

# Camosun International Student Newsletter

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just around the corner!

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## Welcome to December at Camosun College!

As we wrap up the year, we want to extend a warm welcome to all students, whether you're returning to continue your studies or starting a new journey with us. This term is full of opportunities for learning, growth, and connection.

**For our graduating students**, we understand this is a critical time as you plan your next steps. If you're considering applying for the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP), be sure to review the eligibility criteria and deadlines to ensure a smooth transition from student life to your career in Canada.

We're here to support you every step of the way. Wishing you a productive and successful December! Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance.



Please note that our **Lansdowne office** will be closed from 12:00pm on December 13 to January 1, 2025. Our **Interurban office** will be closed from December 25 to January 1, 2025. If you would like to see your advisors in

person before the holiday closure, please come to our Interurban office before December 25 or feel free to contact us via email or phone.

Additionally, [the Letter Request Form](#) will close on **December 14**. If you submit a request before this date, we will make every effort to issue your letter before the office closures on December 25.

## New to Camosun or Canada?

Make sure to check these 3 tips before your first semester begins!



### Apply for MSP Insurance

Have you applied for the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP)?

It's important to register for MSP as soon as you arrive in British Columbia to ensure continuous health coverage.

If you haven't yet applied, please do so before your [guard.me](#) insurance expires.

[Apply for MSP](#)



### Apply for Bus pass (Umo)

New students can get their U-Pass benefit code 10 days before the term starts, **but it will only become active on the first day of classes.**

You can use either the Umo app or a reloadable Umo card for your bus rides.

[Learn More](#)



### Apply for Camosun ID card

Your Camosun ID card is essential for borrowing books, accessing facilities, and getting discounts.

**New students can request their ID 10 days before classes start,** provided they're registered in at least one credit course.

Pick up your card at **the library the next day with a government-issued ID.**

[Learn More](#)

Are you planning to apply for the **Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)**?



You might be eligible to live and work in Canada after graduating from your program.

Make sure to [check your eligibility](#) and [prepare your documents](#) in advance.

You will need **two specific documents** from us for your PGWP application.

[Learn about PGWP](#)

*"Applicants are eligible for only **ONE** post-graduation work permit in their lifetime."*



**Coming soon!**

**Join us for the in-person New Student Orientation!**

**January 2 and 3, 2025**

Get ready for an exciting start at Camosun College by joining our International Student Welcome events.



You'll have the chance to make new connections, meet staff and volunteers, and get crucial information on resources, including immigration and health insurance.



Join Day 3 Orientation (Services fair) and collect stamps at each booth for a chance to win exciting prizes too!

[Register here](#)



*For all international students!*

## **Parents and Supporters Orientation**

Starting a post-secondary journey is a significant milestone for both students and their families.

This guide is designed to provide you with essential information to help you support a Camosun student, making the transition smoother for everyone involved.

**Parents/Supporters Guide**

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### **International Student Services**

[Lansdowne campus](#)

Isabel Dawson, ID 201

[Interurban campus](#)

Liz Ashton Campus Center, CC 251

### **By Email**

[international\\_advisors@camosun.ca](mailto:international_advisors@camosun.ca)

### **In person**

Monday - Thursday: 9am to 4pm

Friday: no in-person service. Virtual service (via Email): 9am to 4pm

### **By phone**

250-370-4812

*Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Kosapsum) and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We honor their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.*