Imagine
Canada
Pre-Departure Seminar
Autumn 2013
“Take two forbidding pieces of geography, lightly populate them, give them colonial histories and turn them into federations, factor in an underprivileged native population, attract immigrants from around the globe, insist that they play the role of middle powers in the world - and you have two countries where the details may be different but the essence is the same.”

Jeffrey Simpson, The Globe and Mail (Toronto)
OVERVIEW

• Welcome
• General Issues
• Immigration and Visas
• University Administrative Processes
• Studying in Canada: Academic Perspectives
• Living and Studying in Canada: Student Perspectives
YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH SEVERAL STEREOTYPES ABOUT CANADA...
DID YOU KNOW THAT CANADA IS A LAND FULL OF OPPORTUNITY?
RECOGNIZED WORLDWIDE FOR SOME OF ITS FAMOUS BRANDS...

IMAX

CanadARM

SMART Technologies

BlackBerry
AND WELL-KNOWN THANKS TO CANADIAN PERSONALITIES WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR MARK AROUND THE WORLD!

Jim Carrey

ArcadeFire

David Suzuki

Avril Lavigne

Justin Bieber

Céline Dion
• 34 million people in 10 provinces and 3 territories
• Stable parliamentary democracy
• Officially bilingual (English and French)
• More than 200 languages spoken
• Among the top 3 countries in the United Nations Quality of Life Index since 2004
Health Care and Insurance

- Medical insurance plans at host university -
  *Study Permit may be required*

- Home university may give coverage

- Travel Insurance packages
Safety

Canada - peaceful, safe, friendly

Common sense safety precautions;
  • Public transport, roads, residence, social activities

LOOK LEFT first!!!

Call 911 (NOT ‘000’) - police, ambulance, fire
Travel

- Travel to Canada – STA travel
- Student Discounts (ISIC card) - www.isic.org
- Travel and Tourism in North America – online!
- Travel Insurance
## Budget

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* Costs vary depending on city and institution of choice
Money Matters

**Exchange Rate:** A$1 = C$1.005 (May 22 2013)

**Currency**

- paper - $5, $10, $20, $50, $100
  - It’s paper – don’t wash it!
- coins - 1c, 5c, 10c, 25c, $1, $2

**Banking**

check with your current bank for system and withdrawal fees
Culture Shock

What is Culture Shock?

Five Stages of Culture Shock
- Honeymoon
- Hostility
- Adjustment
- Interdependence
- Re-entry

Managing Culture shock
Information on Canadian study permits and visas

University Administrative Processes

Academic Perspectives

Living and Studying in Canada: Student Perspectives
Pre-Departure Presentation for Students Going to Canada

Consulate General of Canada
Melbourne • 12 May 2011

Come to Canada

Pre-Departure Session for Students going to Canada

Citizenship and Immigration Canada
Plan ahead!

You only require a study permit if you:

• Will study in Canada for longer than 6 months

OR

• Think you may extend your study period in Canada after your exchange

OR

• If you wish to work part-time on the campus where you are enrolled.
A Study Permit is not required for:

- Exchange students studying for one, 4-month semester in Canada
- You do not wish to work on campus
- You have no plans to extend their stay.
Australians may apply online if:

- Your field of study does not require a medical exam
- You are over the age of sixteen
- You have no accompanying family members

(Otherwise, apply directly to the Consulate General, Sydney)

www.cic.gc.ca
Other requirements

In some cases you may require:

- A medical examination

- An admissibility assessment – for any offences, including DUI offences

- A Certificat d’acceptation du Québec (CAQ) Enquire at your University or www.immq.gouv.qc.ca

- For any queries contact sydney.immigration@international.gc.ca
Visa Waiting Times

Current as at May 22 2013:

- Study Permits ONLINE – 36 days
- Study Permits through Canadian Consulate in Sydney – 7 weeks
- Certificat d’acceptation du Québec (CAQ) – Should take around 4 weeks to be processed. (Does include postal delivery time).

NOTE: Please check current waiting times on the www.cic.gc.ca website
Immigration Section of the Consulate General of Canada in Sydney

EMAIL: sydney.immigration@international.gc.ca

WEBSITE LOCATION: http://www.australia.gc.ca/

LOCATION:
Level 5, 111 Harrington Street
Sydney NSW 2000 (check web site for service hours)

• Phone scripts: (02) 9364-3050
• Fax: (02) 9364-3099

• While in Canada: 1-888-242-2100 or www.cic.gc.ca
Traveller Type Quiz

http://au.canada.travel

Travel recommendations for every season depending on your travel motivations:

- Authentic Experiencer
- Cultural Explorer
- Free Spirit
- Gentle Explorer
- Virtual Traveller
What is the International Experience Canada?

- Bilateral agreement – categories: Working holiday, Internship, Young professionals
- Travel and work anywhere in Canada
- No minimum required period of stay, up to 2 years
What can I get out of doing the International Experience Canada/ Working Holiday?

- Experience a new culture, learn new language
- See spectacular sights
- Gain new friends
- Professional development
- International work experience
Any restrictions?

• No restriction on type of work or number of hours for the Working Holiday category
• May require occupation-specific licensing and registration

What are the criteria?

• 18 to 30 years old inclusive
• Australian passport holder
• no job offer needed for the Working Holiday category
• not be inadmissible to Canada for legal or medical reasons
• previous participants are eligible
How do I apply, where do I submit my application, what is the processing time?

- Go to www.australia.gc.ca and click ‘Travel & Work in Canada’ to obtain initial application

- Mail initial application to Consulate General of Canada in Sydney

- Processing time for routine cases is around 8 weeks
What are the requirements?

Step 1:
Send the following to Consulate General of Canada, Sydney

- Application form (make sure you sign it!)
- Fee
- Photo
- Photocopy of passport

Step 2:

- MyCIC online application
- Upload Police check, Traffic history printout, etc.
Approval and Entering

• Valid Letter of Introduction

• Validity of work permit

• Upon entry, present LOI, passport, evidence of funds ($2,500) & insurance

• SIN

• Travel, work & enjoy!
Jobs – Anything, Anywhere!!!

- Web
  workingincanada.gc.ca
  (job search engine, industry forecast, salary)

- Newspapers

- Recruitment agencies/headhunters

- Hostels

- Ski fields, resorts

- Hospitality

- Admin, retail, call centres

- Nannying

- Farm work

- Professional (eg. IT, engineering, designer, teaching, nursing)
MAKE YOUR WAY
TRAVELLING TO THE USA

❖ Australians are required to have a visa to either transit or travel through the United States.

❖ B1B2 Travel Visa

❖ Go to the US Embassy website at...

Feel free to CONTACT US!

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