



Canada

In 2012-2013, 1,380 U.S. students studied abroad in Canada.

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Education System Overview:

- **Academic year:** September – June
- **Major school holidays/break:**
 - Christmas
 - New Year's Day
 - Family Day: February 18
 - Good Friday
 - Easter
 - Victoria Day: May 20
 - Canada Day: July 1
 - Civic Holiday: August 5
 - Labor Day: September 22
 - Thanksgiving
 - Remembrance Day: November 11
- **Note:** Holiday observance and schedule may vary by province

Structure of the university system:

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 4 years. In Quebec, students usually enter university after 2 years of college. They will spend 3 years at university earning a Bachelor's Degree.
- **The language of instruction in universities:** French and English
- **Degrees offered:** Associates, Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate

Resources:

1. Organization: Alberta Ministry of Education
Website: <http://education.alberta.ca>



2. Organization: British Columbia Ministry of Education
Website: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/bced>
3. Organization: Manitoba Ministry of Education and Literacy
Website: <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca>
4. Organization: New Brunswick Ministry of Education
Website: <http://www.gnb.ca/0000/index-e.asp>
5. Organization: Northwest Territories Department of Education, Culture, and Employment
Website: <http://www.gov.nt.ca/agendas/education/index.html>
6. Organization: Nova Scotia Department of Education
Website: <http://www.ednet.ns.ca>
7. Organization: Nunavut Department of Education
Website: <http://www.edu.gov.nu.ca/apps/authoring/dspPage.aspx?page=home>
8. Organization: Prince Edward Island Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Website: <http://www.gov.pe.ca/education/index.php3>
9. Organization: Quebec Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport
Website: <http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca>
10. Organization: Saskatchewan Ministry of Education
Website: <http://www.education.gov.sk.ca>
11. Organization: Yukon Department of Education, Culture and Employment
Website: <http://www.education.gov.yk.ca>
12. Organization: Canadian Bureau for International Education
Website: <http://www.cbie-bcei.ca/homepage>

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- [How to Apply for U.S. Passport](#)
- [Security Messages for U.S. Citizens](#)



- [Country Specific Travel Information](#)

U.S. Government-Sponsored Study and Exchange Programs

- Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
- Fulbright U.S. Student Program