

Traveling to Canada

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Detroit is truly an international city, located a short distance from the Canadian border. Many international students want to visit Canada while they are at Lawrence Tech. We support travelling to Canada for tourism; we do not support traveling to Canada to conduct immigration business.

If you would like to visit Canada, please keep the following points in mind:

- Although very close and friendly, Canada is another country. The International Programs Staff advises on U.S. immigration regulations, not Canadian immigration regulations. You will have to contact the Office of the Canadian General Consul for information on entering Canada.
- Most international students will need to obtain a visitor's visa to enter Canada; your American visa will NOT get you into Canada. Students from some European and North American countries are exempt from having to get a Canadian visitor visa.
- When you leave the U.S. to enter Canada, you must have ALL of your travel documents with you. It is another country, and you are departing the U.S. You may not be able to return to the U.S. if you do not have the proper documents.
- You must turn in your I-94 on the **American** side of the border before crossing into Canada. You will need to park your car and go into the office BEFORE entering the bridge or tunnel.
- We do not recommend traveling to Canada to renew your visa or for other immigration purposes. If you encounter a problem, you could be stuck in Canada, and we may not be able to help you.
- If your visa has expired, and you want to just go visit Canada for a short period for tourism purposes, contact the Office of International Programs for information on visa validity.

In order to travel to Canada, you will need to apply for a visa to enter Canada, which is called a "temporary resident visa," and you may need to visit the Office of the Canadian General Consul to apply for one. (Citizens of some European and North American countries are exempt from obtaining the visa; see the website below for more information.)

Information on the application process can be found on this website:

<http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/ci-ci/index.aspx>

Select the link for "Visas and Immigration," then on the next page, select "Visit."

A list of additional locations throughout the world may be found at this website:

<http://www.international.gc.ca/ciw-cdm/embassies-ambassades.aspx?lang=eng>

Please contact the International Programs Office if you have any other questions; see above for contact information.