



TRAVEL & IMMIGRATION

Please read this form carefully before you make your travel plans. When you have read it and made your travel arrangements, complete the Travel Form and return it to CanIL as soon as possible.

I. Travelling from within Canada

By Car: Trinity Western is located about 30 km east of Vancouver on the Trans-Canada Highway #1. If you travel by car from Vancouver or from points east on the highway, do the following:

1. Take the Langley-Fort Langley exit at 232nd St./Hwy. #10
2. Turn south on 232nd which will become Hwy. #10 East
3. Drive for 2 km to Glover Road
4. Turn north (right) on Glover Road, drive approximately 1 km
5. Turn right into the Trinity Western entrance

By Bus: Arrange to get off at the bus depot in Langley or the Campbell River Store in South Surrey.

By Air: Two airports are available to you: YVR (Vancouver) or YXX (Abbotsford).

By Train: From points in Canada, get off at Port Coquitlam.

II. Travelling from the United States

By Car: Three Possible Routes

Sumas/Abbotsford Crossing *Hours: Open 24 hours a day

1. Interstate-5 North from Seattle to Bellingham.
2. Take the Meridian St. exit and drive 25 minutes north to Lynden.
3. Drive through Lynden and continue north until you come to Badger Road.
4. Turn right on Badger Road and drive 20 minutes east until you come to Sumas.
5. Badger Road will veer left becoming Highway 9 until it heads north and becomes Cherry Street and takes you to the border crossing.
6. At the border crossing booth, if the officer determines that you need a study permit, you will be directed to park and go inside the immigration office.
7. Present your passport, acceptance letter, financial aid information and \$150 (credit/debit or cash) and ask for a study permit.
8. Once you have received your study permit you will leave the border and be on Sumas Way heading north.
9. Drive north until you come to Highway #1 (about 1 mile) and drive west.
10. Take the 232nd St./Hwy. #10 exit South. This road will become Highway #10 which will end at Glover Road (1 1/2 miles).
11. Turn north (right) on Glover Road towards Trinity Western.
12. Turn right into the University entrance.

Blaine/White Rock Crossing *Hours: Open 24 hours a day

1. Interstate-5 North from Seattle all the way to Canadian border in Blaine, WA, exit 275.
2. At the border crossing booth, if the officer determines that you need a study permit, you will be directed to park and go inside the immigration office.
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4. Once you have received your study permit and cleared the border crossing you'll be on 176th Street heading north.
5. Turn right (east) on 16th Ave.
6. Turn left (north) 216th Street.
7. Turn northeast (right) on Glover Road towards Trinity Western University.
8. Turn right into the university entrance.

Lynden/Aldergrove Crossing *Hours: 8 am to midnight

1. Interstate-5 North from Seattle to Bellingham.
2. Take the Meridian St. exit and drive 25 minutes north to Lynden.
3. Drive through Lynden and continue north until you come to the border.
4. At the border crossing booth, if the officer determines that you need a study permit, you will be directed to park and go inside the immigration office.
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6. On the Canadian side of the border, you will be on Highway #13 which is also 264th Street.
7. Take Highway #13 north past 3 traffic lights to the Trans-Canada Highway #1.
8. Head West on Highway #1 towards Vancouver until the next exit (4 miles).
9. Take the 232nd St./Hwy. #10 exit south. This road will become Highway #10 which will end at Glover Road (1 ½ miles).
10. Turn north (right) on Glover Road towards Trinity Western.
11. Turn right into the University entrance.

By Bus: If you travel from the U.S. by bus and cross the border at the Blaine, WA crossing, plan to get off at the Campbell River Store (South Surrey) bus depot just across the Canadian border. Please do not go all the way to Vancouver, BC.

By Air: You may fly into the Bellingham International Airport, Seattle Airport, Abbotsford Airport or Vancouver International Airport. If you fly into B'ham or Seattle, you may opt to take a shuttle bus across the border (see above). From the Vancouver airport, you can take the Airport Link Shuttle which can take passengers from the Vancouver airport right to where they need to go, even to TWU. The one-way fare is \$40 (if shared) or Single Rider one way fare of \$75.00. Please check their website for more information at <http://www.airportlinkshuttle.com/>. If you would rather request a pickup from a CanIL staff member, indicate this on your Travel Form and see the costs below.

III. Pick-Up Costs

If you arrive by air, bus or train and need a pickup from an airport or station, indicate this on your Travel Form. Please be prepared to pay the CanIL staff member who picks you up a fee to cover their gas. If other students arrive at the same time, you will be able to split the cost.

From Vancouver Airport: \$40
 From Bellingham Airport: \$40
 From Abbotsford Airport: \$20
 From Campbell River Store: \$20
 From Langley bus or train station: \$10

IV. Arrival and Departure Times

Room occupancy for on-campus residents begins on the weekend prior to the first day of classes. Please plan to arrive no sooner than the Saturday and no later than 5:00 on the Sunday before classes start so that you will arrive in time for the orientation session and dinner that evening. CanIL staff and students should fill out their arrival and departure information on the Travel Form and send it well in advance to the Canada Institute of Linguistics. Also, please email a picture of yourself to caniladmissions@twu.ca so that the person picking you up will recognize you. If unforeseen circumstances cause a change of travel plans and arrival time, please contact CanIL as soon as possible 1-(888) 513-2129 or by email at caniladmissions@twu.ca.

