Canada is an incredible place to study – it encompasses the cosmopolitan life of its major cities such as Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver but also the vast natural beauty of the Rocky Mountains and the quieter maritime life on the Canadian east coast.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements for Canadian universities and colleges are specific to the course or program you intend to study. You will need to review the website for each university to determine their requirements.

For example, the highly-regarding engineering program at the University of Waterloo specifically states you must have completed Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and English while this program at other universities will have different requirements. Make sure to do your homework!

Please keep in mind that course requirements will be different depending if you are in an UK-based school, IB, etc. Each university will deal with this issue differently – make sure you meet the necessary requirements.

English Language Requirements

The language requirements for most universities in Canada state that if you have not (i) lived in a country where English is the acknowledged primary language, or (ii) studied at a school full-time for a prescribed number of years where the language of instruction was English, then you need to submit English language scores from a standardized English language testing facility.

These English language policies are different across the numerous universities and colleges in Canada, however, the acceptable English language test scores are generally International English Language Testing System (IELTS): 6 - 6.5 overall on the Academic Module. Again, this score can vary depending on the program or university.

There are many excellent Canadian language programs (often at the university or college you are planning to attend) to help international students with language proficiency and enable them to be accepted into post-secondary studies.
Top 10 Universities in Canada

Internationally, the most well-known and popular universities in Canada are the following:

- University of Toronto
- McGill University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Waterloo
- University of Alberta
- University of Ottawa
- Queen’s University
- Western University
- University of McMaster
- University of Victoria

However, there are over 100 universities and 200 colleges in Canada - each offering countless programs and courses. Your options are endless!

Each year Maclean’s (www.macleans.com), a national news magazine in Canada, surveys students in Canada on the best universities and publishes the results. This is an excellent way to read reviews about Canadian universities, understand which programs each university is best known for and also get information on student life in Canada.

Often the universities that the top Maclean’s “Best Schools in the Comprehensive Category” are some of the lesser-known universities that offer smaller classroom sizes and a more personalized education experience (such as Simon Fraser University, Carleton University, Guelph University and the University of New Brunswick).

How to Choose the Best University for You

The preliminary factors to consider when choosing a Canadian university or college are what programs you are interested in, location of the university, cost of studying, and general reputation.

In addition, you may also want to consider:

- Does the university offer on-campus living?
- Are the living arrangements single gender/co-ed?
- How safe is the city or town in which the university is located?
- Does the university have a large foreign student population?
- What are the classroom sizes?
- Does the university prefer self-study or large group assignments?

At Beeton & Co, we have partnered with the same Canadian education companies working with Canadian high schools and guidance counsellors to offer international students the same up-to-date information on programs, universities and colleges in Canada. We offer each student a 50+ page personalized report of the best suited university or college and programs.
Getting Around
Whether you love living in a city or the great outdoors, biking is a great way to see the sites in Canada.

Which Part of the Country?
A major part in your decision to study in Canada be deciding which part of the country you like best!

FAST FACTS

200+
Languages spoken in Canada

330,000+
Foreign students studying in Canada each year

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CANADA: So Much to Love!

Canada is a land of rich diversity, encompassing urban sophistication and abundant nature and wildlife. It is safe yet also exciting; stable yet also filled with adventure. It features cutting-edge technology, inspiring cultural icons, and a vibrant society that is open to everyone. Canadians tend to be modern, welcoming, and open-minded.

Canada consists of 10 Provinces and 3 Territories. The Western Provinces are known for the Rocky Mountains, the Canadian oil and gas industry and its major cities Vancouver and Calgary.

The Prairies, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, are slightly quieter and with a smaller population. The main industry is agriculture.

The Province of Ontario is known as the banking and financial center of the country – also manufacturing plays a major role in the Province. This is the Province where Toronto and Ottawa (the nation’s capital) are located.

Next door is Quebec which is predominately French-speaking (the other Provinces are mostly English-speaking). Montreal and Quebec-City are the major cities and also known for their European feel.

You then enter the East Coast Provinces – the maritime region with fisheries, lobster and wonderful maritime cities and towns.

Most of the population in Canada lives along the southern border that is adjacent to the USA.

Canada is Multicultural, Democratic and Open to the World

Canada is officially bilingual (English and French), and across the country, more than 200 languages are spoken. The biggest cities, Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal, are home to many immigrant communities and one finds all sorts of ethnicities across the country.

Canada is recognized for its tolerant and supporting culture. Of particular note is the Charter of Rights and Freedoms that enshrines equality for all.

Canada is a democratic country and the current Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, has proven to be very popular with his policies in support of Syrian refugees and pro-immigration outlook.

Canadian citizens and permanent residents have access to numerous social programs including free healthcare.

Lastly, Canada is consistently ranked one the safest and best places to live in the world by the United Nations.

Canadian Education Is World Class

Canada is ranked #1 by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for higher education achievement—more than half of its citizens between the ages of 25 and 64 have a post-secondary education.

