

# International Students' Anticipated Living Expenses

**General costs – Mandatory ESTIMATES ONLY**, actual costs will vary. Fees subject to change without notice. All costs are in Canadian dollars and are subject to change without notice.

Rent(1 bedroom)	\$784	Per Month
Tuition	\$7,500	Per semester - Will vary by program
Textbooks for Career Program	\$500- \$700	Per semester - Will vary by program

## Other general costs

Personal	\$200	Determined by student
Clothing	\$100	Determined by student
Food (determined by student)	\$240	Per Month
Entertainment	\$200	Determined by student
Phone/ Internet	\$150	Determined by Phone/Internet company rates
Transit monthly pass (bus + C-train)	\$106	Per Month - <a href="http://www.calgarytransit.com">www.calgarytransit.com</a>

## Homestay (If chosen instead of 1 bedroom rent)

Standard Service Fee	\$750	Non-refundable
Security Deposit	\$500	Refundable
Homestay Fee (each 16 week session):Full Board	\$825/month*	*Please visit webpage to get a quote

## Housing Options

Bow Valley College does not offer on-campus housing. For information on accommodation options, including Homestay, renting a room in a private home or other rental accommodation, in and around the City of Calgary please refer to the following websites & information to help you with your search

<a href="http://www.canadahomestaynetwork.ca">www.canadahomestaynetwork.ca</a> (Homestay)	<a href="http://www.rentfaster.ca">www.rentfaster.ca</a>	<a href="http://www.rentboard.ca">www.rentboard.ca</a>	<a href="http://www.rentingspaces.ca">www.rentingspaces.ca</a>
<a href="http://www.liveatsait.com">www.liveatsait.com</a> (BVC students are eligible to live in SAIT residence)	<a href="http://www.alwayshome.ca">www.alwayshome.ca</a>	<a href="http://www.places4rent.com">www.places4rent.com</a>	<a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/residence">www.ucalgary.ca/residence</a>

Bow Valley College have a Cost Estimator tool that can help you estimate your costs check it: at [www.bowvalleycollege.ca/student-resources/financial-services/cost-estimator](http://www.bowvalleycollege.ca/student-resources/financial-services/cost-estimator)

## General rules of renting in Canada

Prior to moving into rental accommodation there are normally two fees you will have to pay. First, you will have to pay the 1<sup>st</sup> month's rent, as payment for accommodation is always in advance. Secondly, you will have to pay a damage deposit, often equal to one month's rent.

Before moving into the apartment/house you are renting, you and your landlord should agree on the terms of your rental agreement in a contract. Also before you move into your apartment/house, make sure that you walk through it with your landlord and make a list of all damages. If you leave the apartment/house clean and in good condition, your damage deposit will be refunded to you. The cost to repair or clean any damages caused by you will be deducted from your damage deposit when you move out.

Check our website for more resources at <https://bowvalleycollege.ca/student-resources/new-student-orientation/living-in-calgary>