



**UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA**

YEAR ONE FOUNDATION PROGRAM

Study abroad and shape your
future with a Canadian degree

KAPLAN INTERNATIONAL

Territorial Acknowledgement

The University of Alberta respects the sovereignty, lands, histories, languages, knowledge systems, and cultures of First Nations, Métis and Inuit nations.

The University of Alberta, its buildings, labs, and research stations are primarily located on the traditional territory of Cree, Blackfoot, Métis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, and Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe nations; lands that are now known as part of Treaties 6, 7, and 8 and homeland of the Métis.

The University of Alberta works in partnership with Kaplan International, who provide application counselling, admission services and on-campus support to international students in the Year One Foundation Program.

World Shapers



TOP 5
UNIVERSITY IN CANADA



TOP 100
UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD

Change Makers



6th GLOBALLY FOR
IMPACT ON **UN SUSTAINABLE**
DEVELOPMENT GOALS



#1 IN CANADA FOR
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
AND MACHINE LEARNING **RESEARCH**

HOME TO A 2020
NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

Community Builders



TOP 100 GLOBALLY FOR
GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

44,000+ STUDENTS
FROM 157 COUNTRIES

300,000+
ALUMNI WORLDWIDE

For more information on rankings, visit uab.ca/rank

FIND YOURSELF HERE.

Founded in 1908, the University of Alberta has a strong history of innovative teaching and research. We are a proud member of the U15, a prestigious group of Canada's top research universities.

And our professors? Some of the best in the world teach here, including the 2020 Nobel Prize in Medicine recipient, Sir Michael Houghton.

Nationally ranked as #1 for artificial intelligence, and top 10 globally for nursing and engineering, our university is passionate about equipping students for meaningful work that impacts our world for good.

Designed to give international students a "soft landing" in Canada, the **University of Alberta Year One Foundation Program** prepares you to enter the second year of your chosen bachelor's degree program.

If you don't currently meet the academic requirements for your major, the Year One Foundation Program is designed to help you get there.

\$13,600+
ESTIMATED COST FOR
FIRST YEAR RESIDENCE
WITH MEAL PLAN

APPLY BY APRIL 30 TO
GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT

LIVING ON NORTH CAMPUS

What's Living on Campus Really Like?

Higher GPA

- Being surrounded by like-minded peers can improve your study habits and academic performance
- Settle into renovated spaces with large lounging areas that encourage group studying

Your Home Away From Home

- Join in on activities and opportunities to connect with other students throughout the year, from movie nights to dodgeball

Fueling Up Between Classes

- Choose from 5-day or 7-day meal plans
- Dine on an impressive variety of nutritious options
- Select from a wide range of dietary accommodations

BaseCamp: Support to Get You Settled

- BaseCamp is a special event to help get you ready to live in residence
- Move in, meet your floormates, get to know campus and explore the city!
- More than an orientation – it's a headstart on how to excel as a first-year student



Lister Residence room.



CANADA'S
LARGEST
RESIDENCE



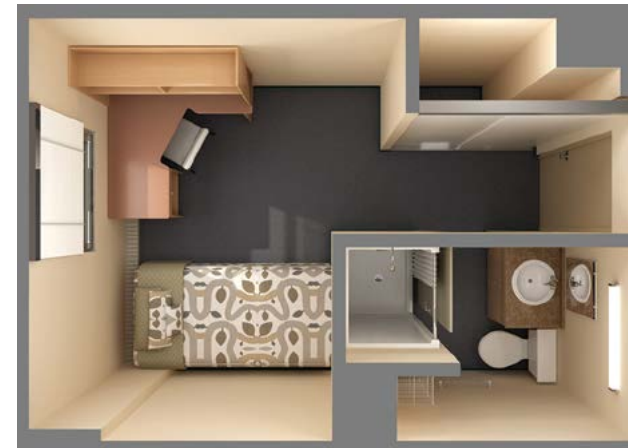
LISTER RESIDENCE IS
HOME TO 2,300 FIRST
YEAR STUDENTS ACROSS
FIVE BUILDINGS



ZERO COMMUTE
TO CAMPUS



Lister Residence room.



