Dear Student,

Do you have a question or need support from an immigration advisor or a non-academic advisor? Drop-in to our virtual advising sessions to speak with one of our advisors.

In addition to virtual advising, we will be providing a Virtual Front Desk to answer general questions to help support the needs of our UCalgary international student community. Further details can be found on our Contact Us page.

Stay well!

International Student Services

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Resources for students with families

Coming to Canada with your family? We will provide an overview of campus services that international student family members can access, and we will highlight a few key resources in the community to help with settlement in Calgary.

**Date:** Thursday, Sept. 16  
**Time:** 9 – 10 a.m. MDT

Register »
Important dates

- **Sept. 16**: Last day to drop a class without financial penalty; End of tuition refund period
- **Sept. 17**: Last day to add or swap a course
- **Sept. 24**: Tuition and fee payment deadline
- **Sept. 30**: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (University closed)

Vaccination/rapid testing requirements

By now, all students should have logged in to the Thrive Health app found on the COVIDSafe Campus page and indicated whether they will be on a UCalgary campus in 2021 and if they’re fully vaccinated (answers include yes, no, and prefer not to disclose). If you have not already done this, you will need to do so now.

If you’re not fully vaccinated or choose not to disclose, you’ll also need to follow the app’s directions to enrol in rapid testing, pick up test kits on campus, and upload your results.

Information and opportunities

**International Student Orientation**

Thank you to all the students who attended orientation. Please take two minutes and complete our short survey to share your feedback. Let us know what topics you’d like to know more about, what questions you still have unanswered, and any other comments.

Your feedback will help us improve resources for you as the term begins, as well as for fellow new students in the months and years to come.

Did you miss events? Or, do you want to review the content again?

- Access recordings and presentation slides
- Review international online orientation content
- Complete the new international student checklist

*Book virtual transition support advising »*

**International Student Orientation: Late Arrivals & Returning Students**

We are hosting another small group orientation about important resources and reminders for new and returning international students. All international students are welcome to attend, especially if you:
• Arrived late,
• Were unable to attend Sept. 1 orientation,
• Want a refresher, or
• Have questions

**Date:** Tuesday, Sept. 28  
**Time:** 3 – 3:45 p.m. MDT  
**Register »**

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**Fall 2021 courses**

Have questions about your program or courses? Please contact an advisor in your faculty for further assistance, as they would be best able to assist you:

- Undergraduate Faculty Advisors  
- Graduate Program Administrators

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**Online events and workshops**

**Getting started with online learning**

New to learning online? Join the Student Success Centre as they introduce key resources and time management strategies to help you be a successful online learner.

**Date:** Wednesday, Sept. 15  
**Time:** 1 – 1:50 p.m. MDT  
**Learn more and register »**

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**Women's Circle**

Need a place to slow down, make connections, and share your story? Join the Faith and Spirituality Centre for this one-hour session to meet others and have an open non-judgemental space to connect.

**Date:** Wednesday, Sept. 15 (monthly until Apr. 6)  
**Time:** 1 – 2 p.m. MDT  
**Register »**

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**English Corner - Fall 2021**
New to Canada? Do you want to improve your English speaking skills while making new friends? Join the Faith and Spirituality Centre as they host a weekly session to help you practice your English communication skills and to meet other students.

**Date:** Thursday, Sept. 16 (weekly until Dec. 2)
**Time:** 7:30 – 9 p.m. MDT

Register »

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**Online Unwind: Google Trends & Mad Libs**

Are you knowledgeable in pop culture and current events? Do you like creating funny stories? Join the Leadership and Student Engagement team as they host a fun game session where you'll have the chance to meet others and win prizes!

**Date:** Friday, Sept. 17
**Time:** 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. MDT

Register »

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**Float the Bow**

Looking for a fun relaxing way to enjoy the outdoors before the weather begins to change? Join the Faith and Spirituality Centre on a float down the Bow River in Calgary.

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 18
**Time:** 1:45 – 5 p.m. MDT

Register »

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**Money Smart: Budgeting and Credit Basics**

Want to learn how to make a budget or how to build and maintain good credit? Join Money Smart for this webinar to learn some tips for saving money and planning your finances.
Date: Monday, Sept. 20  
Time: 1 – 2:15 p.m. MDT  
Register »

Career Services workshops

Planning on working in Canada during or after your studies? Join Career Services as they host workshops specific to supporting the career needs of international students.

- Sept. 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m. MDT: Networking for introverts (and extroverts too!)
- Sept. 22, 10 – 11:30 a.m. MDT: How to write a Canadian resume and cover letter

Register on Elevate »

Calgary weather

Not sure what to expect with Calgary weather, or how to dress? Join us as we share suggested tips, resources, and strategies to prepare for the changing weather in Calgary.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 23  
Time: 10 – 11 a.m. MDT  
Register »

ISS Social Event: Song Association Challenge

Looking for a fun engaging way to spend your Friday evening, while meeting other UCalgary students and discovering new music from other cultures? Come join us for this social event! We will be playing a fun virtual music challenge where you will have a chance to win cool prizes. All are welcome!
Date: Friday, Sept. 24  
Time: 6 - 7 p.m. MDT

Exploring Calgary

New to Calgary? Join us for this webinar to learn about suggested tips, resources, and strategies for getting settled and becoming familiar with Calgary.

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 28  
Time: 9 – 10 a.m. MDT

Student Success Centre Webinars

Join the Student Success Centre (SSC) as they host several workshops this month to help you succeed.

- Sept. 20, 11 – 11:50 a.m. MDT: Effective Note Taking
- Sept. 21, 12 – 1 p.m. MDT: Undergraduate Awards, Scholarships and Funding Opportunities
- Sept. 22, 4 – 5 p.m. MDT: Personal Statements for Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards
- Sept. 23, 5 – 6 p.m. MDT: Academic Curriculum Vitae Workshop
- Sept. 24, 12 – 1 p.m. MDT: Building Your Undergraduate Portfolio
- Sept. 27, 4 – 5 p.m. MDT: Getting Good Reference Letters
- Sept. 28, 12 – 1 p.m. MDT: Sensory-Friendly Workshop: Get Set For Success

SSC has additional resources available here.
Welcome to UCalgary! Library Orientation

Are you new to UCalgary? Join this interactive virtual tour to learn about UCalgary's campus Libraries!

**Date:** Tuesday, Sept. 28  
**Time:** 1 – 1:45 p.m. MDT

[Register »](#)

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ISS webinars and workshops

Did you miss an ISS webinar or want to see what's upcoming? Check out our new webpage to find webinars that answer your questions on immigration, getting settled and much more!

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**Want more events?**

Check out our [events calendar](#) for a complete list of events and workshops for international students.

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**Participate in research**

Want to be a part of some of the groundbreaking research at UCalgary? Check our [Get Involved](#) page to see what's available for international students.

Are you a study coordinator in need of research study participants? Submit a [research participant request](#).

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