

Coming to Canada Series: What to Expect at the Airport

Hello incoming international students!

Your arrival in Canada is an exciting step in your journey to study at Canadore College. To help you navigate the process at the airport, we've put together some important information:

Arrival at the Terminal When you arrive at the terminal, follow the signs to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) checkpoint—referred to as *Primary Inspection and Customs check*—where a border services officer will examine your Declaration Card, identification, and other travel documents. The officer can help guide you through this process.

Declarations If you have anything to declare, including purchases and food, plants, animals, and/or related products of any kind, make sure to inform the officer. If you are unsure, declare the item. Goods not declared that are restricted or prohibited in Canada can, under the law, be subject to seizure and penalty.

Secondary Examination You will go through a secondary examination where you will be issued your study permit (and Co-op work permit if applicable). Make sure to check that all details and conditions are correct under your study permit.

During this secondary examination, you may be asked to provide certain information, including:

- **Letter of Acceptance (LOA)**
- **Financial Documents** showing that you can support yourself during your stay
- **Details about your study plans** and accommodation arrangements

Tips for a Smooth Process

- **Have all documents ready:** Keep your LOA, passport, visa, financial documents, and any other relevant papers easily accessible, in your carry-on bag.
- **Be honest and clear:** Answer all questions truthfully and clearly.
- **Stay calm and polite:** The officers are there to help you. Remaining calm and polite will make the process smoother for everyone.

After Clearing Customs Once you have cleared customs and received your study permit, you can collect your luggage and proceed to your next destination.

We hope this information helps you prepare for your arrival in Canada. Check out your airline's website for more tips and information!

From your friendly Canadore International Department

Missed the Live Pre-Orientation Session? No Problem!

If you couldn't attend the live session, don't worry! To ensure you're fully prepared, please take the time to watch the orientation video [here](#)!