

For Canadian Citizens

Canadian students **do not need a visa** to enter the United States, however **you must be sure to complete your I-94 record** with the U.S. immigration official at your point of entry to the United States. If you enter the U.S. by land, you will be given an I-94 record. If you enter by air, your I-94 record will be entered into the online system. You will need to print out your I-94 record upon your return to the U.S. as evidence of your legal status. In both cases, you will be charged a small fee to process the I-94 record.

As U.S. immigration inspectors are accustomed to admitting Canadian citizens as visitors and not full-time students, **it is your responsibility to make sure you are granted the correct immigration status when you are entering the U.S.** If you are admitted as a visitor (or tourist) without receiving an I-94 record noting your immigration status (e.g., F-1, J-1, etc), you will have to return to Canada and re-enter a second time.

Travel Document Check-List for Canadians:

1. **Valid Passport***: must be valid at least 6 months into the future at the time of admission.
2. **Your Immigration Document**: an I-20 for F-1 status or a DS-2019 for J-1 status.
3. F-1 students must print (double-sided) the electronically sent I-20s. At the border, you cannot present your electronic I-20 on your phone.
4. **Printed I-901 Fee Receipt** (a.k.a. [Student and Exchange Visitor Information System \(SEVIS\) fee](#) [1] receipt)
5. **Copy of your admissions letter and proof of funds**: while you may not be asked for it, it is advisable **for new students** to carry these documents as well. Proof of funds can include the same documents you submitted to obtain your I-20 or DS-2019, such as bank statements and scholarship/financial aid letters.

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