

Langara College Definition for Immigration Purposes

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To Whom it May Concern:

This document is an official document issued by Langara College. It outlines definitions established by the College for immigration purposes and provides clarification regarding a student's academic enrollment.

Academic Schedule

Langara College has three academic semesters per year:

- Fall semester: September- December
- Spring semester: January- April
- Summer semester: May- August

Enrollment Status

- A student registered into nine credit hours or more in a semester is considered to be a full-time student.
- Students who receive a final grade of "F" are still considered to be enrolled in full-time studies, even though no academic credit is awarded for the course.
- Students who take preparatory courses and receive a letter grade of an S, SR OR U are considered to be full time students.
- Students in their final academic semester, are permitted to study part-time to complete their program which, based on our understanding of the legislation, is permitted.
- Students enrolled in a Co-op Work Placement, are considered to maintain full-time enrolment status at Langara College.

College Repeat Policy

At Langara College, full-time academic status is defined as registration in nine credits per term. A student may be registered in nine credits and therefore considered full time, however the total number of credits awarded may be reduced due to the College's repeat policy.

Under the policy, credit can only be granted for one successful attempt of a course. If a course is repeated and credit is awarded for the subsequent attempt, the earlier attempt is adjusted to reflect zero credits and is demoted with an "X", on the transcript, even if the course was previously completed successfully. As a result, the total credits earned in that term may be less than nine credits while the student remains enrolled full-time.

Scheduled Breaks

A scheduled semester break means a student can take 0-2 classes (less than 9 credits) or remain a full-time student (9 credits or more) during the break.

A regularly scheduled break must be taken once per calendar year, in one of the following semesters: Spring (January to April), Summer (May to August), or Fall (September to December). Students are not permitted to take a scheduled break in two consecutive semesters, even if the semesters occur in different calendar years.

To be eligible for a scheduled break, the student must remain enrolled as a full-time student at Langara College in both the semester *preceding* and the semester *following* the break.

If students are on a scheduled break in the semester preceding their final semester, it is our understanding of the regulations that the students may be enrolled on a part time basis in their final semester in order to complete their program requirements.

Students on Academic Suspension are not eligible to take a scheduled break.

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A scheduled break must not exceed 150 consecutive days and must not total more than 180 days within a single calendar year, in accordance with [IRCC Guidelines](#).

Authorized Leave

An international student may request and be granted an Authorized Leave under extenuating or unforeseen circumstances for no more than 150 days. Upon review of the request and supporting paperwork, the student will receive a letter to support their Authorized Leave. By obtaining the Letter for Authorized Leave, the student is not exempt from their responsibility to comply with IRCC's rules and regulations.

Graduating Students

At Langara College, students who have completed all program requirements and are waiting for issuance of their official completion letter are considered to be enrolled for immigration purposes.

IRCC guidance indicates that a study permit is no longer valid 90 days after a student receives written confirmation that they have completed their program. At Langara College, students are considered to have officially completed their program upon issuance of the completion letter. Therefore, the study permit becomes invalid 90 days from the date the completion letter is issued.