

1: Welcome to London

E) Paperwork

Before anything!!!

• Remember that regardless of your country of origin (unless you're Canadian) you need to apply for a **study permit**.



Obtaining a Study Permit

- You can apply for this permit <u>online</u>.
- Do this well in advance since <u>processing times</u> might be long for some countries.
- In order to apply for this permit you will need many documents... so plan ahead.
- Note that if you're planning to come to Canada with your spouse or children, you can submit your applications at the same time.

Once in Canada - Health

- You health insurance (UHIP) will be included in your tuition.
- It <u>covers</u> basic health care services but does <u>not cover</u> other services
 that you might require, so keep that it mind.
- You can book an appointment at <u>Health</u>
 <u>Services</u> at Western any time by calling (519)
 661 30 30.

Once in Canada - Taxes

- Oh, yes! Doing taxes will be part of your Canadian experience.
- Once a year, at the end of February, you will receive your tax forms and have to file your taxes.
- Filing your taxes is NOT optional. It is required by <u>law</u>.
- Don't worry, though! You will get as much <u>help</u> as you need.
- Since it is your first time filing taxes your are highly encouraged to seek assistance.

Once in Canada - Taxes

- Western offers a <u>Tax Clinic</u> for free to help you in this endeavor.
 - Note, however, that this clinic is mostly made up of trained volunteers, not professionals, and the service might not always be the best.
- Many companies offer special prices for students. A popular one among students is <u>H & R Block</u>.



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- Note that these are obligatory steps.
- However, depending on your specific case, you might be required to do more paperwork.
- In any case, be sure to read things carefully, follow the steps appropriately and ask for as many clarifications as you find necessary.

Care

- When in doubt about how to proceed or what to do, ask the person or organization in charge (i.e. the embassy, the city hall).
- Do not rely on anybody else (i.e. another student who has been through the same). Procedures might have changed from previous years.

- It seems that you are ready to come to London already but...what you will do when you get here?
- Join us with the next presentation to see some good ideas of how to spend your first days in

London!



Picture in these slides

• Canadian study permit: <u>http://thecanadianimmigrant.files.wordpress.com/2012/08/study-permitphd1.jpg</u>