

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HANDBOOK 2025-26



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WELCOME

GREETINGS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Welcome to the Briercrest International Centre! We're delighted to welcome all students studying abroad to our campus. Our top priority is to ensure your transition is positive and rewarding. At Briercrest, we are committed to providing a comprehensive range of services to support you throughout your academic journey and help you achieve your goals. Our dedicated team is available to answer your questions, connect you with resources, and guide you through the process of settling into campus life. In addition to academic support, we strongly believe in fostering a strong sense of community. That's why we encourage you to participate in our diverse social and cultural activities throughout the year. These activities not only offer a break from your studies but also facilitate connections and contribute to a vibrant and diverse student body.

We truly value the unique perspectives and backgrounds that each student brings to our campus, as they enrich our community. We are genuinely excited to have you here with us, and we eagerly await the opportunity to meet you at the International Student Centre.



Sincerely,

Angela Lim,
Director of International Students



BRIERCREST

Education that Disciples

ABOUT BRIERCREST

Our ministry emerged from a community of believers who valued the Word of God and wanted to provide Bible training. That commitment remains at the heart of what we do and why we exist. Our aim is to call students to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, and our approach to reaching this goal is increasingly unique in the educational landscape. "...the Word of our God shall stand forever." Isaiah 40:8

Briercrest is a partnership of three Christ-centered, Bible-anchored, ministry-focused schools:

[Briercrest Christian Academy](#)

[Briercrest College](#)

[Briercrest Seminary](#)

Our Mission

Briercrest is a community of learning that calls students to seek the kingdom of God, to be shaped profoundly by the Scriptures, and to be formed spiritually and intellectually for lives of service.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTRE

The International Student Centre provides resources and support as international students make the transition to Canadian life.

The International Student Center is located in room 116. This is on the lower level of the BCA wing.

Services Available:

- English language support
- Transition assistance
 - Applying for Sask Health Coverage
 - Job eligibility
 - Academic adjustments and challenges
 - Income tax information prepare to study in Canada
 - Applying for a Social Insurance Number
 - Connecting with local communities and resources.
- Cultural Experiences and Events
- Coordinating local trips for errands or shopping



STUDENT LIFE



Life at Briercrest means being part of a tight-knit community where together we pursue what it means to follow Jesus. The Student Development team and student leaders work together to facilitate an environment for spiritual growth that extends to all aspects of life.

Find more information on [Student Life](#) here on the Briercrest campus.



BRIERCREST ACCOUNTS

MyBriercrest

Your [MyBriercrest](#) account gets you into all the online systems you'll access as a Briercrest student.

Briercrest Live

[Briercrest Live](#) is used for signing up for classes, seeing your detailed financial summary, and choosing your meal plan.

Canvas

[Canvas](#) is the learning management system used to access course information, submitting assignments, and interacting with professors and classmates.

MyBriercrest e-mail

Your official [student email](#) account for sending and receiving academic and student life emails.

Microsoft Office Download

All Briercrest students have access to a full [Microsoft Office](#) Suite through MyBriercrest. New students may download this free suite to their personal devices by logging in with their MyBriercrest email account. Students also have access to 1 terabyte of storage through Microsoft OneDrive. Contact Information Systems (is@briercrest.ca) for questions.

Included in Office 365: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneDrive, OneNote, SharePoint, Class Notebook, Sway, and Forms.

FINANCES

Financial Aid and Awards

International students are eligible to apply for scholarships and awards. Information about available awards, application dates, and deadlines are found on the [Scholarship and Awards webpage](#).



Payment

[New students](#) are required to pay the first-year of tuition and living expense in full. Once this deposit is received, the study permit acceptance letter will be issued. A payment plan is available upon request. Continuing students are eligible to follow published [payment deadlines](#) for all students. Refund information can be found following this [link](#).

Making Payments from outside of Canada

Payment can be made through our [online payment system](#).



Typically students pay by bank transfer or [PayMyTuition](#). We encourage sending funds through pay using PayMyTuition. You simply set up your account and can use it for the duration of your studies. It also simplifies the refund process should the need arise.

TRANSFERRING FUNDS

If you bring money into Canada to deposit into your bank when you arrive it is best to bring cash, or wire money into your Canadian account. If you bring a cheque payable to yourself, the bank will probably require a waiting period until the cheque is cleared. This can take several weeks.

It is wise to bring cash in Canadian dollars (CAD) or traveler's cheques enough to cover one month of expenses since there will be several immediate expenses upon arrival.

