

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST



**YOUR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY
AT CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY
IS ABOUT TO BEGIN. HERE ARE
SOME TIPS TO SET YOU UP FOR
SUCCESS FROM DAY ONE.**

- **Watch for your CBU Email information** - within 72 hours of your acceptance, you will receive an email from IT Services at CBU outlining your new CBU email information. As soon as you receive your CBU email information, it is very important that you log in and check this email frequently. All future communication from CBU will be sent to your CBU email address and not to the email that you used to apply.
- **Log into your COMPASS Account** - browse your [student portal](#) to become familiar with the self-serve options and other features that will help you during your time at CBU. Check out our [How-To CBU YouTube series](#) for helpful videos.
- **Download your proof of payment** - your proof of payment will be available for download through your COMPASS student portal within 3-5 days after your payment is made. Remember to watch the [How-To CBU YouTube series](#) for helpful videos.
- **Apply for your VISA** - now that you have all the required documents from CBU, you can apply for your VISA.
- **Meet your classmates on the New-To-CBU Facebook Page** - Join the '[New-to-CBU Students \(2021/2022\)](#)' group on Facebook.
- **Learn about academic advising** - Advising is mandatory for all new CBU students prior to being able to register for courses. Staff at the First Year Advising Centre are available to help you select your courses and learn about services and other supports available to you as a CBU student. Appointment bookings begin a few months before your start date. Visit www.cbu.ca/fyac to learn more.
- **Register for courses** - once you've been advised, you can register for your courses. While you're waiting for your advising appointment, browse the [COMPASS student system](#) and watch the [How-to-CBU YouTube series](#) to ensure your registration goes as planned.
- **Register for orientation** - at the start of each semester, student orientation sessions are held. Please keep an eye on your CBU email account so you don't miss important information.
- **Bookmark CBU's Important Dates Calendar** - make sure you are informed about important deadlines regarding registration, finances and more. Check out the calendar [here](#).



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