BEFORE YOU START AT SFU

STEP 1
☐ Check your study permit expiry date, and apply for an extension if needed:
   • You must submit an application to extend your study permit before it expires

☐ Follow the Designated Learning Institution Student Transfer (or DLJ transfer) process to notify Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) that you will now be attending SFU.

☐ Check the conditions/remarks relating to your work eligibility while you study. Ensure the details under the client information section are correct on the study permit issued to you

STEP 2
☐ If you are in British Columbia and have not already done so, apply for the BC Medical Services Plan (BC MSP):
   • MSP is required by law for anyone living in BC for more than 6 months
   • It will take about a month to process your MSP application -- apply early so that you will be able to opt out of the Guard.me@SFU plan with proof of MSP coverage.

STEP 3
☐ Complete the University Prep, online transition course and Sign up and attend Welcome Day

☐ Sign up for the Global Community at SFU Program: Led by dedicated student volunteers, this program will give you the opportunity to learn about the culture of SFU and Canada while you meet new friends and explore what your new community has to offer. See photos of our past events and programming on our Facebook and Instagram.

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STEP 4
☐ If you already have valid MSP coverage, opt out of the Guard.Me@SFU plan online for a full refund before the opt-out deadline.

☐ If you are new to British Columbia, apply for the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) as soon as you arrive. Your coverage will begin two to three months after your arrival date in BC. Opt out of the Guard.me@SFU plan when your BC MSP takes effect (after the waiting period). You may be eligible for a partial refund of the guard.me@SFU fee if there is more than one month remaining in the term, and you have not used the plan.

☐ Make changes to your secondary insurance if necessary (i.e. opt down to the basic plan, opt out with equivalent coverage, add family members) during the opt-out period for Studentcare.

STEP 5
☐ Learn SFU’s enrollment requirements for international students:
   • This will affect your ability to work, study, and stay in Canada

☐ Determine your eligibility to work on campus or off campus.

☐ If you have not already done so, apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN) if you are eligible and planning to work in Canada: You must provide your SIN to your employer within three days of starting work

STEP 6
☐ Complete SFU 101 to help you transition to SFU and prepare for academic success.

☐ Sign up for Event and Programs offered by International Services for Students.

☐ Read ISS Newsletter sent to your SFU Mail account to stay up-to-date on advising, immigration, medical, opportunities, and important reminders.

☐ Get involved early in your SFU community!

STEP 7
☐ The transition to university life can be exciting, but isn't always easy. SFU has a number of supports available to you if you are struggling. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are having a difficult time at any stage of your SFU degree -- we’re here to help. Contact us at intl_advising@sfu.ca