To transfer funds into your Canadian account you will need to have the following information:

- Canadian Bank name and address
- SWIFT Code
- Transit number
- Institution Number
- Beneficiary Account Number
- Beneficiary Address

There is a cost for transferring funds. Check with your bank for more information.



AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND TRANSPORTATION



Coming to Canada: How to prepare for your arrival

Whether you are arriving by land or air, please inform us of your travel arrangements. Send your arrival itinerary to alim@briercrest.ca.

Arrival at the Airport

- When making travel arrangements, please note that Regina International Airport is the nearest airport to campus.
- First Time Study Permit Holders: You have already been approved for your study permit and you have received a Letter of Introduction. You will need to submit this letter to a Canadian Immigration officer at the border/airport to **receive your actual Study Permit. Once you receive this document, review the information for any errors.**

Important documents to bring with you

When you see the Canadian Immigration officer you may be asked for the following information:

- Valid passport
- Temporary Resident Visa (entry visa - This may or may not be required depending on country of citizenship)
- Valid Study Permit or Letter of Introduction
- The offer of Admission or acceptance letter from Briercrest
- Proof of funding that you can support yourself during your stay in Canada.



Transportation and Airport Pick-up

Airport pick-up and transportation to campus can be arranged through the International Student Centre. A Briercrest staff will be waiting at the arrival area, near the baggage claim.

To make arrangements for pick-up, please email your arrival information to **alim@briercrest.ca**.

Please Note: Refer to the Full Brierfest Schedule for dates for when the dorms will open. International students can enter the dorm no earlier than one day before Check-In Day. If you are arriving before then it is up to the student to arrange accommodations. Suitable accommodations can be found near the Regina airport, and are the students responsibility to arrange. These hotels are within walking distance of local shopping and restaurants. Briercrest student shuttle service from Regina to Caronport will be available one day before or on the day of Check-In from any hotel free of charge.

[Days Inn Regina Airport West](#)

[Home Inn & Suites Regina](#)

CAMPUS ARRIVAL

Map: [Briercrest College & Seminary Virtual Campus Experience](#)

Important information for [New College Students](#)

Check-In

All new students are required to be on campus for Check-In Day, so please book your airline tickets accordingly. International Students cannot enter the dorm until one day before Check-In Day. If you have any concerns about arriving on time, accommodations, or require airport pickup please contact alim@briercrest.ca.



Course Schedules and Key Dates

You can plan for the important dates of the semester, including travel (fall and Christmas break), see our online list of [Course Schedules and Key Dates](#).

College Residence

The residence community is an integral aspect of the student experience and is a highlight for many of our students. The dorms provide a unique opportunity to build close relationships, be part of a community focused on discipleship, and have a ton of fun.



Packing Guide

What Briercrest provides in a dorm room:

Twin mattress (with mattress pad - will be charged to your student account)

Toilet paper/paper towel

Basic cleaning supplies

Closet

Desk

Chair

Free laundry facilities (bring your own washing detergent)

Bulk Items: Due to international travel and packing limits, it is recommended that you purchase your bedding once you arrive or online ahead of time and have it delivered to the school.

*For any online purchases, please use the following address format

First and Last Name – International Department

510 College Drive

Caronport, SK S0H0S0

Canada

Here is a link to the packing list: ["What to Bring to Briercrest" Packing List](#)

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

WORKING IN CANADA

For information on the following topics click on the links below.

- [Working on Campus](#)
- [Working Off](#) Campus
- [Post Graduate Work Permits](#) (Upon Graduation).

*Students are expected to be aware of the regulations for working in Canada according to the conditions of their study permit.

Apply for a Social Insurance Number

It is required to have a Social Insurance Number (SIN) to work in Canada. You can find information here to apply for a [Social Insurance Number](#)

Taxes

As an international student in Canada, you may need to file a [Canadian tax return](#).

For further information on the benefits of filing taxes and assistance with starting the process, our team in the International Students Centre is available by appointment.

Where to Look for Jobs

Many students or students' spouses look for employment while in school, so [here](#) are some resources to help connect with various employment opportunities. There are a number of job opportunities on campus through Briercrest or with local businesses in or near Caronport. Students with a vehicle can also explore job opportunities in Moose Jaw, a city of over 30,000 people is only 20 km down the Trans Canada Highway

BRIERCREST CAMPUS FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Academic Services



[Academic Services](#) helps students

figure out the details of academic life and to connect them with the resources they need to succeed at Briercrest. We serve the students of Briercrest in many different areas, including:

- Academic advising and course registration
- Student finance assistance
- Transcript requests and transfer questions
- Academic coaching and tutoring
- General academic information

Academic Resource Center

[The Academic Resource Centre](#) (ARC) provides personalized guidance and support to help all students fully participate in the Briercrest learning community. The ARC works in collaboration with faculty and other departments to equip and empower students to work towards their academic, vocational, ministry, and life goals.

