



Information for International Students

SBC ADMISSIONS STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

SBC is an evangelical, Anabaptist college empowering servant leaders to follow Jesus, serve the Church, and engage the world.

1. Applicants for admission to SBC should be professing Christians, willing to grow in discipleship in line with SBC's mission. Their character and conduct must be compatible with the standards of the college, and they must be willing to submit to the college [*Community Covenant and Guidelines*](#).*

2. Applicants should be graduates from an accredited high school or have equivalent standing. International students will submit official transcripts of all previous education. An official transcript is a complete list of courses and marks with date, signature and seal sent directly from your learning institution, please include an official translation if your studies were not in English.

Students under 25 that have not obtained a degree in another field have a better chance of obtaining a Study Permit.

3. Applicants for whom English is not their first language will be required to write an English Proficiency Test to determine their level of English proficiency. Scores made on this test will be one of the factors considered during the admissions process. We accept the Duolingo English Test, IELTS, TOEFL and CAEL tests.

a) Duolingo English Test Minimum score: 110 (equivalent to 6.5 IELTS).

The Duolingo English Test is an online English proficiency test that can be taken online, on demand, in under an hour for around \$49. The test is taken via a computer with a camera and includes a proficiency score, video interview, and writing sample which are shared with Steinbach Bible College when you send your results. Certified results are available within 48 hours of the test session.

b) An IELTS Academic Test score of 6.5 or higher is required.

c) TOEFL - For complete information on writing the TOEFL test see www.toefl.org. Please use this **code number 8854** when indicating Steinbach Bible College as a score recipient for TOEFL. Scores will be sent directly to SBC from Educational Testing Service. Acceptable test score is 5.5 or higher.

d) CAEL CE Scores and Identity Verifications System Canadian Academic English Language CE Test score of 60 or higher.

4. International student applicants should solicit enough financial support before making application to study at SBC.

Eligibility requirements (IRCC)

You can come to Canada to study if you

- are enrolled at a [DLI](#)
- prove you have [enough money](#) to pay for
 - your tuition fees
 - living expenses for yourself **and** any family members who come with you to Canada and
 - return transportation for yourself **and** any family members who come with you to Canada
- obey the law, have no criminal record and get a [police certificate](#) (if required)
- are in good health and get a [medical exam](#) (if required) and
- prove to an officer that you will leave Canada when your study permit expires

5. An Application Fee of \$500 Canadian Dollars (non-refundable) is due with application submission.

6. Full semester fees to study at SBC, and a study permit are required 30 days before start date, or August 1 for a September start.

Please pay by Certified Cheque, Money Order, or Wire Transfer – contact Finance@SBCollege.ca.

7. After official acceptance to SBC a Provincial Attestation Letter is required to apply to Canadian Immigration for a Study Permit. This letter must be used within 60 days of issue.

The Canadian Government recommends allowing at least 6 months to plan and prepare for your move. Please notify SBC when you submit your Study Permit application. (This should be done by March 1 for a September entry.)

8. After you have received your Study Permit, please notify SBC by sending a copy of your permit. SBC will send you further information about registration for courses and tuition payment details. (This should be done by July 1 for a September entry.)

9. Before you arrive in Canada SBC will register you for International student medical insurance. You will need to choose the insurance coverage start and end dates in the registration form SBC will send you. The cost of this coverage is approximately \$1.65 per day/per person, (so a stay of 365 days would cost \$602.25).

11. The school year runs from September to April. There are no on-campus classes in the summer months from May to August. Dorms are generally closed over the Christmas break and over the summer months.

Move in day is September 7, 2026. DO NOT ARRIVE LATE.

OPTIMAL TIMELINE for September entry

March 1 Fully applied and accepted

April 1 Study Permit submitted

June-July Approved study permit submitted to SBC and Course Registration

- All fees paid for semester 1.

**Study permit application information Canada.ca (subject to change)

1. A study permit is not a visa. A visa will accompany a study permit.

2. A study permit is valid for the duration of a program plus 90 days.

4. SBC is a Designated Learning Institution and therefore eligible for Post Graduate Work Permit.

The Steinbach Bible College is on the IRCC list of designated learning institutions (DLIs) with approved readiness plans. You may be eligible for a post-graduation work permit (PGWP) if you complete an Associate or Bachelor of Arts Degree: Biblical Studies or Christian Leadership

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5. Please familiarize yourself with all immigration requirements before you apply to SBC. Families may no longer attend with a student. Rules and requirements change frequently.

***SBC COMMUNITY COVENANT**

We believe that a Christian community requires a commitment to person spiritual growth in grace.

The core of the Christian community is God at work in the hearts of its members. Our foundation is God and His redeeming work in our broken lives. Although God is the initiator and the One who draws us to Himself, we acknowledge the need to respond to His call in a continued pursuance of Him. We are committed to seeking a deeper relationship with God through regular times alone with Him, spending time in His Word, and meeting with other believers. We are committed to living a lifestyle of worship in all that we do, whether in sports or music, in dorm or in class, in chapel or at a social gathering, at work or at play.

We believe that a Christian community requires a commitment to personal integrity.

