

International Students Services (ISS)



Dear Student,

Welcome to a new academic year at the University of Calgary! There's nothing better than seeing our community back on campus together, engaging with each other and living the UCalgary experience.

We hope all of our students feel connected to and supported by UCalgary. If you have any questions or need support, please feel free to email our team at iss@ucalgary.ca.

Stay well!

International Student Services

Important dates and Information

- Sept. 2: Block week ends I last day to withdraw from a block week course
- **Sept. 5**: Labour Day (university closed)
- Sept. 6: Fall term classes begin
- **Sept. 15:** Last day to drop a class without financial penalty I end of refund period
- Sept. 16: Last day to add or swap a course
- Sept. 23: Tuition and fee payment deadline
- **Sept. 30:** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (university closed)

Welcome Centre

Are you new to Calgary? Visit the Welcome Centre in MSC 275 until Sept. 2. The Centre's operating hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. MST. Come get advice from current students to help you transition to living and studying in Calgary. Learn about campus supports, hear about things you must do in Calgary, and join daily social events to meet your peers. Get a free welcome bag while supplies last!

Labour Day Long Weekend

This weekend from Sept. 3 to 5 is Canada's Labour Day long weekend. If you're in Calgary and looking for fun things to do, here are some ideas:

• Visit Calgary: September in Calgary

• Daily Hive: Nine hiking trails near Calgary

Social Insurance Number (SIN) clinic by Service Canada

Service Canada will be on campus to process Social Insurance Number (SIN) applications for students who are eligible to work in Canada. Drop in with all the required documents for a 10-minute appointment with a Service Canada Officer. Get your SIN during the appointment. Learn more.

Dates: Sept. 8 and Sept. 16

Time: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: International Student Services Office (MSC275)

New IRCC announcement on remote studies

Recently, the IRCC has extended their temporary policy allowing for remote studies until Aug. 31, 2023. Students who have submitted a study permit and receive an approval will have up to 50% of their full-time remote studies eligible for a post-graduation open work permit (PGWP) until Aug. 31, 2023 if they start their program this fall while waiting for their study permit to be processed.

We recommend that you apply for a study permit application as soon as possible before your start your program.

If you need help applying for study permit, please reach out with your letter of acceptance and we can guide your through the process.

Students with a study permit approval should be attending their program inperson. Online offerings are measures to temporarily support those without travel documents and study permit approvals. We encourage students to join us on campus as soon as they can and begin their studies in-person.

Please note: You MUST have a valid study permit to study in Canada if your program is more than six months, even if your courses are online.

Information and opportunities

USpeak Global program

Are you interested in language learning and forming new friendships on campus? USpeak Global - a language sharing program hosted by ISS - is returning for fall 2022. This program promotes social connection between students interested in language learning and cultural exchange. Students are matched into small groups for weekly, self-directed language practice. Intake for USpeak is open until Sept. 11. The program will run until the end of fall term.

Learn more and apply.

Join the Sophomore Leadership Program (SLP)

Improve your leadership and employability skills, contribute to the community, and connect with students and professionals in your field! SLP is open to undergraduate students in their second year of studies (and above). Apply by Sept. 18.

Learn more and apply.

Join the Food Studies Interdisciplinary Research Group

Everyone needs to eat! Join the Food Studies Interdisciplinary Research Group of the Calgary Institute for the Humanities as we explore questions, issues, and solutions within our current food systems.

Learn more and apply.

Wellness & Health Awareness Team (W.H.A.T) volunteer application

The Wellness & Health Awareness Team (W.H.A.T.) is seeking Peer Helpers for fall 2022. This is a fun, flexible and meaningful opportunity to get involved on campus, and have an impact on the health and wellbeing of your peers. Applications close Sept. 6 at 3 p.m.

Learn more and apply.

Events and workshops



Fall Orientation for new students

Fall Orientation is a two-day series of events where new students learn about the academic, student life and wellness services that can help them to transition into life at UCalgary. Register to attend.

Location: MSC 293

Date: Thursday, Sept. 1 and Friday, Sept. 2

Time: All day



Information session for international partner students - Global Community Challenge YYC

For this webinar, students from our international partner institutions are invited to learn about the Global Community Challenge YYC and ask questions before applying to the fall 2022 iteration. Register to attend.

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 6 **Time:** Noon–1 p.m. MDT

Working in Canada: Resumes, interviews and work permits (international undergraduate students)

This workshop is an overview of the Canadian application process. It will include information about



the documents needed to apply for jobs, details about Canadian interviews, and a discussion of necessary permits you need to work in Canada. Register to attend.

Date: Wednesday , Sept. 7 **Time:** 10–11 a.m. MDT



Resume/cover letter workshop (undergraduate students)

The resume and cover letter is meant to convey your skills and experiences in a clear, concise, and effective manner. Learn the tips and strategies on how to write resumes and cover letters that are targeted and eye-catching. Register to attend.

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 7 **Time:** Noon–1 p.m. MDT



Working in Canada: Work permits, resumes, and job application process (Graduate Students)

This workshop will review the Canadian application process. It will include information about the documents needed to apply for jobs, Canadian interviews, and the necessary permits you will need to work in Canada. Register to attend.

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 7 **Time:** 1:30–3 p.m. MDT



Faith and Spirituality Centre (FSC) open house

Join the FSC open house as they welcome all students back to campus with free ice cream, snacks, tea and tours of the FSC.

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 7 **Time:** 12:30–2:30 p.m. MDT

Effective note taking

In this session, the Student Success Centre will explore effective strategies that can be applied to



any discipline. They'll also discuss different ways to organize your notes, and talk about how technology can support better note taking. Register to attend.

Location: TFDL 355D - Student Success Centre

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 7 **Time:** 1–1:50 p.m. MDT



Level Up Your Learning: Academic Success Strategies digital badge (in-person)

Join the Student Success Centre to elevate your academic success strategies in this two-hour, interactive workshop. At the end of the session, you'll meet the qualifications for the Level Up Your Learning: Academic Success Strategies digital badge. Register to attend.

Location: TFDL 440A

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 7

Time: 3–5 p.m. MDT



Creating a plan for your semester

Join this hands-on workshop where you'll plan your semester at the big-picture and weekly levels. You'll be guided through the process of creating a schedule to help maximize your time and keep track of your commitments. Register to attend.

Location: TFDL 364

Date: Thursday, Sept. 8

Time: 3:30–4:20 p.m. MDT

Do you want more events?

Check out our **ISS events calendar** for a list of events and workshops for international students.

Are you interested in events hosted by other offices? Visit the following:

- Career Services
- Faith and Spirituality Centre
- Leadership and Student Engagement
- Money Smart
- Student Success Centre
- Student Wellness

• Women's Resource Centre

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