The Times 2013–2014 World University Rankings placed eight Canadian universities in the top 200 (and four of these in the top 100).
Canada Produces Leaders

Canadian leaders included the famous architect Frank Gehry (Bilbao Guggenheim Museum, Walt Disney Concert Hall, etc.); the economist John Kenneth Galbraith (who served in the administrations of US presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson); the cinematographer James Cameron (Titanic, Avatar); the author Margaret Atwood; musicians Drake, Justin Bieber, Sarah McLachlan, and Celine Dion; and actors Rachel McAdams, Jim Carrey, Ryan Reynolds, Ryan Gosling and the legend, William Schatner (the original Captain Kirk from Star Trek!).

Canada Is a Highly Competitive Economy

Canada has one of the world’s most stable economies. Canada also boasts one of the fastest economic growth rates among the G8 countries, and the International Monetary Fund predicts this trend to continue. The

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Study Costs and Financial Assistance

Canada is among the most affordable of the leading study abroad destinations – the cost of living and tuition costs are on average lower than the UK and the USA.

There are a number of scholarship and award programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels to assist international students. This financial aid is awarded based on criteria such as academic success, community involvement, athletic excellence, references from instructors and employers, or purely financial need.

Undergraduate tuition fees in Canada

Average tuition fees in Canada for international undergraduate students start at approximately CA$15,000 (US$11,500) per year. Arts and humanities courses tend to have lower fees, while subjects such as engineering and medicine are among the more expensive.

Postgraduate tuition fees in Canada

If you want to study at the postgraduate level, the tuition fees are generally higher, and again vary depending on your program. As is the case worldwide, executive MBA programs are generally the most expensive, averaging around CA$42,000 (US$32,500).

Examples of average living costs in Canada:

Eating out at a restaurant: CA$10-15 per person (US$8-11)
One-way ticket on local public transport: CA$3 (US$2)
Loaf of bread: CA$2.80 (US$2)
Cinema ticket: CA $12.25 (US$9)

You should also remember that it is compulsory to purchase health insurance while studying in Canada. This will cost approximately CA$600 (~US$450) per year.
Canadian Immigration: Study, Work and Stay in Canada After You Graduate

Study

If the course you are studying is over 6 months you must apply for a Canadian study permit.

The Canadian study permit application requires a number of supporting documents including evidence that you are able to financially support yourself (and your spouse or children, if applicable) during your studies. For a single student (without a spouse or child), the Canadian Government will generally need to see evidence that you can afford your tuition and approximately $10,000 CDN for your first year of studies.

The Canadian Government will also require evidence of your ties to your home country.

Study permits should be applied for as early as possible to avoid delays in starting your studies.

Work

The Canadian Government permits students on a student visa to work on campus or off campus up to 20 hours a week while they study.

Students can also work full-time during the summer and Christmas holidays and participate in an internship or co-op (paid internship) if it is essential to their course but does not account for more than 50% of such course.

Post-Graduation Immigration Planning

After students complete their studies, there are immigration programs which allow foreign students to stay and work in Canada to gain valuable Canadian work experience. Having Canadian work experience can help students apply for permanent residency and ultimately Canadian citizenship.

There are some eligibility requirements including:

- You must have continuously studied full time in Canada and you must have completed a program of study that lasted at least eight months.
- You must apply for a work permit within 90 days of receiving written confirmation (for example, a transcript or an official letter) from your institution indicating that you have met the requirements for completing your academic program.
- You must have completed and passed the program of study and received a notification that you are eligible to obtain your degree, diploma or certificate.

After your Post-Graduation Study Permit expires, you will need to apply through the Express Entry system to immigrate as a Permanent Resident to Canada. Permanent Residency allows people almost the same rights as a citizen, including social programs (such as health care).

Once a permanent resident or Canadian citizen, students may sponsor their parents, grandparents, spouse or dependent children to immigrate to Canada.

Work in Canada After Your Studies

Canada offers programs that allow students to work in Canada after they complete their studies.

Spouse Work Permit

If your spouse lives in Canada while you study, they may be eligible for a Canadian work permit.

Sponsor Your Parents or Grandparents

If you stay in Canada and become a permanent resident you may be eligible to sponsor your parents or grandparents to live in Canada.
Beeton & Co: How Can We Help?

Admission to Canadian University or College

Students applying to Canadian universities and colleges typically apply to 10-15 institutions for admission. Each university/college and program has different requirements which include personal essays, interviews, etc. *We will organize the process, review your applications and help prepare you for interviews.*

Earlier Achiever Education Program

As early as Grade 9 we establish your Early Achiever Education Plan. We meet with you to discuss your interests, what courses you enjoy and where you want to be by the end of high school – and we *establish a plan for you to achieve your education goals.*

We can also provide you with an aptitude test if you are not sure which direction to go.

High Achiever Education Program

Which Canadian universities should I apply to? During your personalized counselling session, we determine where in Canada you want to live, what programs you are interested in, what campus experience you are looking for and also consider tuition fees and financial assistance. *We provide you with a 50+ page individualized report listing the top Canadian universities or colleges that match your interests and passions.*

English Language Courses

*Are your English language scores too low?* Most Canadian universities offer English language programs that get students ready for academic study while they also get comfortable with life in Canada.

You should also consider a “bridge” English language course which allows you to take academic credits while you complete your English language studies.

Study Visa & Work After Graduating

We apply for your Canadian study permit and advise on the required supporting documents. Canada offers immigration programs that allow foreign students to *stay in Canada after they complete their studies* and gain valuable Canadian work experience. We advise you on these programs and help plan your future in Canada.

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