



UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA

INTERNATIONAL

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN CANADA

HANDBOOK
2027
2028

TOGETHER, WE'RE LEADING WITH PURPOSE.

If you are an international student currently living in Canada and attending high school on a study permit, this book is for you!

As you read through this guide, you will be introduced to what makes the University of Alberta a world-class institution and to the ways we celebrate and support international students.



TOP 4
UNIVERSITY IN
CANADA



TOP 100
UNIVERSITY IN THE
WORLD



47,500+
STUDENTS FROM
156 COUNTRIES
(STUDENTS FROM 80%
OF THE WORLD!)



7 PROGRAMS
RANKED #1
IN CANADA



#1 IN CANADA FOR
AI RESEARCH



97%
GRADUATE
EMPLOYMENT RATE

For more information on rankings, visit uab.ca/rank

Three unique teaching campuses to discover!

From the Edmonton River Valley views of North Campus, to the bustling French Quarter of Campus Saint-Jean, to the nature and ski trails lining Augustana Campus in Camrose, there is so much to explore. Head to uab.ca/campus to learn more about each or book a virtual or in-person campus tour at uab.ca/tours and come see for yourself.

You'll quickly discover your own community,
but here are a few ideas to get you started:



GET INVOLVED

From the International Students' Association to the AI Society and the Hide & Seek Club, you are bound to find your fit in one of our 450+ student-run clubs. uasu.ca/clubs



GO GREEN & GOLD

Join 10,000 intramural participants, participate in 25 club sports or try out to compete as a varsity athlete. On the field or in the stands, you can show your team spirit at FREE regular season games. betheroar.ca



LIVE ON CAMPUS

By living just steps from campus life, you will have access to a diverse meal-plan, study groups, built-in friends — oh, and did we mention folks in residence LOVE dodgeball? uab.ca/residence



ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

Go beyond the classroom with first-year research projects and collaborative makerspaces. Or, take your learning off-campus with one of 240+ study abroad programs or co-ops/internships in every direct-entry faculty. uab.ca/wil



From admission to graduation, we're here to support you.

ROLLING ADMISSION

We review all grade 11 and grade 12 coursework to begin our evaluation process, and we automatically re-evaluate when new documentation is provided. Begin your application on uab.ca/apply as early as October 1 of your grade 12 year.

STUDENT ADVISING

Book an appointment to chat with an advisor virtually or in person on uab.ca/advising, or contact your international student coordinator with your questions! mapleleaf@ualberta.ca

YEAR ONE FOUNDATION PROGRAM

If you are an international student who does not yet meet the academic entry requirements, apply to join our Year One Foundation Program. This is not an upgrading program — it's a full-time, on-campus program that sets you up to enter a degree program in your second year. uab.ca/yearone

BRIDGING PROGRAM

A great option for students who meet all admission requirements but still need to improve their English Language Proficiency before entering a degree program. Discover our five participating faculties on uab.ca/bridging.

Funding Your Future

There are a number of cost-saving reasons to attend the U of A:



Our international tuition cost is often lower than other top 5 post-secondary institutions in Canada.



Edmonton is in the only province with no PST or HST and has been deemed one of Canada's most affordable cities.



For international students starting their first year in Fall 2027, tuition starts at: \$24,998+: Augustana Campus* \$22,795+: Campus Saint-Jean



Edmonton has been ranked in the top 5 best cities in Canada for youth work opportunities.

*Eligible Augustana Programs: Bachelor of Arts, Management or Science only.

Tuition Guarantee

As an international student, you will know the total cost of your tuition at the time of your admission offer. This guarantee ensures a fixed cost for the duration of your program, giving you peace of mind to plan ahead and make informed decisions.

Use our cost calculator to find your estimated tuition amount based on your program choice and living arrangements. uab.ca/costcalc

**These figures are based on one year of full-time study in a general Arts or Science program for 2026-27; fees are subject to change every year.*

First-Year Estimate*



\$41,300+
FOR INTERNATIONAL TUITION

PLUS



\$3,700+
FOR BOOKS, SUPPLIES AND FEES



\$14,800+
FOR RESIDENCE WITH A MEAL PLAN

Scholarships & Awards

The U of A administers more than \$53 million annually in undergraduate financial support, including exclusive scholarships and awards **specifically for international students who are already studying in Canada (like you).**

Admission-Based

Based on your admission average alone, you could receive awards you are automatically evaluated for!

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION SCHOLARSHIP (UP TO \$10,000):

Awarded to students with superior academics in high school.

REGIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP (UP TO \$5,000):

Awarded to students attending high school in Canada from select regions on a study permit with an admission average of 80%+.

Application-Based

After applying to the U of A, simply submit one scholarship application to be considered for most offerings.

The deadline to apply is January 10, 2027.

uab.ca/awards

PRESIDENT'S INTERNATIONAL DISTINCTION SCHOLARSHIP (\$120,000*):

Our most prestigious and competitive scholarship for international students. Awarded to students with exceptional academics, creativity and leadership.

**Payable over four years.*

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA INTERNATIONAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIP (UP TO \$15,000):

Awarded to well-rounded leaders with superior academics.

Steps to securing your study permit in time!

ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

After accepting your offer and paying the non-refundable tuition deposit, your Letter of Acceptance and Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) will become available through Launchpad and MyCreds™. Submit these documents with your study permit application to the IRCC.

STUDY PERMIT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Visit uab.ca/recruitmentevents periodically to register for live U of A virtual information sessions with our International Student Specialists. Or, use our Study Permit Extension resources online.

uab.ca/studypermit-canada

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND VISITOR SERVICES (ISVS)

Access immigration advising, study permit resources, settlement support, student-led clubs and special trips and events — including trips to Banff or Jasper on uab.ca/international.

STUDY PERMIT REFUSALS

While study permit application refusals can be discouraging, viable pathways for reapplication may still exist! Find reapplication support using BorderPass or request a document review with ISVS.

uab.ca/studypermit-canada

BorderPass

We have partnered with BorderPass to offer no cost support to our international students with their visa application. BorderPass maximises your chances of securing a study permit and provides:

- Visa application support
- Access to Canadian Lawyers
- Permanent Residence planning

Free access to BorderPass will be granted once a student has accepted their offer and paid their tuition deposit. Students are responsible for the government filing fees.

uab.ca/borderpass

Students outside Pembina Hall during the beautiful fall season.

English Language Proficiency (ELP) Requirements

There are many ways to meet ELP in order to be granted admission to the U of A. Visit uab.ca/language reqs for more information. The deadline to submit proof of ELP is **August 1, 2027**.

WRITTEN EXAMS	COURSE REQUIREMENTS
TOEFL INTERNET-BASED TEST (IBT)	Overall 4.5 with no individual band below 4.5
IELTS (ACADEMIC)	Overall 6.5 with no band less than 6.0
DUOLINGO ENGLISH TEST	Overall 120 with no subscore less than 100
HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK	
English Language Arts 30-1 (for students taking Alberta or NWT curriculum only)	75% or higher (final blended grade must include the diploma exam or provincial exam mark)
IB English A: Literature HL/SL or A: Language & Literature HL/SL	5 or better (official predicted mark or exam mark)
IB English B	6 or better (official predicted mark or exam mark)
AP English	4 or better (exam mark)
PREVIOUS EDUCATION IN ENGLISH	
Three or More Years of Full-Time Education in English (Excluding ESL) ¹	Successful completion with at least 5 academic, for-credit courses taken per year in those three years. We only consider courses that were taken for credit, and we will not consider courses that were failed or ESL/ELL courses in the 5 course per year calculation. ²
POST-SECONDARY COURSEWORK	
6 Credits of University-Level English Studies Completed at a Recognized English-Language Institution	B+ or better (must be transferable as 6 credits of ENGL at the University of Alberta)
University of Alberta EAP 136 & INT D 137 ³	Successful completion

Spoken English Language Proficiency Requirements

Required for applicants to the Faculty of Education and Health Science-related fields.

SPOKEN EXAMS	COURSE REQUIREMENTS
TOEFL INTERNET-BASED TEST (IBT)	Minimum score of 5.0 in the speaking section
IELTS (ACADEMIC)	Minimum score of 7.5 in the speaking section
DUOLINGO ENGLISH TEST	Overall 140 with no subscore less than 120
PREVIOUS EDUCATION IN ENGLISH	
Six Years of Full-Time Education in English in Canada ¹	Successful completion ²

NOTES:

1. In a secondary or post-secondary institution in Canada or another country where English is recognized as the official/primary language of instruction. Will be evaluated upon receipt of Official Final Transcripts at the end of your schooling.
2. Education must include Alberta Grade 12 (or equivalent) if secondary education is the highest level completed, or if a combination of secondary and post-secondary is used.
3. These courses can be completed through the University of Alberta Bridging Program.

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ASK US

You've got questions.
We've got advisors.

uab.ca/mapleleaf

mapleleaf@ualberta.ca

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event at uab.ca/recruitmentevents