[Tips and Guides](#). Here you will find a list of resources that include:

- Time Management and Organization
- Research Papers 101
- Format Guides
- Study Strategies
- Study Tools

Finances

[Here](#) you should find the information and resources you need for tuition, fees, etc for both the College and Seminary.

Library

[The Archibald Library](#) is a fully automated and beautifully designed research hub for students. With a 25,000 square foot space, it offers a relaxed atmosphere for study. Our collection includes 99,000 items, including 14,000 online journal and magazine titles, over 200,000 e-books, and an online catalogue accessible through our computers or WiFi network.

Athletics and Recreation

Whether you're training as a Briercrest athlete or someone who just likes to be active, our athletic facilities fit a broad span of athletic needs.

- **Margaret P. Reimer Memorial Gymnasium** - From [intramurals](#) to team practices, there is always something going on in our double-court gymnasium. During the weekends, fans pack the stands to cheer on our Briercrest volleyball and basketball teams as they compete with teams in the ACAC and the PAC.
- **Fitness Centre** - A wide selection of cardio equipment, free weights, dumbbells, benches, and exercise machines are available to help students stay active throughout the school year.
- **Barkman Arena** Students can enjoy a casual skate at one of the open ice times or join one of the [intramural hockey leagues](#)

Food Services

- **Dining Hall** - Our dining hall offers diverse meals served buffet style. There are three meals a day on weekdays and two a day on weekends (brunch and supper) with multiple [meal plans](#) to choose from. The dining hall is one of the most social places on campus.
- **Crossroads Café** - located next to the seminary wing, it is a casual spot for students to relax with coffee. Lunch meal combos available for those with short breaks or who prefer staying on campus using Meal Plan or [Flex dollars](#).

LIFE IN CARONPORT

Caronport Community

The Village of [Caronport](#) is proud of the safe community and friendly residents. Caronport is a quiet rural community right off the #1 Highway. It is surrounded by amazing prairie views. It is a 15-minute drive to Moose Jaw, which has the majority of amenities that one would need.



Internet

There is free wifi available throughout the campus and you'll be able to access it in your dorm room. All Dorm rooms are wired for Ethernet connection. Students will be required to provide their ethernet cable (and adapter if required).

Cellular Devices

It is recommended that students own a cell phone, as it is required for our internal two-step authentication system for MyBriercrest Live accounts.

For cell phone service, [SaskTel](#), [Telus](#), [Bell](#), and their affiliates all work well in Caronport. Reception from other providers (such as Rogers/Fido) is limited and not recommended.

Dormitory Street Addresses: In order to setup a personal telephone or Internet service students will need to know the physical street address of their dormitory. These addresses are listed here:

Bergren Place – 319 Birch St
Eliason Manor – 535 Elm Cres
Sundbo Place – 327 Birch St

Hillson Hall – 530 2nd Ave
Glen Manor – 529 2nd Ave
Isabel Whittaker – 530 2nd Ave
Sinclair Whittaker – 530 2nd Ave

Mail Boxes

Students who wish to receive personal mail or parcels are encouraged to go to the Caronport [Post Office](#) (located at the corner of Centre Street and 2nd Avenue) and set up a post office box. The boxes are free and students only need one piece of government-issued photo ID to register for the service.

Student mail should not be sent to the address of Briercrest College and Seminary. Mail addressed to a student's PO Box should be addressed as follows:

Student Name

PO Box 123

Caronport, Saskatchewan

S0H 0S0.



Picking up a Package

Ideally, parcels should be sent via Canada Post to the student's own PO Box. If a student needs to have a parcel sent to a physical address rather than a P.O. Box for carriers such as Purolator or UPS, the Student Development office will accept these parcels on behalf of the student.

ATTN: Student Name

Briercrest College and Seminary

510 College Drive Caronport,

Saskatchewan S0H 0S0

Students are required to present their student ID card and sign for receipt of the parcel.

