



July 8th, 2024

Dear Algoma University Applicant,

Please see below for important deadlines regarding the submission of required documents related to your Study Permit application.

Visa Stamp Deadline

We must receive your Visa Stamp or LOI (Letter of Introduction) by **August 14th, 2024 at 11:59 pm EST** to confirm your seat for the September 2024 Intake.

If proof is not received via [our Google Form](#) by this date, you will be required to defer your application to the next available intake for your program.

Deferral Policy

- Students can defer their offer of admission once to the next available intake with no formal reason required.
- After the first deferral, all future deferrals require that a deposit has been made to the student's account; students can make as many deferral requests as they need with a tuition deposit on their account. Otherwise, a new paid application will be required.
- Deferrals are conditional upon program availability, campus availability, and seat availability. Deferring your offer of admission does not guarantee your seat in the preferred program, campus, or intake and may subject you to receipt of an alternate offer.

If you are unsure if you will receive your Visa Stamp or LOI by the posted deadline, we highly recommend that you defer your offer to the next available intake. To apply for a deferral, [please fill out this form](#). If you have additional requests (such as a program or campus change) you may add it to the same request. Please do not submit multiple requests.

You can also find further information about our recommended arrival window at <https://algomau.ca/students/international-students/travel-readiness/>.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Can I submit a PPR instead of a visa stamp?

A Visa Stamp or a LOI must be received by the university in order to proceed with registration. A PPR (Passport Request Letter) is not accepted for registration or for confirming your seat for the intake.

What if I am unable to provide anything by this date?

If you are unable to submit a visa stamp or LOI on or before the required date, the university cannot guarantee that you will be able to register in your classes and we will not support your travel for the upcoming term. We will recommend that you defer to the next available intake for your program.

Why do we have a deadline for the study visa stamp?

These deadline requirements are in place with your success as a student in mind - it's been shown that when students arrive late and miss their orientation and/or the beginning of their classes, they are more likely to struggle academically in their first semester and beyond. In addition, students arriving late often struggle to quickly find adequate housing which can greatly impact their ability to focus on their studies.

The university wants to ensure that we are setting you and all of our students up to be successful. While we understand that the IRCC is experiencing delays in providing students with visa decisions, we feel that it's best for students who can't meet the above deadline to defer their admission to the next available intake, so that they are best positioned to be successful in their studies.

What happens if I still choose to travel without the university's support?

If you have booked your flights already, we understand that they may not be fully refundable and you may still choose to travel.

It's important to note that if you do choose to travel without the support of the university, the university cannot guarantee that you will be accommodated. Please be advised that you may be at risk of academic, financial, and/or immigration penalties if you choose to travel without the support of the university.

Sincerely,

Brad Lloyd
Manager of International Admissions