

CHECKLIST FOR International Students¹

BEFORE ARRIVING

As soon as you are admitted

- Apply for a study permit.**

[Apply for your study permit](#) well before your proposed travel date.* Also, check with your local visa office as additional documentation may be required. For more information, visit Wycliffe's International Student page and the [Immigration Canada website](#).

- For additional information and assistance with obtaining your study permit, visit U of T's [Centre for International Experience](#). View "Associated Programs" and "Associated Services" to attend workshops or seek immigration advice.

*US students: the Government of Canada recommends applying online rather than at the border.

In addition to a study permit, some students will also need a visa to come to Canada. [Check requirements for your country>>](#)

- Start the search for residence.**

The Toronto housing market is hot, and some student residences have waitlists, so begin to make inquiries early on. [Finding Housing>>](#)

- Enable your JOINid.**

Before the new semester starts, the Registrar's Office will send you the link to enable your JOINid. This will allow you to login to ACORN (U of T's student information service) and register for classes. You can expect to receive this email before class registration opens (July, for a summer start).

- Activate your UTORid online.**

24-48 hours after enabling your JOINid, you will be able to activate your UTORid. You can obtain a UTORid and U of T email address online at the [TCard](#) website.

A UTORid is an eight-character, alphanumeric identification that allows you to access various U of T online programs and services, including the U of T Library system.

It is important to look for these links from the Registrar's Office and activate as soon as possible.

- Apply for financial aid (optional)**

If you require financial aid, you can apply for a Wycliffe bursary here: [Financial Aid](#)

- Join the [Wycliffe College Students Community](#) Facebook group (optional)**

It's a great place to ask other students any questions you may have about moving to and living in Toronto.

¹ This list is for students whose degrees are granted conjointly by Wycliffe and the University of Toronto (MDiv, MTS, MTSD, MA, ThM, PhD, DMin, and Certificate in Theological Studies). Students enrolled in the Certificate in Anglican Studies or the Diploma in Christian Studies are considered "non-conjoint" and will not receive a UTORid or JOINid. Non-conjoint students register for UHIP through the Registrar's Office. If you are a non-conjoint student, please contact wycliffe.registrar@utoronto.ca for assistance and information.

BEFORE ARRIVING

1-2 months before moving to Canada / courses start

Register for courses.

Check [Key Academic Dates](#) to ensure you register and pay for courses by the deadline.

You may take courses at Wycliffe or any of the Toronto School of Theology member colleges.² View course listings here: [Wycliffe courses](#) / [TST courses](#). You are welcome to consult your academic advisor with any questions.

ACORN (Accessible Campus Online Resource Network) is your central online hub for enrolling in courses, paying fees, requesting transcripts, updating your address, and other administrative tasks. View the [ACORN help guide](#)>>

[Register for courses on ACORN](#). Learn more here: [Registration Procedures](#)>>

Pay your tuition online.

Follow the instructions on your [ACORN account](#) for payment. See also:

- [ACORN help guide](#)
- [Student Accounts website](#) – instructions on how to pay tuition fees from outside Canada

Collect your documentation.

Be prepared to show the following documents at the Canadian border³:

- Passport
- Temporary Residence Visa (TRV) or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) (if required)
- Port of Entry (POE) Letter of Introduction from Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) – Don't forget to show this to get your Study Permit at the airport!
- Letter of Acceptance from the University of Toronto
- Proof that you have enough money to support yourself during your stay in Canada
- Immunization record
- Other COVID-19 related required documents

*This list is subject to change. Check with the [IRCC](#) and [University](#) websites for updated entry to Canada requirements before your departure.

Confirm medical insurance coverage.

UHIP medical coverage only begins in August or September. (Check the "Service Eligibility" and "Service Delivery" sections [here](#) for the relevant dates.) Students who wish to enter the country before that time should purchase their own temporary travel health insurance.

² Non-conjoint students may only take courses at Wycliffe College.

³ List from U of T's [Pre-Arrival Checklist](#)

AFTER ARRIVING

Deadlines (upon arrival)

Contact the Registrar's Office.

You must provide the Registrar with a copy of your study permit before the end of the first week of classes. Contact wycliffe.registrar@utoronto.ca with any questions or to confirm a time to visit.

Upload proof of vaccination.

As of Winter 2022, students are required to demonstrate proof of vaccination to participate in on-campus learning. Documentation is uploaded through [UCheck](#).

Pick up your TCard.

Your TCard is your U of T student ID, containing both your UTORid and your student number. Visit the [TCard](#) website for more information.

Enroll any dependents in UHIP's health plan (required).

Degree-seeking international students at the University of Toronto are automatically enrolled in the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) and supplementary insurance. However, **it is your responsibility to enroll your dependent family member(s) within 30 days of their date of eligibility.** [Learn more here>>](#)

Flexible (as soon as possible)

Print your UHIP card.

You'll need it each time you use a healthcare service. [Learn how>>](#)

Apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN) if you intend to work.

A work permit is automatically included with your study permit, though you should check the details and limitations it lists. To be able to work, you must [apply for a SIN# >>](#)

Find a family doctor.

Finding a doctor can take time, so you want to begin the process as soon as possible. Visit Wycliffe's [Health Coverage and Insurance page](#) for more information. You can also find **mental health resources** under the "Health and Wellness" section of our [Moving to Toronto webpage](#) as well as on the [University of Toronto webpage](#).

In an emergency (medical, police, fire), dial 9-1-1.

Need help settling in Toronto?

Visit our ["Moving to Toronto" webpage](#) for information on opening a bank account, choosing a phone plan, finding housing, mental health resources, and more!



Contact Information

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Wycliffe Student Services
(for non-emergency information about moving to Toronto)
wycliffe.admissions@utoronto.ca

Registrar's Office
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