Plan to depart no earlier than the evening of the last day of class. Final classes, exams and a farewell celebration are scheduled for the last day of class and many students will need the entire day to complete and turn in major assignments. Students who leave early and consequently miss a final exam must pay a \$100 fee to reschedule the exam for an earlier time. It is quite important that students attend every day of class due to the rigorous and condensed nature of the program.

V. Obtaining a Study Permit to Enter Canada

You must have a valid passport. If you do not yet have a passport, you can download an application online and apply at a local government office in your town, such as a city hall or a post office. This is usually about a 6 week process but can be expedited for a larger fee.

Study Permit Requirement

In some circumstances, students may not be required to obtain a study permit to enter Canada. To determine if a permit is required in your circumstances and the best method for applying for a permit, see the Citizenship and Immigration Canada OP 12 Document at

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/resources/manuals/op/op12-eng.pdf>.

VI. Airport Immigration

Non-Canadians travelling by air: If you are flying in from outside of Canada, you will go through Canadian Immigration at the airport. For some students, this may be where you will obtain your study permit. For others, you will already have a study permit. Either way, there will likely be a delay as you get through the immigration process. If you are being picked up by CanIL, we are already aware of the delays you are likely to experience and will wait as long as needed. However, if you fly into a different Canadian airport before flying on to Vancouver Intl Airport, your immigration process will happen at that airport, not YVR. When purchasing your plane tickets, please allow for a few hours between these flights so that you do not miss your connection to YVR. Please call CanIL at 1-888-513-2129 if you miss your connection so that we can arrange to pick you up at a different time.

VII. What to do at Canadian Immigration

A. Attitude

It is important when you are entering any country that you portray an attitude of respect for that country and its laws. Remember that as a foreigner, you are entering as a guest. It is the right of the officials of that country to deny your request to enter. However, there are a few things you can do to make that unlikely to happen. The first thing is to maintain a calm attitude of respect when interacting with immigration officials. Also, when you are granted access, show your gratitude.

B. It's a Gamble

Also, there is an element of chance when crossing any international border. Our experience with students applying for their visa has been that some, if not most, will come across, request a visa and it will be granted in mere moments with hardly any questioning. Other students will be given detailed questions about past employment, criminal history and references from landlords. There seems to be no real formula for determining if you will have an easy experience or a hard one. If you should experience hardship at Canadian Immigration, remember not to take it personally. Immigration officials are trained to protect Canada from those who wish to enter for harmful purposes. They are not required to provide excellent customer service. This means that it may be necessary for them to put you in a pressured situation in order to see how you respond.

C. Don't Give Up

If you encounter a difficult situation, please do not be discouraged. If Immigration officials give you a hard time or indicate they will not grant your visa, it is important to remain calm and respectful. You can call CanIL, toll free at 1-888-513-2129 and our Personnel Director can advise you or come to the border to help you with the process.

D. Come Prepared with Documentation

1. Fee: The cost of a study permit or a work permit is \$150 Cdn. You will need to bring this in the form of Canadian cash or credit card. Immigration will not accept checks from any country.

2. Acceptance Letter: Bring the original acceptance letter issued to you by TWU or ACTS. This letter will identify you by name and student number and will list a specific degree program as well as a date span in

which you are permitted to study. Canadian Immigration will need to see this letter to know how long to grant your study permit for.

3. Immigration Form: If you are entering a TWU degree program, TWU will provide an Immigration Form along with your acceptance letter that clearly shows the terms of your acceptance.

4. Proof of Financial Support: Canadian Immigration needs to see evidence that you can sustain yourself while you are in Canada without being a drain on the Canadian economy. The following documents may help you provide this evidence.

- **Financial Aid Letters:** If you have been awarded scholarship, grants or loans, bring with you any and all letters from the university or funding institutions showing amount of aid.
- **Job Offer Letter:** If you have been offered a job in Canada which does NOT interfere with your studies, have your potential employer write a job offer letter. Note that you may work any job on TWU campus with only a study permit. You cannot work off campus until you acquire an Off-Campus Work Permit.
- **Spousal Support:** The spouse of a full time student may acquire an Open Work Permit to seek employment in Canada. Acquiring this permit at Immigration and declaring your intention to receive support from the spouse's earnings may be sufficient show proof of financial support.
- **Pay Stub:** If you have some employment outside Canada that you can perform remotely, you may use a paycheck to show your projected monthly earnings.
- **Bank Statement:** Use a current bank statement to show how much you have in your accounts.
- **Pledge of Support:** If you have a relationship with a person or institution that wishes to provide regular support to you while you are in Canada, procure a letter from them, indicating how much money and for how long they intend to support you.
- **Reference Letter:** One way to show that you are financially responsible is to have a reference letter from someone you have done business with. One great example of this is a landlord. A landlord could write a letter saying that you have always paid your rent on time and are a responsible person.

E. What Not to Bring Across the Border

- Fresh fruit
- Fresh meat
- Soil (potted plants)
- Fire arms
- Tobacco products
- Cash over \$10,000
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