Businesses in Caronport

[The Beacon](#) is the main service center. It has the Husky gas station, convenience store, Subway restaurant, and coffee shop. It is a great place to meet with friends, study, or grab a snack.

[The Pilgrim Inn](#) is located off the highway when first entering Caronport. It is a quiet friendly place for visitors when coming to Caronport.

Local Churches

Caronport Campus Church - [The Church in Caronport](#)

Family Service Sunday, 9:30 am

Main Service Sunday, 10:30 am

Caron Church - [Caron Community Church](#)

Moose Jaw Churches - [Places of Worship](#)

Newcomer Welcome Centre

[The Newcomer Welcome Centre](#) located in Moose Jaw, is a program funded by the Saskatchewan

Government, where you can get information on how to connect to the Moose Jaw area. They provide support and guidance in assisting newcomers to become settled in their new community. Services are free of charge.

Programs Offered:

- Newcomer Driver Education (class 5 license)
- Employment Development Program



TRANSPORTATION

There is no public transportation available between Caronport and Moose Jaw. The International Student Centre will have occasional trips into Moose Jaw for shopping. Transportation for individual local errands can be arranged either through dorm staff or the International Student Centre.

Banking

When opening a bank account, it is important to review the different banks and the services they provide. Banks will require an appointment to go through the process. They will require two pieces of identification (i.e. passport, study permit, driver's license), one will need to be a photo id. Some may also require proof of residence. If needed, you can request this document from alim@briercrest.ca.

Banks in Moose Jaw

[Royal Bank of Canada](#) (RBC)

1251 Main St N, Moose Jaw,
SK 1 (306) 691-4100

[CIBC](#)

204 Main St N, Moose
Jaw 1 (306) 691-4444

[Toronto Dominion](#) (TD)

145 Main St N, Moose Jaw,
SK 1 (306) 691-4610

[Scotiabank](#)

303 Main St N, Moose
Jaw 1 (306) 693-3691

[Bank of Montreal](#) (BMO)

39 Manitoba St E, Moose
Jaw 1 (306) 694-8130

Parks and Recreation

Spray Park - Located on 3rd Avenue. Includes a play structure, swings, tunnels and of course the water park.

Open June- August

Water is flowing from 10am - 7pm during the summer.

Appleby Park - Located on 3rd Avenue. Large wooden train play structure, picnic tables, covered eating area.

Briercrest Athletics Field- The athletics field features tennis courts, baseball diamonds, football field, soccer fields, beach volleyball courts, and running track.

Barkman Arena- Full-sized ice rink. This is where our Briercrest Clipper Hockey and PHA teams train and play. There are community events though out the year such as figure skating and hockey programs.

Outdoor Skating Rink- The outdoor rink is next to the elementary school. It is open during the winter, weather depending and free for community members to use.

Caronport Recreation Board- There are many community programs through out the year for all ages. For more information checkout caronportrec.com

Recycling and Garbage pick-up

For those living outside of dorm, garbage pick-up is every Tuesday. Each unit will have a black Loraas garbage bin that will need to be put on the road each week for pick up.

Recycling needs to be requested by individual by each home by contacting Lorass Disposal Services LTD at their office in Moose Jaw - 1(306)691-2850

Shopping

Groceries, pharmacies and items can be found in Moose Jaw. For items such as international markets, clothing, winterwear, furniture, etc, a trip to Regina is worth your time.

Groceries and Everyday Needs

Superstore is the largest grocery store in Moose Jaw located on Thatcher Drive. Here you will find you will find your food essentials, some international foods, clothing, toiletries and more.

30 Thatcher Dr. Moose Jaw

[Hours of Operation](#)



Walmart is a one stop shop for all they basic items you may need. It has a wide range of products from food, pharmacy, household goods, appliances, toiletries, clothing, and more.

551 Thatcher Dr. Moose Jaw

[Hours of Operation](#)



Costco is located in Regina. Costco offers bulk products, groceries, and various items at discounted prices to members. Membership is required to shop here.

2110 Anaquod Rd, Regina

[Hours of Operation](#)



Pharmacies

Shoppers Drug Mart

710 Main St N
(306) 693-5184



Loblaw Pharmacy

Located in Superstore
30 Thatcher Dr
(306)691-6035



[Instacart](#) is for those who can't always get to Moose Jaw when they would like. Check out the app where items can be ordered right to your door.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

Apply for Health and Medical Insurance in Saskatchewan

Provincial Health Card – International students temporarily residing in Saskatchewan, may be eligible for Saskatchewan health coverage while attending a Saskatchewan institution. When applying, proof of full-time enrolment, passport, and study permit are required. Assistance with the application will be provided by Briercrest staff during the first week of School.

