

Knox College Request for Leave of Absence

<u>Toronto School of Theology – Basic Degree Handbook – 7.7.1 Leave of Absence.</u>

With the approval of the college of registration, a student in a conjoint basic degree program may be granted up to one calendar year of parental, health, or compassionate leave. This period of leave does not count towards the maximum number of years which the college may allow for the completion of a program.

Section 1 – To be Completed by the STUDEN	NT	(please print clearly)
Name:		
Known as:	Stu	dent Number:
UofT Email:	 	
Basic Degree Program: MDiv MPS MTS CTS		
Legal Status		(please select one)
Are you an International Student? NO Yes (Please see Page 2 of this document for important information)		
Leave Request		(please select one)
☐ This is my FIRST leave request ☐ This is my SECOND leave request		
Duration of Requested Leave		(please select one)
One ACADEMIC year: September 1,(yr) to August 31,(yr)		
One CALENDAR year: January 1,(yr) to December 31,(yr)		
One SEMESTER: Fall 20or Winter 20		
Leave Requested (please select one) A request for a Leave of Absence will not be considered without the required supporting documentation		
Parental Leave – Please attach a detailed letter, petitioning for Parental Leave.		
Health – Please complete and attach a <u>Verification of Student Illness or Injury form</u> . (on UofT website)		
Compassionate Leave – Please attach a detailed letter, petitioning for a Compassionate Leave.		
Student's Signature		Date
Section 2 – To be Completed by the ACADEMIC OFFICE		
Decision		
Received by the Academic Office	Date:	Registrar or Assistant Registrar
Approved Denied	Date	Academic Dean
Student File & ROSI Account Updated	Date:	Registrar or Assistant Registrar

An important note for International Students (students holding valid Study Permits) who are considering a Leave of Absence:

LEGAL STATUS

International students **are expected to be actively enrolled** in their program of study during the validity of their study permit. Taking a gap/leave may affect your legal status and especially your eligibility to stay or work in Canada.

Under current immigration regulations, a student who takes a leave/gap from their studies will **still be considered as actively enrolled** if the leave/gap **is authorized by the school** and **lasts less than 150 days**. In this case, the student does not lose their legal status. They can remain in Canada but **they are prohibited from working**.

If a student does not resume their studies within 150 days, they should do either of the following:

- Change their legal status to Visitor (apply for Visitor Permit)
- Leave Canada

An **authorized leave** of absence that lasts **less than 150 days** will not affect your eligibility for the post-graduation work permit if you had a valid reason for taking the leave/gap.

For more information, please visit the University of Toronto's "Centre for International Experience" website at: www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/cie/study-permits

University of Toronto Health Insurance Program (UHIP

As an international student, you are only eligible for four months (one semester) of UHIP coverage while on a Leave of Absence. If you are requesting a Leave of Absence for one year, you will need to secure private health insurance to cover the duration of your Leave of Absence.

For more information, please contact the UHIP office directly.