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Dear Student,

We hope you had a relaxing long weekend, and hope that your first day of classes went well! Whether you are here in Calgary or still making travel plans to join us shortly, ISS is here for you!

Are you a new international student? If you missed International Student Orientation, or just want to review content that you may have missed, you can check [international student orientation](#) website. There, you can find useful materials to get you acquainted with 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. 15:** Last day to drop a class without financial penalty | 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)
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Welcome Centre dates extended

The Welcome Centre's operating hours have been extended. Until Sept. 15, you can visit the Welcome Centre from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at MSC 275 to get advice about campus supports and must-dos around 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 16

Time: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: ISS 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 you start your program.

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

Students with a study permit approval should be attending their program in-person. 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? Join USpeak Global, a language sharing program hosted by ISS. 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.](#)

Sustainability peer helpers

Sustainability peer helpers are leadership roles that involve collaborating with other students, faculty, staff and community groups. Help develop and execute Campus as a Learning Lab projects. Applications close Sept. 16.

[Learn more and apply.](#)

Events and workshops



Creating a plan for your semester

In this hands-on workshop, a member of the Academic Support team at the Student Success Centre will help you plan your semester at the big-picture and weekly levels.

Session #1

Location: TFDL 364

Date: Thursday, Sept. 8

Time: 3:30–4:20 p.m. MDT

[Register to attend](#)

Session #2

Location: TFDL 364

Date: Monday, Sept. 12

Time: 11 –11:50 a.m. MDT

[Register to attend](#)

Session #3

Location: TFDL 364

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 14

Time: 3 –3:50 p.m. MDT

[Register to attend](#)



Mitigating procrastination

Join this session to learn what procrastination is and what causes it, and gain some effective tools to help you mitigate procrastination. [Register to attend.](#)

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 13

Time: 12:30–1:30 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 qualify for the Level Up Your Learning: Academic Success Strategies digital badge. [Register to attend.](#)

Location: TFDL 440A

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 13

Time: 2–4 p.m. MDT



The art of goal setting (in-person)

This hands-on session is designed to help you create an ideal life-style as you head into the new semester. [Register to attend.](#)

Location: TFDL 364 (Student Success Centre)

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 14

Time: 11–11:50 a.m. MDT



Effective note taking (in-person)

In this session, we'll explore effective strategies that can be applied to any discipline including different ways to organize your notes. We'll also discuss how technology can support better note taking. [Register to attend.](#)

Location: TFDL 355D (Student Success Centre)

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 14

Time: 1–1:50 p.m. MDT



Preparing for job fairs as an international student

This workshop, you will learn what a career fair is and why it's important in Canada. You will also understand how to prepare, which companies to target and what to do during and after a career fair.

[Register to attend.](#)

Date: Thursday, Sept. 15

Time: 10 –11 a.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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