

TRAVEL TO CANADA

Although the United States borders with Canada by land, Canada still has entry requirements. Be sure to check the Canadian Embassy for the full details on what is required for entry.

Pre-requisite: All United States Immigration documents for F-1 Students should be valid!

Should your F-1 Visa stamp expires while you are in the U.S. and you have maintained valid non-immigrant status, you can re-enter the U.S. only if you traveled to Canada for less than 30 days. Only in this case, will your visa stamp be viewed as "extended" and will allow you to re-enter the U.S. If you decide to apply for a new U.S. visa, you would lose the benefit of "automatic revalidation." You will then have to wait until a new visa is issued before you can re-enter the U.S.

If you plan to visit Canada, you must:

- have a valid passport. (If you have a previous passport that contains your U.S. student visa, bring this as well.)
- I-94 Card, which is usually stapled to your passport
- Valid I-20 Form
- Be in good health

Canadian Visa Application:

- An application fee
- Certification Letter from the Registrar (In addition to the letter stating that you are a current student at Haverford, it should also state that you are in F-1 status)
- Two current passport pictures
- Proof of financial resources (bank statements, pay-check stubs, travelers checks to support yourself while in Canada and to enable you to return to the U.S. or your country of origin.

Other information could be requested by the Canadian Embassy such as duration of your stay, address and telephone number of where you will be staying, this includes a hotel in Canada. Contact the office in your region for complete information.

Canadian Consulate General in New York: 1251 Avenue of the Americas, Concourse Level, New York, NY 10020-1175. Telephone 212 596-1628; fax 212 596-1790; home page http://www.can-am.gc.ca/new_york/

Special Note:

Travelling Through Canada without Stopping or Visiting

Canada requires the citizens of certain countries and territories to have visas when they enter Canada. If you need a visa to visit Canada, then you will need a transit visa to travel through Canada without stopping or visiting. You will need a transit visa even if you stop in Canada for less than 48 hours. To find out if your country is on this list, see [list of countries](#). There is no fee for a transit visa.
(Direct quote from <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>)

A complete list of Canadian Embassies in the United States, as well as the a list of the countries and territories whose citizens require visas in order to enter Canada as visitors and more information regarding visiting Canada can be secured from the Mentor for International Students.