

Academic Breaks

1.0 Objective

To meet and follow the policies, regulations and legislation as required by Canadian Immigration and Citizenship (CIC) and enforced by Canadian Boarder Services Agency (CBSA) in regards to full-time international students. Also to provide clear directions and instructions on the subject matter of scheduled academic breaks and enforce scheduled academic breaks in accordance with students' program maps.

2.0 Responsibility

Director, Academic Services

Registrar's Office, Academic Services

Student Operations Coordinator, Student Success

3.0 Definitions

College refers to Lambton College in Toronto/Mississauga.

Fall Intake refers to student registration for the fall semester.

Full-time study status refers to a student having enrolled in the College, actively pursuing their studies, and do not have less than 2/3 of the courses and less than 70% of the credit hours of the normal course load for the program semester.

Study Permit refers to a document issued by Citizenship and Immigration that authorizes foreign nationals to engage in academic, professional, vocational or other education or training in Canada.

Unscheduled academic break refers to a student taking an academic break that is outside of the sequential order in their academic map and therefore, not approved by the College.

Visitor Visa, also known as a temporary resident visa, refers to a written authorization for particular countries whose citizens need a visa to visit or transit through Canada for a limited time period with specific conditions.

4.0 Policy for Post-Secondary International Students

4.1 International students must follow the prescribed program map that can accessed from student services at your campus. The prescribed program map outlines the timing of academic terms and scheduled breaks. This becomes effective for new international students starting their academic program in the fall term of 2015 and onwards.

4.2 International students are not permitted to take unscheduled academic breaks without written approval and consent from the Director of Lambton College in Toronto/Mississauga



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- 4.3 International students who take unapproved breaks may be permitted to re-enter and continue in their program without written and consent from the Director of Lambton College in Toronto/Mississauga.
- 4.4 International students who take unapproved breaks will be reported to Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) as not currently registered as a full-time student at Lambton College in Toronto/Mississauga

5.0 Policy for ESL International Students

- 5.1 ESL international students are not permitted to take a break unless approved by the Director of Lambton College in Toronto/Mississauga.

6.0 Specific Directives

The Director is authorized to issue operational procedures to implement this policy.

7.0 Reference Documents & Sources

[Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. S.C. 2001, C. 27](#)

[Citizenship and Immigration Canada \(CIC\)](#)

[Canada Border Services Agency: Visitors to Canada](#)