



Visiting Canada

Applying for a Temporary Resident Visa

Introduction:

Entry to Canada is considered a privilege, not a right. If you want to visit Canada temporarily, you must comply with the requirements of the Canadian Government. Furthermore, if you wish to return to the U.S. after your temporary visit to Canada, to continue your studies at SUNY Canton, you must also comply with the requirements of the United States Citizenship and Immigration (USCIS) of the U.S. government.

Do you need a Temporary Resident Visa to visit Canada?

To find out whether you need a Temporary Resident Visa to visit Canada, check the list called "Countries and Territories Whose Citizens Require Visas in Order to Enter Canada as Visitors". The list is available at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

Application for a Temporary Resident Visa to visit Canada

For further information on applying for a temporary visa to visit Canada, please visit <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-how.asp>. Click on "Obtain a Temporary Visa Application Package". You will be able to download the "Guide" to applying for a temporary resident visa, as well as download and print the actual application form. Enclosing an already paid "express mail" envelope with your application will provide a faster return service of your passport. Otherwise, your passport will be returned to you by regular mail.

Check the website for further information about the documentation you must submit with your application. Be prepared to submit the following:

- Completed application for a temporary resident Visa to Canada
- Fee <http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/can-am>
- Your valid passport
- 2 photographs (see website for instructions)
- Copy of your I-20
- Proof of financial support
- Official transcript
- Verification of enrollment
- Detailed travel plans

<p><u>Application and required documentation may be sent to:</u> Consulate General of Canada HSBC Center Suite 3000 Buffalo, New York 14203-2884 USA</p>

In order to return to the U.S. after your temporary visit to Canada, you must have in your possession:

- A valid passport
- A valid Form I-20, endorsed with an approved travel authorization signature. You must obtain such signature from a staff member in the International Programs Office in FOB 232A before your departure to Canada. Your Form I-20 will be endorsed only if you are in valid F-1 status.

Canadian Immigration Fee Schedules

*Effective July 16, 2007 and subject to change at any time, visit the Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) website for a current fee schedule,
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/English/information/fees/index.asp>

SUBMITTING THE FEE:

Payment must be in Canadian or U.S. dollars only. No other currency will be accepted.

The entire fee must be submitted in one currency; do not send part of the fee in U.S. dollars and part in Canadian dollars.

The fees are payable when the application is submitted.

Applications submitted without the correct fees will be returned to the applicant.

Fees should be made payable to the “CANADIAN CONSULATE GENERAL”

CIS will accept:

- Money order
- Cashier's check
- Certified check
- Bank draft

CIS will NOT accept:

- Cash
- Personal checks
- Credit cards
- Receipts for fees paid in Canada
- Receipts for on-line payments
- Fees in amounts other than those shown in the Fee Schedule

**Applications and required
documentation may also be sent to:**

Consulate General of Canada
1251 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10020-1175, USA