



## International Students Services (ISS)

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### Dear Student,

Welcome to the beginning of a new term, as we wish you all the best for a happy and successful 2022!

Please, mark down the upcoming important dates and information listed below for your classes. The ISS team has planned many great events throughout the term to help you unwind between classes and meet new friends. Check our [events calendar](#) to stay up-to-date!

Stay well!

International Student Services

### ISS remote advising continues Jan. 3-7

Please be advised that the International Student Services office continues to provide virtual advising from Monday, Jan. 3, to Friday, Jan. 7, 2022. The physical ISS office (MSC 275) will be closed during this time. For support, please get in touch with our team via email at [iss@ucalgary.ca](mailto:iss@ucalgary.ca). For Canadian immigration questions, please email [issimmigration@ucalgary.ca](mailto:issimmigration@ucalgary.ca).

### Important dates and information

- **Jan. 3:** Start of term
- **Jan. 3 – Jan. 7:** Block week

- **Jan. 10:** Start of classes
  - **Jan. 15:** Deadline to apply for winter conferral of degree
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### **On-arrival PCR testing**

Regardless of vaccination status, all travellers can be randomly selected to get tested upon arrival to Canada. Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) request that travellers assist with reducing wait times at airports by registering in advance.

To register and learn more, please visit [here](#).

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### **Biometrics fraud alert!**

Visa Application Centres (VACs) and U.S. Application Support Centers (ASCs) do not charge a fee to book biometric appointments. Please be advised no such service can expedite a biometric appointment or book an appointment for a fee. Biometric appointments are free of charge and can only be booked directly through VACs and ASCs.

Learn more about biometric enrolment [here](#).

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### **Were you impacted by the British Columbia floods?**

Students directly affected by the floods in British Columbia might be able to do the following for free:

- Get free replacement of documents that are lost, damaged, destroyed or inaccessible due to the floods
- Ask for urgent processing and a refund for an application submitted because of the floods
- Change, extend or restore your status

**Deadline to apply: May 31, 2022**

[Learn more »](#)

### **Information and opportunities**

### **Winter 2022 USpeak applications open**

USpeak Global is a language-sharing program open to all students, international and Canadian, at UCalgary. USpeak Global allows students to improve and expand their language skills, meet new people and learn together in an informal setting.

[Learn more »](#)

[Sign up here »](#)

## Events and workshops



### **Online Unwind: speed friend-making**

Join ISS and the Leadership and Student Engagement (LSE) Office to kick off the new year with this exciting session of speed friend-making! Play some fun icebreaker games and make new friends from the comfort of your home.

**Date:** Thursday, Jan. 6, 5 – 7 p.m. MST

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### **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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