Dear Student,

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable long weekend.

Today is officially the last day of classes — congratulations! Our team would like to wish you the best of luck as you prepare for the end of the academic year.

Stay well!

International Student Services

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**TODAY — #UCalgaryTogether: Skills Showcase**

Bored at home and looking to learn (or teach) a random skill? Take some time to relax before final exams and practice origami, upcycle a t-shirt, make art with PowerPoint, make memes and much, much more. Know a cool skill? You can even get in the spotlight and share it with us!

**Date:** Wednesday, April 15

**Time:** noon – 1:30 p.m.

**Join URL:** [https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/97649932078](https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/97649932078)

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**TODAY — #UCalgaryTogether: Trivia and Houseparty**
Let loose before exams with the International Student Services crew! Join us for online trivia and games using the Houseparty app. Test out your trivia knowledge or challenge yourself in a game, and make some new friends while you’re at it!

Make sure to have the Houseparty app downloaded on your mobile phone beforehand, so you can join in on the fun and games.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 15  
**Time:** 3 - 5 p.m.  
**Join URL:** [https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/381622557](https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/381622557)

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**Thank you, volunteers!**

We'd like to extend a very big and very special THANK YOU to our amazing volunteer Peer Helper team this term! You have been an incredible support to everyone who has visited the ISS office this year, and your hard work is very much appreciated.

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**Important Dates and Information**

- **April 15:** Winter term classes end; last day to withdraw from courses  
- **April 30:** Winter term ends  
- **May 6:** Spring term begins

**Online Resources**

**Online Student and Enrolment Services support**

Even though you are at home, you can still access academic or cultural support, advising and other services from UCalgary. Please visit this page for the full list of resources.

**Health, wellness and safety**

We understand that this can be a very stressful time for students. You can find mental health resources at UCalgary's COVID-19 mental health page. If you're concerned about coping with isolation, stress, or health advice, please call 811 for Healthlink or connect with Student Wellness Services. Please note that demand is high, so wait times are expected.

Practicing social distancing or isolation can also be risky for people living in abusive situations. If you're in need of support, please reach out to a sexual violence and support advocate at svsa@ucalgary.ca.
Contacting your consulate

We encourage all international students to register with or reach out to your country’s embassy or consulate. This will allow your government to contact you for important information or updates during this time and/or provide assistance should you need to travel back home.

Lost work? Apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

Has your work been impacted by COVID-19 measures? The Government of Canada is providing urgently needed financial support to employed and self-employed residents of Canada who have been directly affected by COVID-19. It provides a payment of $2,000 for a four-week period (equivalent to $500 a week) for up to 16 weeks.

Learn more about CERB, eligibility, and how to apply on the Government of Canada CERB website.

Managing financial health in challenging times

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) has compiled a helpful resource to provide guidance for residents of Canada at this time. Consider exploring some of the online educational resources on budgeting, credit, savings, debt management and more. Interactive tools and calculators can also help you maintain good financial health during these challenging times. Learn more here.

Questions about taxes, renting in Alberta or protecting yourself from scams?

Visit the ISS COVID-19 FAQ page for international students for these types of updates and resources, including travel, permits, health insurance and accessing online supports.

Permanent Residence (PR) Advising

Students who have already attended a PR information session may book an individual appointment using the guidelines found here.

Online Events

Career Services drop-in advising for
Looking for summer work, or need to plan your career path? A career development specialist can help you review your resume, cover letter, or help you prepare for an interview. They can also provide guidance and assessments to help you find a career you love.

**Date:** Every Tuesday  
**Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
**Join URL:** [https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/623642211](https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/623642211)

### Career Services webinars

You can register for all of these webinars on CareerLink.

#### How to continue your job search and develop new skills during a pandemic
You might be feeling like this disruption can affect your job search. Worry not — this workshop will show you how to maximize your job search efforts with online methods and tactics!  
**Date:** Thursday, April 23  
**Time:** 2 – 3 p.m.

#### How to prepare for video and phone interviews
Now that most interactions are virtual, how you present yourself over video and telephone counts more than ever. This workshop will provide you with the information you need to succeed in a remote setting and what to do before, during and after the interview.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27  
**Time:** 11 a.m. – noon

#### How to write a Canadian resume and cover letter
Learn common resume and cover letter structure, how to write accomplishment statements, how to analyze a job description and target your application documents when applying to jobs in Canada. You’ll also learn the importance of preparing and maintaining professional Canadian references and how you can use international references.  
**Date:** Monday, May 4  
**Time:** 2 – 3 p.m.

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Visit the Student Success Centre's virtual front desk

Stumped about citations, essay writing or study strategies before the end of the term? An SSC staff member will be available to answer your questions over Zoom.
Curriculum vitae (CV) writing workshop

Don’t know what a CV is? Need assistance creating one? Register for an upcoming Zoom session with advisors from the Student Success Centre (SSC).

Date: Monday, April 20
Time: 11 a.m. – noon
Register here.

Bahá’í roundtable

Interested in learning more about Bahá’í faith perspectives and current world events? Join an upcoming Zoom session.

Date: Every Thursday and Friday, ending May 21
Time: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Join URL: https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/510092260

Work with ISS — paid student positions available!

Want to help other UCalgary international students? ISS is recruiting program assistants for the upcoming summer 2020 and fall 2020 terms! For more information about each of the positions, click here.

The deadline to apply has been extended to April 17. If you are out of the country in April and not able to attend an in-person interview, that’s okay. We encourage you to still submit an application as we will be offering online interviews.

If you have any questions about these positions or want more information on how you can get involved in ISS, please email international.advice@ucalgary.ca.

Student opportunities
International student mentorship program

ISS needs your help in introducing new international students to life at UCalgary this fall 2020 term. As a mentor, you can share your knowledge and experience while making new friends and gaining new perspectives.

Click here to apply as a volunteer international student mentor by May 31. Learn more about the program here.