Physicians and Clinics

Caronport

Dr. Bell is the local Caronport physician, serving the community and Briercrest Students. Appointments are required unless urgent care is needed. Be sure to tell the office staff if you have a problem of an urgent nature when you call. (306) 756-2262

Moose Jaw

Perhaps you prefer your family doctor to be in Moose Jaw. Please click on the following link to find clinics and doctors accepting new patients. -

[Physicians in FHHR](#)

Moose Jaw Urgent Care and Walk-In Clinics – These are alternative to a hospital emergency department for minor, non-life-threatening emergencies. They are on a first-come service based on phone or walk-in appointments.

Crescent View Urgent Care clinic – [Crescent View Clinic \(fhhr.ca\)](#)

Alliance Health Medical Clinic - [Contact Alliance Health Medical Clinic](#)

Emergency – If there is an emergency, call 911

HEALTH AND COUNSELLING SERVICES

[Briercrest Counselling Centre](#). Our Counselling Services team is here to support you and is available for a variety of situations. Common concerns which might bring someone to counselling include stress or anxiety, depression, loneliness or isolation, adjusting to college life, and relationship issues. If you're experiencing these or other issues, counselling could be right for you. The Counselling Centre offers confidential individual, couple, and family counselling.

Joy Choi, Canadian Certified Counsellor (CCC). Joy specializes in cultural adjustment, depression-anxiety, relationships, and sexual abuse. She is fluent in English and Korean. Contact for an appointment: 1(306) 313-9800

Mental health resources Health & Counselling Services
(briercrestseminary.ca)

Healthline 811 Kids Help Phone

Anxiety Canada Mindyourmind

MindCheck Heretohelp Uniwellbeing



IMMIGRATION

All immigration information on these pages can be found on the IRCC website:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship.html>

IRCC

Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is a Canadian federal department whose authority falls within those listed programs. IRCC facilitates the arrival, protection, and programming of newcomers to Canada. Prospective international students should educate themselves on the process of [how to prepare to study in Canada](#) preceding their arrival. Generally, one must apply for a [study permit](#) before coming to Canada.

About your Study Permit

As an International student with a study permit, you must:

- Always be enrolled at a designated learning institution
- Make progress toward finishing your study program
- Respect the conditions listed on your permit
- Stop studying when you no longer meet the requirements
- Leave Canada when your permit expires

Currently Studying in Canada

If you are studying in high school and your study permit is still valid, you do not need to apply to change your study permit if you are changing your school level or program. [Changing your post-secondary school](#) in your IRCC secure account is a free service.

If your study permit will expire, you need to [apply to extend it](#).

If you are wanting to change the conditions of your permit, such as working while you study, you must [apply to change conditions or extend your stay in Canada](#).



Study Permit Extension

There may be times when you need to extend your study permit from within Canada. Click here to learn more about how to [extend your study](#), cost, [required documents](#), [biometrics](#), and [processing times](#).

Traveling Outside of Canada

If you plan to travel outside of Canada during the holidays or Summer vacation, it is important to make sure all your documentation is valid and you meet all the [requirements to travel outside of Canada and then re-enter](#).

If you have applied for a study permit extension and are travelling outside Canada, [here](#) is information on re-entering Canada.

Visitor Visa or eTA

Your study permit is not a travel document. You will need to make sure that you meet the requirements in order to enter the country. [Find out if you need a vis to travel to Canada](#).

Work Visa

According to the [IRCC website](#), You may be eligible to work in Canada while studying, if your study permit includes a condition that says you can work on or off campus. You must also meet all the other requirements. You can only start working in Canada when you start your study program. You can't work before your studies begin.

IMPORTANT COLLEGE CONTACTS

Briercrest has an exceptional team of staff and faculty who want to help you succeed.

Academic Resource Centre

Email: academicresourcecentre@briercrest.ca

Admissions and Academic Advising

Email: admissions@briercrest.ca

Sally Carter

Phone: 306.801.6072

International Student Department

Email: Angela Lim, Director of International Students

alim@briercrest.ca

Phone: 306.801.4771

Health and Counselling Services

Email: ccentre@briercrest.ca

Phone: 306.801.5645

Student Development

Email: studentdevelopment@briercrest.ca

Student Finance

Email: studentfinance@briercrest.ca

Phone: 306.801.5117

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