One-bedroom dorm in U of A's Lister Residence.



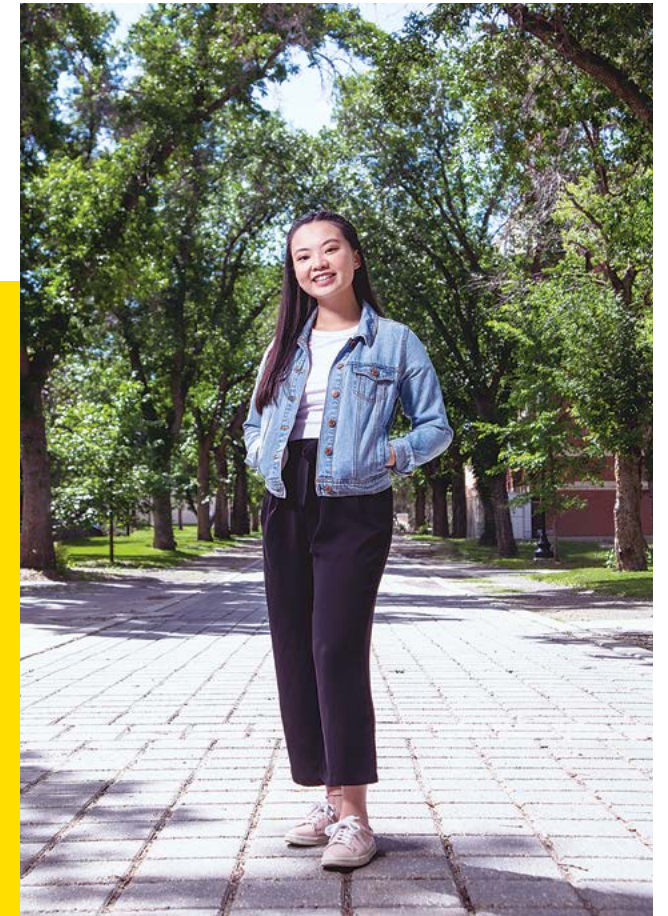
Explore all residence
and meal plan options at
uab.ca/res



I moved into Residence for my first year of university and I loved that it gave me independence, freedom and ease to experience student life while living on campus. I have met an amazing and diverse group of friends during my three years already and can't wait to meet more. Because you're living in such a tight-knit community, it's really easy to make meaningful connections."

ISABELLA

Undergraduate Student



The North Saskatchewan River Valley separates U of A's North Campus and downtown Edmonton. Walk, bike, or snowshoe through North America's largest urban park — it's 22 times the size of New York's Central Park!

WELCOME TO EDMONTON

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YOUNGEST POPULATION OF ANY MAJOR CANADIAN CITY

ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING CITIES IN CANADA

OVER 50 FESTIVALS EACH YEAR

The 5th Biggest City in Canada

EDMONTON IS THE CAPITAL OF ALBERTA and one of the fastest-growing cities in Canada. Home to over 1.3 million people, our lively city is also known as **Canada's Festival City**, because there is always something happening!

U of A Campus

OVER 40,000 STUDENTS STUDY AT NORTH CAMPUS. Our campus has 150 buildings occupying over 50 city blocks right in the heart of the city, and is steps away from a lush river valley. It is also a 5-minute train ride from Downtown. Use of local transit is included in your fees! From campus, dozens of amenities are a short walk or train ride away, including unique shops, coffee houses, restaurants, museums and theaters.

Here are some things close to campus that students love:



WINTER FESTIVALS
Edmonton has over 50 festivals annually - like All is Bright Festival (pictured).
15 minutes by transit



ICE DISTRICT - ROGERS PLACE
Home of our NHL hockey team and Edmonton's biggest events.
7 minutes by train



WEST EDMONTON MALL
North America's largest shopping mall.
20 minutes by transit



WHYTE AVENUE
One of Edmonton's most vibrant districts.
10 minutes by foot

EXPLORE THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Located a few hours away from Edmonton are Canada's world-famous Banff National Park and Jasper National Park. Experience stunning peaks, beautiful lakes and ancient glaciers.

