit; OR
- Submit your refusal letter; OR
- Let us know that you are still waiting for a study permit; OR
- Request a deferral (please note these are not guaranteed, and must be received by November 14. This option is <u>not available</u> to students who have been previously deferred.); OR
- Request a closure with a refund (please note these are not guaranteed, and must be received by November 14. This option is <u>not available</u> to students who have been previously deferred.); OR
- Inform us if you have not yet applied for a study permit. Please note that students who confirm their seat but opt not to apply for a study permit will have their seat closed. A student may apply for a deferral or closure with a refund, however if their request is denied, their seat will be closed.

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#### **Registering for courses**

\*\*\*If you have not yet received your study permit, we still encourage you to register for classes to avoid being waitlisted for any necessary courses.\*\*\*

#### **COURSE DELIVERY MODE FOR JANUARY 2022**

Bow Valley College is increasing its return to in-person delivery for programs and courses for the Winter 2022 term.

The current temporary policy (outside Canada online studies) by IRCC expires on December 31, 2021. Therefore, we are expecting all international students to study in Canada from January 2022.

International students are expected to register themselves within face-to-face courses. If your course offers an online and a face-to-face option, please select the in-person option, to avoid future negative impacts on your Post-Graduate Work Permit application. If your courses do not offer in-person option, you can take online instead, however select these courses when no other option is available.

Please see our Winter 2022 course delivery update for details.

#### How to register for courses:

Course registration for new learners opens between October 25 and 29, 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: <u>Important Dates</u>

For registration help, please visit <u>Academic Advising</u> or email <u>advising@bowvalleycollege.ca</u>.

#### January 2022 term: Course registration & class delivery mode

**If your program includes an in-person practicum/clinical experience/ work experience courses:** You will need an approved co-op work permit in addition to your approved study permit. For more information, please visit our webpage: <u>Co-op Work Permits</u>.

**Students in Canada:** Please register in-person courses to be eligible for a Post-Graduation Work Permit.



# Travel and vaccines information and preparation

## Students must have their vaccines verified in order to access campus:

 Anyone vaccinated outside of Canada with a World Health Organization (WHO) approved vaccine, needs to submit proof of double vaccination through the <u>International Education verification</u> <u>system</u>.

Please note the World Health Organization approved vaccines, as listed below:		
Moderna mRNA-1273	Pfizer/BioNTech BNT162b2	
Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) Ad26.COV2.S	Oxford/AstraZeneca AZD1222	
Serum Institute of India Covishield (Oxford/AstraZeneca formulation)	Sinopharm (Beijing) BBIBP-CorV (Vero Cells)	
Sinovac CoronaVac	End of list.	

- The verification process may take up to three business days.
- This verification document must be displayed to Campus Security each time you enter campus buildings.
- Eventually, students with WHO approved vaccinations will need to ensure that they receive Health Canada approved vaccines, if their existing vaccinations do not qualify.

Please review Bow Valley College <u>Vaccine Information page</u> for the latest protocols.

#### **Entering Canada:**

See our <u>Pre-Arrival Resources page</u> for our Student Travel Guide, government updates, and important considerations when planning your trip to Canada.

Ensure that you register for one of our travel webinars: VIEW SCHEDULE

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## Join your exclusive onboarding program for students starting in January

## International Education has prepared an onboarding program for all students that are starting their program in January 2022.

All students that have confirmed their seat for January 2022 have access to an MS Teams channel where you will find weekly updates and reminders, as well as gain access to presentations hosted by departments from important contacts through the college.

#### **Presentation topics include:**

- Living in Calgary
- How to support yourself while studying
- Learn about academic writing
- How to set yourself up for success at Bow Valley College
- And more!

#### Request your access to the channel here.

Be sure to attend <u>orientation</u> on January 6th and 7th.

An email inviting you to register for orientation will be sent out in late November or early December.

For questions, please email <u>ieconnect@bowvalleycollege.ca</u>.