

## What to Bring

Packing and organizing your items can be exciting. It can also be a little bit emotional too,...especially if this is your first time away from home. Remember that your loved ones will also feel a mix of happiness and sadness with you leaving. This is a big moment for you, but also a big one for them as well.

You don't need to worry if you forget your favorite brush or jacket at home. You can easily find similar items here. If you're going to be with us during the winter months, it's suggested that you buy a proper jacket and boots while in Canada.

Here are some packing tips that will make your trip easier and more enjoyable:

1. Pack light.
2. Keep your valuables safe.
3. Check your bags and clothes to make sure you aren't exceeding your weight allowance or carrying any banned items.
4. Bring charger adapters for any electronics as Canadian plugs and voltages may be different than your home country.
5. Make sure you have a good idea of your city's weather so you can pack the appropriate clothes (Be sure to know your sizes).
6. Carry a mobile phone with an international calling card or roaming service.
7. Organize all your important documents; passport, tickets, CLLC and university Letters of Acceptance, Cash in [CAD currency](#), Custodian letter and homestay profile in a file folder and keep them in your carry-on luggage or where you can see and access them.

If you still have more questions just talk to your campus [Director](#) and they'll be happy to help you.

Here are two tips: Weigh your luggage before going to the airport to make sure you don't exceed the limits. Also, purchase luggage with four wheels, instead of two wheels, so you can get around easily.

## Documents

Now that you've booked your tickets and packed your bag, it's time to make sure you have all the important pieces of paper that you'll need both to enter Canada and while studying here.

First, make two photocopies of all your travel documents in case of an emergency. Leave one copy with a relative or friend at home. Carry the other copy in a separate place from the originals.

Here's what you'll need to photocopy and bring:

1. Passport ID page
2. Canadian Visa (if you have one)
3. CLLC and /or university Letter of Acceptance
4. CLLC homestay information or Hotel confirmation
5. Airline ticket
6. Driver's license (if you need one)
7. Your CLLC arrival package information including CLLC's 24/7 emergency numbers.
8. Medical Insurance (unless you're buying from CLLC)

Don't forget to bring your credit cards and cash in [CAD currency](#). It's also recommended to keep your baggage receipts until you receive them upon your arrival.

Once you arrive to your homestay or hotel go through your documents to make sure everything is there. If you're going to be staying at the same place for a while be sure and store everything in a safe place.

Here's one last tip – Register with your home [embassy](#) so they can help you if you lose your passport.

## On the Plane

On the plane is where you may feel some emotion welling up. You've probably just said a tearful goodbye to your family and the reality of flying very far away is settling in. Please take a deep breath and relax. It's ok to feel nervous. It's normal.

Once you land, you'll see how easy it is to reconnect with your family through phone, Skype, social media and e-mail. We promise that you won't lose touch!

Here are some tips to make your flight more comfortable:

1. If you are entering Canada internationally be prepared to fill out a [Customs Declaration Card](#).
2. If you plan to sleep, bring a travel pillow.
3. Bring some entertainment (books, magazines, cellphone, music, etc.).
4. Bring your own headphones.
5. If possible, choose an airline with a TV screen on the seat in front of you.
6. Don't take a lot of [carry-on baggage](#). Most airlines don't allow more than 10 kgs.
7. Bring some of your favorite food and snacks.
8. Move around and stay active as much as possible to maintain blood circulation (make sure the seatbelt sign is off).
9. Dress comfortably in casual clothing.
10. Don't leave your baggage unattended.

Here's a tip: Buy your drinks and snacks after you clear customs as most airlines don't allow outside drinks on their planes.