STUDYING IN ALBERTA, CANADA

What is Canada Like?

Canada is the second largest country in the world, home to friendly people and stunning landscapes. It's consistently ranked in the **Top 10 safest countries** in the world with one of the highest qualities of living by the Global Peace Index.

Enjoy a High Living Standard in Alberta

Alberta has one of the strongest economies and one of the highest living standards in the world. Albertans also enjoy higher salaries than any other province in Canada, with an average yearly salary of \$67,080 CAD, as well as world-leading education and healthcare systems.

Edmonton also has the **lowest cost of living** out of the top 5 biggest Canadian cities, including an average monthly rent of \$1,285/month for a one-bedroom apartment compared to the \$2,500+ average monthly rent in Toronto and Vancouver.

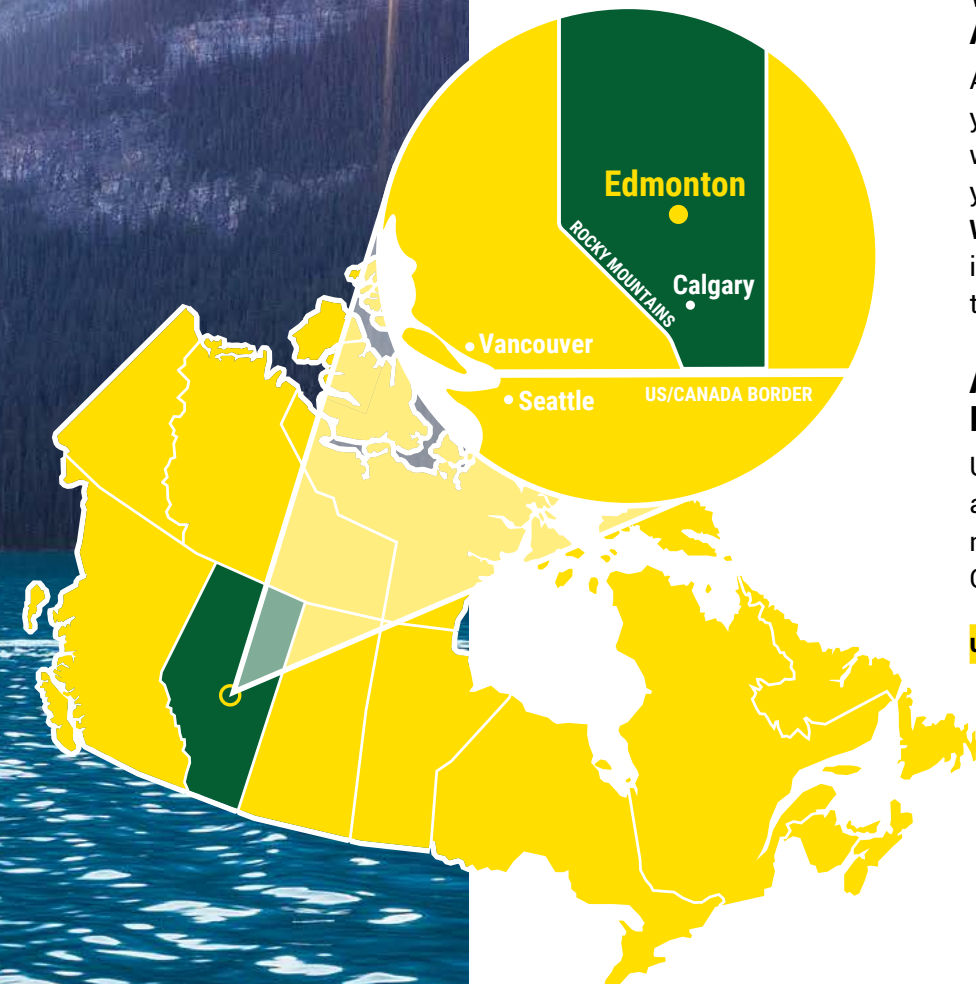
Work in Canada After Graduating

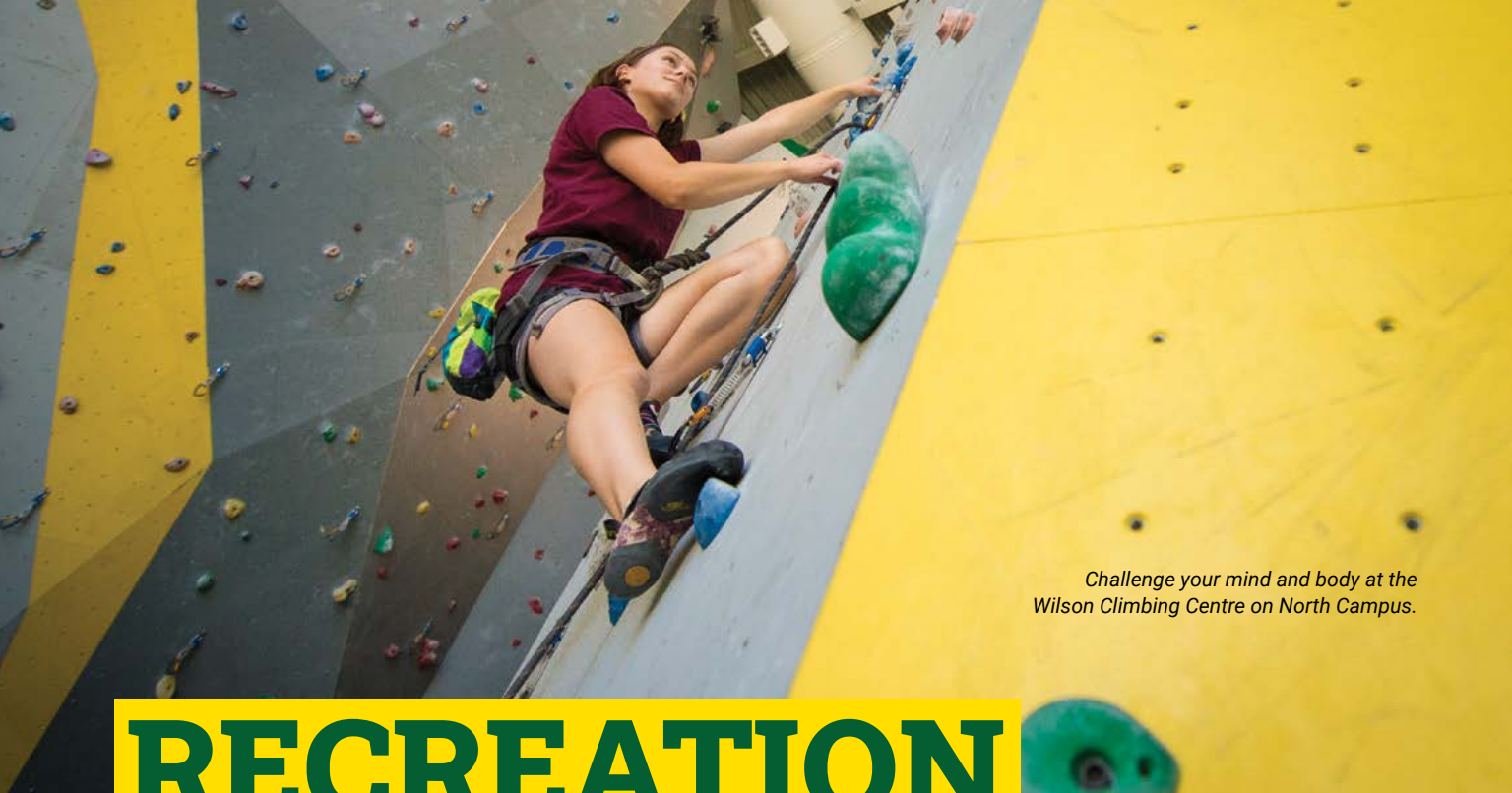
After graduating from the U of A, you may be eligible to stay and work in Canada for up to three years with the **Post Graduation Work Permit**. Living and working in Canada provides opportunities to apply for permanent residency.

