

Visiting Calgary for the LCC7? Here's some info you might want to know before your trip!

Calgary is "Canada's most enterprising city" and was named one of the Cultural Capitals of Canada in 2012. We're very proud of our mix of work in Natural Resources, Sciences, and the Arts/Social Sciences both as a city, and here at the University of Calgary. The city itself is beautiful, and has many attractions: whether you just want to walk along the river, rent a raft/kayak and take a day trip, or visit the Glenbow museum. If you have some extra time, on a nice day, you can see the entire city and even the mountains west of us from the Calgary Tower, and the 365° rotating restaurant at the top.

If you're planning on spending a little extra time in our city, I also highly recommend taking a day to head to Banff National Park which is about a 1-hour drive West of us. Take in the hot springs, hike a mountain trail, enjoy the local shops/food, try the gondola ride up the mountain, or just drive through the mountains to enjoy their beauty. We will have some information available from both Calgary and Alberta tourism in your check-in package, or feel free to email one of the local hosts with questions: jwindso@ucalgary.ca. Some helpful links for what to do locally are listed here:

<http://www.visitcalgary.com/>

<http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/All-city-parks.aspx>

<http://www.banfftours.com/>

<http://www.brewster.ca/canadian-rockies/destinations/calgary/>

<https://www.travelalberta.com/ca/>

Anyone planning on staying in Calgary for a few days and wanting to make site-seeing plans with other conlangers is welcome to use the LCC7 email list to arrange post-conference plans!

If you're traveling from outside of Canada (on a non-Canadian passport) you should have received a confirmation letter after completing your registration. If not, email me at the above address to check on it! Canada Border Services have implemented some new procedures for non-Canadian passport holders, you may want to check them out before getting on a plane. This website should contain all the info you need: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp>

Once you're in Calgary, getting to the University is pretty easy. A taxi ride will cost you roughly \$35-\$40 (there is an additional airport fee, but Calgary is a very large (read "wide") city, so getting across it can be expensive by taxi). The bus route #300 runs every 20 minutes and will take downtown where you can transfer to the C-train (Tuscany/Red line) to go to University Station. It's \$9.50 (exact change or electronic payment, and get a transfer ticket if paying cash). The bus/train ride will take about an hour. (Non-airport originating transit is cheaper within the city: \$3.25 for a 90-minute pass – for when we go down to Kensington for the premier of *Conlanging: The Art of Crafting Tongues* for example!)

On campus at UCalgary, you'll probably want to be able to connect to our Wi-Fi. UCalgary participates in the eduroam network if you have access to that from your own institution. Wireless

internet is also available free of charge to all visitors through AirUC-Guest. You will need a mobile phone with you to be able to connect this way as it will text you a temporary password.

If you're staying on campus, we have everything you might need within walking distance. There are multiple bus stops and a C-train station on campus. There are several fast-food options in our Student Centre (MacEwan Hall). The Bookstore will be open during normal business hours if you're curious, and there are several malls within about a 15-20minute walk. If for any reason you need to contact Campus Security, they are staffed 24-hours and can be reached at 403-220-5333. We also have an app you can download "UC Emergency app". And, Campus Security offers a Savewalk service 24-7 where Safewalk volunteers will walk you across campus to ensure your safety if you have any concerns (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>).

Other campus resources can be found here:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/welcomecentre/resources/campus-resources>

We are striving to be as inclusive as possible at LCC7. The legal drinking age in Alberta is 18 (with government-issued ID). Minors will be able to accompany us for the conference dinner at Pulcinella right before the *Conlanging* premier, and local hosts are working hard to find a venue for the pre-conference meetup that is also friendly to minors. We will update the LCC7 website with this information as soon as we are successful in finding such a venue.

Information about conference rates for on-campus accommodation is available on the LCC7 website. If you're planning on staying a little longer, or are looking for slightly cheaper accommodations, there are both hostels and AirBnB locations in Calgary that can easily be found by a google search. Unfortunately, the local host cannot provide any recommendations on these venues. However, we suggest checking out travel routes before booking off campus: www.calgarytransit.com

Additional questions can be sent to jwindso@ucalgary.ca

If you're presenting at the LCC, here's what you can expect:

Most talks at LCC7 are listed for a 30-minute time slot. We suggest that talks are limited to (at most) 20 minutes, leaving 10 minutes for questions and discussion. Time keepers will be on hand for all presentations and will show flash cards for "10 min remaining," "5 min remaining," "2 min remaining," "1 min remaining," and "STOP." Speakers can go over their time, into their question period, but discussion will be cut off at the 30 minute mark to progress to the next talk in the schedule. We will be very strict with time enforcement.

A few talks at LCC7 are listed for a 60-minute time slot. For these talks, we suggest that talks are limited to (at most) 45 minutes, leaving 15 minutes for questions and discussion. Time keepers will provide the same cues for these talks as with the shorter ones and will be equally as strict with time enforcement to ensure fairness for all speakers.

All UCalgary classrooms are equipped with an A/V podium containing:

- A PC (HDMI and VGA ports for connecting an external laptop or USB ports for drives)

- Projector/doc cam

- Integrated sound system

- Internet accessibility

- VCR/DVD player (yes, there actually are VCRs...)

We will also have a slide advancer/laser pointer on hand

All classrooms have either a blackboard or whiteboard, we will have chalk/markers on hand.

We look forward to seeing you in Calgary this July!