Dear Student,

Welcome to the beginning of a new term. We wish you all the best for a happy and successful 2021!

Mark down the important upcoming dates and information listed below for your classes. We also got plenty of great events, programs and opportunities coming up this month where you can learn new skills and make new friends.

Have a great week!

International Student Services

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Welcome party with ISS

Want to meet some new UCalgary friends? Everyone is welcome to attend the International Student Services Welcome Party as we get to know one another over fun trivia and bingo games!

Date: Thursday, Jan. 14
Time: 10 – 11:30 a.m. MST

Register here »

Important dates & information
- **Jan. 21**: Last day to drop a winter course without financial penalty
- **Jan. 22**: Last day to add, swap or change registration status between audit and credit for a winter course
- **Jan. 29**: Fee payment deadline for winter courses

**IRCC Travel Update**

The Government of Canada announced that anyone travelling to Canada will need to provide a negative COVID-19 test to enter. Please ensure you make arrangements to complete a COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to arriving in Canada. For more details, [click here](#).

**Are you studying from outside Canada?**

To help you navigate a remote learning experience, you can [access fantastic new resources and services](#) provided by the Student Success Centre (SSC), International Student Services (ISS) and the Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning.

**Did you miss international orientation?**

Whether you're a new student or just want a refresher of key services and reminders, you can [review the slides and videos](#) from the winter 2021 orientation panels for international students, covering topics such as:

- Orientation for students studying outside Canada
- Orientation for students studying while in Calgary
- Student panel: Learn from current international exchange, undergraduate and graduate students

Remember to also review the [international online orientation content](#) for short videos and resources.

**Programs & opportunities**

**USpeak Global: Build your language skills**

Want to be more comfortable speaking English or another language? This language exchange program aims to improve your language skills while sharing your own at the same time! It's also a fantastic way to meet new people on campus.

Applications are open until **Jan. 15**.

[Learn more >](#)
New bursary for UCalgary students

The Tuition Reinvestment Bursary is designed to help students with demonstrated financial need. This bursary program is funded by tuition fees paid by undergraduate, professional and graduate students.

Learn more »

SU Clubs Week

The Students’ Union January Clubs Week will be hosted virtually from Jan. 19 – 21 on ClubHub. Explore the various clubs you can be a part of at UCalgary, learn about events happening this semester, and meet club executives. For more information, visit the January Clubs Week: Information for Students article on ClubHub.

Question? Contact clubsoff@ucalgary.ca.

Tackle real-world problems with UCalgary International

Global Community Challenge YYC

Want to develop your teamwork, critical thinking, communication and intercultural capacity skills? By joining the Global Community Challenge, you'll get the chance to identify solutions for real-world problems faced by local organizations, alongside students from UCalgary's partner institutions around the world. Applications close Thursday, Jan. 21.

Learn more »

World's Challenge Challenge

This global pitch competition that encourages students to work across disciplines to come up with innovative solutions to global problems that align with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Applications are now open — the deadline to apply is Friday, Jan. 15.
Online events and workshops

**ISS Workshops**

Interested in learning some helpful information specific to international students? Join us as we host several webinars this month to help you get settled this semester.

**Finding Off-Campus Accommodations**

- **Date:** Friday, Jan. 15
- **Time:** 10 - 11 a.m. MST
  
  Learn more and register »

**Finances & Planning for the Year Ahead**

- **Date:** Monday, Jan. 18
- **Time:** 9 - 10 a.m. MST
  
  Learn more and register »

**Healthcare & Insurance in Alberta**

- **Date:** Tuesday, Jan. 19
- **Time:** 9 - 10 a.m. MST
  
  Learn more and register »

**Navigating Culture Shock**

- **Date:** Tuesday, Jan. 26
- **Time:** 10 - 11:30 a.m. MST
  
  Learn more and register »

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**Student Success Centre workshops**

Looking for ways to succeed as a student? The Student Success Centre is available to answer your questions about online learning, as well as learning in your first year at UCalgary. They'll provide advice on how to study for classes, creating a time management plan or any other topics related to learning that you wish to know about.

**Establishing motivation while studying online**

- **Thursday, Jan. 14:** 11 a.m. – noon MST

**Transitioning to your first year**
• **Wednesday, Jan. 13:** 11 a.m. – noon MST
• **Thursday, Jan. 14:** 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. MST
• **Wednesday, Jan. 20:** 11 a.m. – noon MST
• **Thursday, Jan. 21:** 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. MST

**TED talks & discussion** (weekly until Apr. 13)

• **Tuesday, Jan. 19:** 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. MST

Learn more and register »

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**Working in Canada**

Interested in working in Canada but aren't sure where to begin? Join Career Services as they host several workshops about job searching and the application process in Canada.

• **Jan. 13:** Working in Canada: Resumes, interview and work permits (undergraduate)
• **Jan. 14:** Working in Canada: Resumes, interview and work permits (graduate)
• **Jan. 20:** How to write a Canadian resume and cover letter
• **Jan. 21:** Networking for introverts (and extroverts!)
• **Jan. 25:** Canadian interviews and how to prepare for one
• **Jan. 27:** Career planning, job search and networking

Learn more and register on CareerLink »

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**Virtual RealiTEA**

Need help focusing? Feeling isolated? Get work done in a social setting with the Faith and Spirituality Centre. There will be a timer for task-focused intervals to keep you motivated. After each interval, the FSC will lead conversations, play games, do trivia, teach you a new skill, guide a stretch and more!

**Date:** Wednesday, Jan. 13 (weekly until Apr. 14)
**Time:** 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. MST

Register here »
Happiness basics group

Interested in learning more about promoting positive emotions and experiences? Want to improve your mood, health, relationships and energy? Join Wellness Services as they host four weekly sessions on positive psychology. Each session will discuss a different area.

**Date:** Tuesday, Jan. 19 (weekly until Feb. 9)
**Time:** 2 – 4 p.m. MST

[Register here »](#)

Online Unwind: Virtual Puzzles

Need a break? Want to make some new friends? Join Leadership and Student Engagement as they host a virtual game session to solve puzzles, and give you an opportunity to meet and chat with other students.

**Date:** Thursday, Jan. 21
**Time:** 2 – 3 p.m. MST

[Register here »](#)

Tips and tricks for living in Canada

New to Canada? Interested in learning some helpful ideas such as affordable shopping locations, finding furniture and where to get essentials? Join the Graduate Students' Association as they host a session to learn and share ideas about Canadian culture, weather, and more.

**Date:** Thursday, Jan. 21
**Time:** 4 – 5:30 p.m. MST

[Register here »](#)

How to find upcoming events?

Most events specific to international students can be found on our [event calendar](#). Be sure to check it out for current and upcoming events.
ucalgary.ca/iss

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