Dear Student,

The fall 2020 term is fast approaching and excitement levels are growing as we prepare for a new school year!

Please note that travel restrictions are still in place. We are awaiting updated information from the Government of Canada on whether these restrictions will be lifted or extended.

Currently, Canada is only allowing international students who have a valid study permit or were approved for a study permit on or before March 18, 2020, to enter Canada.

Be sure to review the Government of Canada's website to determine whether you are exempt from the travel restrictions and have proof to demonstrate that you meet the factors listed for non-discretionary/essential travel.

Take care!

International Student Services

NEW STUDENTS

If you have not yet received a study permit approval or received approval after March 18, 2020, you cannot enter Canada at this point. Please do not make travel plans. You must wait for the IRCC to lift travel restrictions.
The Government of Canada has confirmed that new students may begin their program of study remotely from their home country if they haven't yet received a final study permit approval. Read more about this update.

Important dates

- **Aug. 28**: Summer term ends
- **Sept. 1**: Fall term begins; Block Week classes begin
- **Sept. 1 – 4**: International and New Student Orientation
- **Sept. 5**: Last day to withdraw from Block Week courses
- **Sept. 7**: Labour Day; university closed
- **Sept. 8**: Classes begin

Student news and opportunities

**USpeak Global**

USpeak Global is a language-sharing program that is open to all UCalgary international and Canadian students. If you are studying a language, have a general interest in languages, or if you enjoy helping others develop their own language skills, this program is for you!

Applications for fall 2020 will be open until Sept. 11.

Learn more and register [here](#).

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**Counselling services for students**

Need someone to talk to? This fall, Student Wellness Services is offering 90-minute single-session counselling appointments. You can quickly access the help you need, as there are counsellors who can meet with you.

Find out more about mental health support for students [here](#).

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**Online events and workshops**

**Transitioning to the Canadian Classroom**

Starting courses this Fall? Join the Student Success Centre (SSC) to learn about the virtual and in-person classroom experience, how to study for classes, and how to create a time management plan.
Date: Wednesday, Aug. 26  
Time: 11 a.m. – noon  
Register here.

Can’t make the webinar? SSC also has online learning resources you can review on your own time.

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**Online Unwind: Speed Friend-Making**

Leadership and Student Engagement (LSE) is hosting another event for students to meet and connect with others. Join them for fun icebreakers and activities to help you get to know other students. Bring friends or meet new ones — all are welcome!

Date: Thursday, Aug. 27  
Time: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Learn more and register here.

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**Financial Fridays: Paying your tuition**

Have questions about funding your education and online banking? Learn more about student finances and have your questions answered by an Enrolment Services advisor.

Date: Friday, Aug. 28  
Time: 12:30 p.m.  
Learn more and register here.

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**Faith and Spirituality Centre (FSC) events**

Looking to expand your intercultural capacity, celebrate your faith or connect with other students? The FSC is hosting a number of online events that are open to all students.

- **Aug. 26**: Simple Chefs, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
- **Aug. 26**: A Simple Supper, 6 – 7 p.m.  
- **Aug. 27**: Exploring the Mysteries of the Human Soul, 7:30 – 9 p.m.  
- **Sept. 10**: Open Circle, 6 – 7 p.m.
Get Money Smart: Online personal financial literacy training

Want to improve your financial knowledge? Learn about budgeting, cash flows, savings, credit, and debt management with Money Smart's new online modules.

Learn more and register [here](#). Spaces are limited.

Connect with your campus community!

The UCalgary COVID-19 volunteer response team is hosting several online events to keep you connected into the fall term.

Find more events, like daily stretching or dancing sessions to keep you active, on the [main event page](#).

Career development opportunities

Employer information session: McKinsey Canada

Hear first-hand from McKinsey employees about their path to McKinsey and why they chose to work in consulting. Attendees will learn about the industries and sectors McKinsey specializes in, and will hear details on upcoming 2021 full-time and summer opportunities.

**Date:** Tuesday, Sept. 8  
**Time:** 5 – 6:15 p.m.

Register on [CareerLink](#).

Working in Canada: Resumes, interviews and work permits

As an international student, there are several types of work you can do in Canada. In this workshop, you will learn about Canadian work permits and get
an overview of the Canadian application process, including information about the documents needed to apply for jobs, the interview process and other documents you may need to work in Canada.

**Dates:** Thursday, Sept. 10  
**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m. (undergraduate students), 1 – 2:30 p.m. (graduate students)

Register on [CareerLink](#).

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**How to write a Canadian resume and cover letter**

This webinar will provide you with information regarding 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:** Friday, Sept. 18  
**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Register on [CareerLink](#).