

How to write a study plan:

If you're applying for a study permit to Canada, you might need to prepare a "Study Plan" that explains your reasons for choosing Canada as your study destination. Even though a study plan may not be listed as a required document in the application checklist when you apply for your study permit, we strongly encourage you to include this document in your application.

Tip: It is recommended that a visa officer should be able to locate all the crucial information pertaining to your application within 10 minutes. To achieve this, ensure that your study plan has a coherent structure, and each paragraph logically builds upon the preceding one. This will help to ensure that your study plan is easy to read and that the key points are highlighted effectively. Make sure that your study plan demonstrates a clear and logical progression of your educational and career goals, making it easier for a visa officer to assess the application.

Here's a general guide to creating a study plan that meets the requirements outlined by IRCC:

Introduction

Begin with an introduction that clearly states your intention to pursue your academic goals by attending MacEwan University in Edmonton, AB, Canada. Explain the program you have been accepted into and why you are interested in this program. In this part, you should provide an overview of the information that will be presented in the remaining sections of your document, informing a visa officer of what to anticipate. Your study plan must include details such as the school's name, intended program of study, and the purpose of your application (e.g., study permit, co-op work permit).



Educational Goals



In your study plan, it is crucial to describe your educational goals and how the program at MacEwan University aligns with your long-term academic and career aspirations. This will help a visa officer assessing your application understand why this program is essential to your educational and professional development. Additionally, it is important to explain your field of interest and why you have chosen to pursue it, whether it is immediately after high school or as an undergraduate degree.

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Comparison to Similar Programs in your Country of Residence

Explain why you are not pursuing a similar program in your country of residence. Discuss the research you have done into programs available in your country of residence and how they differ from the program at MacEwan University. Elaborate on your decision to study in Canada and highlight the reasons that make Canada stand out to you. Enumerate the factors that attract you to pursue your academic program at MacEwan University. In case you plan to pursue a program that equals or is less than your prior educational level, such as the Business Management diploma after the Bachelor of Commerce degree, you should describe the differences in the curriculum of both programs.

Research useful information and data on the program of your choice website about its unique features and include such relevant information in this paragraph. If you have prior experience studying overseas, you may want to emphasize the importance of international education to you. Lastly, provide reasons for selecting Alberta, Edmonton and mention the ranking of MacEwan University as per students' feedback. Remember: your Canadian study should be valuable in your home country.

- *Why MacEwan University and program of study?*
 - *What is great about this university?*
 - *What is great about this program?*
 - *Why was this not attainable in your home country? If it is attainable, why did you still choose to come to Canada? Why Edmonton, AB, MacEwan University?*
 - *Is co-op or field placement required in your program? It is important to state this here, as the reason for your application for the Co-op work permit, and why it is important for you.*
 - *What are you looking forward to the most in your program of study?*
 - *What makes it different from the similar programs in your home country and other developed countries?*
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Enhancement of Employment Opportunities

In your study plan, it's important to discuss how the program at MacEwan University will enhance your employment opportunities in your country of residence or citizenship. Emphasize how the skills and knowledge you gain from the program will be transferable to your future career goals. Additionally, highlight how continuing your education abroad will help you further your career prospects in your home country. To ensure that your educational plans align with your career goals, conduct research on job requirements and industry demands in your field of interest. This will demonstrate to a visa officer assessing your study permit application that you have thoroughly considered your career prospects and how the program at MacEwan University will help you achieve them.

Furthermore, if you have found a job that you're interested in but lack the required education, explain how continuing your education in Canada will prepare you for that position. Likewise, describe how obtaining an education in Canada will qualify you for a job in your home country that you know of but are currently unqualified for.



Educational and Work History

When applying for a study permit, it is important to provide a detailed overview of your educational and work history. This includes the names and addresses of all schools attended, along with start and end dates of education, and any completed programs or courses. It is also important to highlight your work experience and explain how it may contribute to your studies. You may also consider discussing any knowledge gaps in your education or work experience that have motivated you to pursue further education. A visa officer will analyze whether your program of choice demonstrates a “logical career progression” and if you are a genuine student.

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Ties to Country of Residence/Citizenship

Discuss your connections to your country of residence or citizenship, including family, cultural, and community ties. Explain how studying in Canada can provide knowledge and experiences that can benefit your home country and its people. A visa officer considers an applicant's ties to their home country when assessing if they will leave Canada at the end of their authorized stay. Applicants should provide documentation and explain how their ties to their home country are stronger than any ties they may have or develop in Canada. This can include a letter from your employer if you are on leave from your job, an Attestation of Employment from your spouse who will remain in your home country, or a copy of a job offer upon your return.

Financial ties to your home country can be demonstrated by providing a deed of property or proof of family business incorporation. If you have no ties to Canada, state this explicitly. If you have immediate family members in Canada who are Canadians or Permanent Residents, they can write a letter explaining that they will make sure that you will leave Canada by the end of your authorized stay. If you have family in your home country or a third country outside of Canada, disclose this information. Additionally, mention any other ties you have to your home country, whether you are married or have children residing in your country of residence. Demonstrating strong ties to your country of residence or citizenship is crucial in a study permit application, as it helps convince a visa officer that you will leave Canada at the end of your permitted stay.



Accompanying dependents

This section for accompanying spouse or dependents provides more information to a visa officer on why they will be joining you in Canada, what type of visa or permit they require, if there is someone to care for your children in your home country, the length of their stay, and whether your spouse has relevant work experience to contribute to the Canadian economy while you study.

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Minor Applicant

If you are a minor applicant, provide information on your parents' or guardians' immigration status in their current country of residence, what support will be arranged for you while you are studying in Canada.

Funds Available



It is crucial to have sufficient funds to cover your planned studies and stay in Canada, including any accompanying dependents. This section must specify the total amount required for your studies and living expenses, as well as the amount available, clearly identifying the source of the funds. If you are not self-sponsored, you should disclose your relationship with your sponsor and explain why they are supporting you. Additionally, you should indicate the origin of the funds, such as employment, savings, loans, scholarships, or business funds.

Tip: If you are presenting more than one bank statement, it is advisable to use a table to list the financial documents (for the last six months), accounts, and the amount of funds in the accounts or documents for a visa officer to understand.

Conclusion

Conclude your study plan by emphasizing your commitment to attending MacEwan University. Thank a visa officer for their consideration and express your excitement about the opportunity to study in Canada.

Tip: Avoid using vague or general statements.