Apply for Canadian Permanent Residency

U of A's International Student and Visitor Services provide regular webinars on pathways to Canadian permanent residency.

uab.ca/iss





Challenge your mind and body at the Wilson Climbing Centre on North Campus.

RECREATION AND SPORTS

Leisure

Ways to recharge and get active:

- Wilson Climbing Wall
- Aquatics
- Hanson Fitness & Lifestyle Centre
- Drop-in facilities and activities with equipment sign out
- Walking trails

Intramural Sports

Through Intramural Sports, you can compete against other U of A students; you can sign up as an individual to join a team.

Sports include:

- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Futsal
- Hockey
- Soccer
- Volleyball

Club Sports

Participate in a diverse range of indoor and outdoor activities. Join one of our 23 club sports and compete alongside like-minded individuals.

STUDENT CLUBS AND VARSITY LIFE

Get Involved on Campus

There are so many **diverse clubs and student groups** on campus. Joining one is a great way to meet new friends and have fun!

Examples of student clubs:

- Anime Club
- Badminton Club
- Climbing Club
- Friends Across Campus (a place to meet new people)
- Outdoor Club
- Sustainable Development Goals Alliance
- Ski and Snowboard Club
- Undergraduate Astronomy Society

Sports Facilities and Recreation Programs

Use of the **extensive sports facilities** are included in your fees. We offer a full range of recreational programs that you can sign up for, including:

- Club sports
- Dance
- Fitness
- Gaming
- Martial Arts
- Skating



450+
STUDENT CLUBS



99 CHAMPIONSHIPS
IN NATIONAL ATHLETICS

Varsity Athletics

The University of Alberta Golden Bears and Pandas Athletics is one of **Canada's premier intercollegiate programs**. The U of A is home to 24 teams and over 520 student-athletes.



10,000+
INTRAMURALS
PARTICIPANTS
EACH YEAR

Explore your options
uab.ca/fitness

THE U OF A YEAR ONE FOUNDATION PROGRAM

Built for international students who don't currently meet the academic requirements for their chosen degree program, the Year One Foundation Program is a first-year academic curriculum.

Students studying on North Campus.

The Year One Foundation Program is designed to help incoming students with any course deficiencies meet the academic requirements to be admissible to their chosen degree program.

After successful completion of the Year One Foundation Program, you'll be ready to join one of 100+ bachelor's degrees across a range of faculties at the University of Alberta.

How does the program work?

When you join the University of Alberta Year One Foundation Program, you'll be a full U of A student from day one. The Foundation Program gives you a "soft landing" to your educational journey in Canada.

Through the program, you'll get tailored academic and personal support from Kaplan International and U of A, and enjoy a host of other benefits such as:



SMALLER CLASS SIZES



COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT



CITY OUTINGS AND IMMERSION ACTIVITIES



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMMUNITY



ADVISORS TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK

What's more, the Foundation Program serves as the first year of a four-year bachelor's program. The classes you take will give you credits to count toward your degree, so you won't need any extra time to complete your degree program!



BCom students on Students' Boulevard at the U of A.

STUDY OPTIONS

Your routes to a degree from the University of Alberta

At the U of A, you'll have two routes to graduating with a bachelor's degree: The Year One Foundation Program and the English for Academic Purposes Program. The route that's right for you will depend on your current academic qualifications and English-language level.

FIND YOUR PATH

Year One Foundation Program (Direct)

This is the best route for international students who don't yet meet the academic requirements to start their chosen bachelor's degree program.