We commit to a lifestyle of positive choices that influence eternity and bring God glory. We choose to use godly discernment in our entertainment choices, such as in the movies we watch, the video games we play, the Internet sites we access, and the music we listen to. We choose to exemplify positive studying and sleeping habits. We choose to treat others and ourselves with dignity by dressing modestly and appropriately. We commit ourselves to the task of building godly lifegiving relationships that regard each individual as an image bearer of God. We especially choose to regard all relationships with highest respect. In so doing, we will guard others and ourselves from sexual temptation, and refrain from sexual intimacy that violates the sacredness of marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that a Christian community requires respect & consideration of others within the community.

Living and studying together in a tight community gives us the opportunity to live out Christ-like servanthood, where we learn to place the needs and considerations of others before ourselves. We will not knowingly bring fellow students into circumstances that will encourage them to violate their consciences or live a lifestyle of negative choices.

We acknowledge the need to respect the privacy and property of others, especially in the dorm setting. We will avoid gossip, crude talk, or jokes that will tear others down, but instead will choose to use words that will encourage and bring life.

We believe that a Christian community requires a commitment to its members.

As students of SBC, we are members of this community. We choose to be true brothers and sisters in the Lord to each other and to those with whom we rub shoulders daily. We choose to be representations of Christ to each other and we will hold each other accountable in both word and deed. We will lovingly confront those who are falling into sin, and encourage those who seem defeated. As much as we are able, we will participate in community events and use our gifts to bless and edify the student body. We also commit to an attitude of godly respect for the faculty and staff at SBC and will abide by the directives and policies of the school, as set out in the student handbook.

We believe that a Christian community should represent Christ to the larger community.

We acknowledge, by choosing to be a part of this community, we are representatives of Christ to each other and to the people around us. Whether at school, at home, at church, on deputation, or in the neighbourhood, the way we conduct ourselves impacts the way others view Christ. We choose to be positive representations of Christ and will avoid knowingly participating in anything that would hurt the mission of the local church or injure anyone's faith. As members of Christ's body, we will endeavour to obey Jesus' command to love one another as He loved us. Therefore, we shall be known by all people as followers of Christ.

SBC CODE OF CONDUCT

SBC recognizes that students may experience an ongoing struggle with some of items listed below. We want to encourage you to share these things with Student Services, Faculty, or a Student Leader so that we can walk with you into freedom.

- ❖ All SBC students are expected to voluntarily abstain from the use of all materials that are degrading, vulgar, dehumanizing, hateful or gratuitously violent, which includes but is not limited to pornography.
- ❖ To honour ourselves and each other, activities of a sexual nature involving inappropriate touching, gestures, or nudity are strictly prohibited.
- ❖ All SBC students are expected to observe integrity and appropriate intimacy in all relationships, to reserve sexual expressions of intimacy for marriage, and within marriage to take every reasonable step to resolve conflict and avoid divorce.
- ❖ All students are expected to abstain from the use or possession of illegal drugs, and misuse or abuse of substances including prescribed drugs. Intoxication of any kind is outside of our Community Covenant.
- ❖ Out of respect for the community of SBC, all students will refrain from tobacco, marijuana*, vaping, and gambling during their time at SBC.
- ❖ SBC strongly encourages abstinence from alcohol. Students will refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages while participating in SBC events or community. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on campus.
- ❖ In light of our commitment to the safety of our students no weapons are to be brought on campus at any time.

* Please see the Dean of Student Services for our policy regarding prescription marijuana.

** In a Christian College community there will be different opinions and sensitivities as to what is/is not appropriate. Students who have questions or concerns about the Community Covenant and/or The Code of Conduct are encouraged to make an appointment to discuss these with the Student Services Department.

SBC RESIDENCE GUIDELINES

- ❖ Full-time first-year single students under the age of 21 not planning to live at home need to apply to the Student Services department for approval to live out of residence.
- ❖ The on campus quiet time is 11 pm. This includes activity both in and around the residences, so that students in the residences and others living on campus can have sufficient rest.

- ❖ The curfew in the residences from Sunday to Thursday is 12am.
 - ❖ Unless special permission is given by Student Services, under no circumstance are ladies to enter the men's dorm nor are men to enter the ladies' dorm
 - ❖ Care groups are vital to dorm life and attendance is required.
 - ❖ Dorm meetings will be called throughout the school year a minimum of twice a semester. All dorm students are required to attend. If students are unable to attend, they must let the Dean of Men or Dean of Women know in advance.
 - ❖ To honour ourselves and each other, activities of a sexual nature involving inappropriate touching, gestures, or nudity are strictly prohibited in the residences.
 - ❖ Instruments must not be played in a way that disturbs others. All musical instruments, except acoustic guitars, must be cleared by the Dean of Men or Dean of Women.
 - ❖ Students wanting to have an overnight guest must let their CGL know and sign in their guest on the overnight guest form in the residence. Guests must abide by the policies of the residence and should not interfere with students' studies. Disruptive guests may not be permitted to return. The limit for an overnight guest is two successive nights.
 - ❖ All residents are required to live under the guidelines of the tenancy agreement & residence policies. Failure to respect the room and building will result in a reduced return of damage deposit.
- **These guidelines are intended to provide the best opportunity for students to flourish while living in community. Students who have questions or concerns about the Residence Guidelines can connect with Student Services.