

International Student Checklist of Resources

Topic		Useful links
Applications for student VISA	Any AGA student who will be studying in a program that is more than 6 months long is required to secure a study visa. All programs below 6 months are not eligible for student visa and are not open to foreign nationals. We may recommend service providers to process your student visa. They have been vetted and sourced based on their fair rates. If you have high proficiency and enough time to process documentation without assistance of a representative, you may do so yourself.	https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/apply.html
Applications for VISA for accompanying spouse and or children	We recommend that you confer with the VP for Academics for details and supporting documents regarding additional accompanying family members	https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/apply.html
Banking	Canadian bank account can be opened via visiting a bank in-person and bring official identification with you: 1. Your passport or birth certificate 2. A second piece of identification (e.g. study permit) 3. Any money that you'd like to deposit	https://momentum.org/programs-services/manage-your-money/
Campus familiarity	Our campus is located at 1111 33 St NE and is easily accessible via bus routes. Capus is open from 9am-9pm on weekdays and 9-5 on weekends to service student needs. We have large spacious classrooms that have been built with Covid 19 specifications for health, safety and security. Our facility has separate laboratory for the Massage program, offices for assessment, testing and other related educational activities. We are surrounded by a bustling	

	commercial area with a wide array of shops and food places to choose from.	
Cellphone plan selection and application	Pre- paid services are those you can pay services in advance. Services run out as you use up the balance paid for. Post paid phones on the other hand are on a contract and you pay a fixed amount plus additional of any extra service beyond that which you agreed upon with your service provider. Bigger companies are more expensive because they have larger network coverage and more options. Smaller companies are more affordable but have limits. Compare services and determine what is important for you before deciding what to get. See comparison in link.	https://www.planhub.ca/alberta#/
Finances	To best handle your money you can seek free workshops offered by Momentum and other community service providers for free. You may pan out your expenses by taking a glimpse at the links that provide information about the cost of living.	https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Calgary https://moving2canada.com/cost-of-living-in-calgary/ https://momentum.org/programs-services/manage-your-money/
Getting around	There are 7 bus routes within a 200 meter radius from the school. It is accessible and a map may be provided to you for your convenience.	http://www.calgarytransit.com/
Housing	Short Term housing Long Term housing	https://www.landlordandtenant.org/
Immigrant Serving agencies	AGA is located behind Center for Newcomer and is a train ride away from Calgary Immigrant Women’s association- known experts in immigration concerns and able to assist students locate relevant services and resources. AGA Academy also boast extensive network in multicultural organizations that may ease the adjustment of students into this new country and culture.	https://www.ciwa-online.com/ \ https://www.centrefornewcomers.ca/
Job on and off campus	Center for Newcomers provide support to students who would like to craft their resumes and practice for interviews. Attached is a popular website for searching for jobs plus a	https://ca.indeed.com/

	link to Employment support programs at CNF.	
Medical Insurance	You may be eligible for the Alberta Health card if you are given a visa that covers 12 months. If not there are affordable medical service providers within the city and country.	https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/
Refunds	Should a student choose to withdraw from AGA Academy refunds would be issued based on a prorating based on the unused portion of the tuition fee.	
Student Rights	You may check out the students' rights on the link provided. If you have any questions, contact your VP Academics	https://www.alberta.ca/student-rights-responsibilities.aspx
Tax information for students	The VP for Academics will issue you a	https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/publications/p105.html