To qualify for the University of Alberta Year One Foundation Program, you'll need:

- IELTS band score 6.0 (at least 5.5 in all skills)
- High school completion with competitive grades

English for Academic Purposes Program

Completed in either four or six months, this program precedes the Year One Foundation Program and is the best route for international students who need to improve their English language level to be admissible to the Year One Foundation Program.

- 4-month program requirements: minimum IELTS band score of 5.5 with no band below 5.0

OR

- 6-month program requirements: minimum IELTS band score of 5.0 with no band below 4.5

Year One Foundation Program

YEAR 2 OF DEGREE

When you successfully complete your first year in the foundation program with the required GPA, you're guaranteed progression into the second year of your chosen bachelor's program.

PROGRAM DETAILS



U of A students studying in a student lounge at the U of A.

A Closer Look

When you join the Year One Foundation Program, you'll be right on track to complete the first year of your bachelor's degree just like any other U of A student. The only difference? Targeted support designed just for you.

By enrolling in the Year One Foundation Program you'll take the same courses as other first-year U of A students, helping you complete some of your "general education" requirements.

Here's a look at some of the courses you'll take in your first year:

- EAP 137: Academic and Intercultural Communications
- ECON 101: Introduction to Microeconomics
- MATH 154: Calculus for Business and Economics I
- BUS 101: Foundations of Business
- MST 100: Introduction to Media Studies

By completing the required courses, you'll finish your first year at U of A on track to graduate in four years!

Your "Soft Landing" in Canada

The other incredible component of the Year One Foundation Program is its built-in support network and the program's events, outings and activities designed to help you adjust to life in your new community, city and country!



U of A students enjoying the natural surroundings on North Campus between classes.



River valley trails next to U of A campus.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

There are so many opportunities for academic growth that go beyond the classroom. For example, students can practice conversational English with U of A student volunteers!

GET TO KNOW EDMONTON

Get to know Canada's 5th largest city, Edmonton, through immersive trips to the Royal Alberta Museum, River Valley and West Edmonton Mall!

Week of Welcome

Start off on the right foot before classes begin with a week of orientations, concerts and a clubs fair.

WELCOME ORIENTATION

If you don't know anyone, don't worry – most new students share similar concerns about finding a community and making friends. The Year One Foundation Program orientation is a multi-day event where you'll meet your classmates, learn about the U of A and do fun interactive activities.



STUDENT SUPPORT



Student ambassadors leading a tour of North Campus in Edmonton.

Year One Foundation Program Support

While you're enrolled in the Year One Foundation Program, you will have access to comprehensive wraparound support services. From the moment you get in touch to the moment you start your classes, we will provide you with all the application and preparation support you need to succeed.

Application Support

Kaplan International's global team provides expert guidance and admission support for the University of Alberta Year One Foundation Program. Kaplan International is here to help you put together a great application and help you get admitted to the University of Alberta. When you apply, you'll also get:

- Extended application deadlines
- Application fee waiver
- Support in your native language

Starting Your Journey Off Right

While you're enrolled in the Year One Foundation Program, we will be there to help you with comprehensive wraparound support services. The team at the U of A will help you with:

- Activities and outings to help you settle in and get to know your classmates
- Adjusting to life in Edmonton
- Classroom support
- Finding your way around campus
- Preparing you for progression into your second year

When you join the Year One Foundation Program, you'll have access to the University of Alberta's suite of student support services, including:

- Academic Success Centre
- Health and wellness
- Campus Recreation
- International Students Services
- Students Union

HOW TO APPLY

1 Get in touch with Kaplan International

2 Complete and submit your application to Kaplan International

3 Receive your Letter of Acceptance (LOA)

4 Accept offer, pay your deposit

5 Receive your Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL)

6 Apply for student housing

7 Obtain your study permit

8 Meet your classmates at Orientation!



No annual tuition rate increases

You will receive a tuition guarantee (annual and program total) for the duration of your degree program, including the Year One Foundation Program. This means you know the full tuition cost before you accept your offer.

See latest tuition rates at:
kaplanpathways.com/uAlberta-fees



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