Dear Student,

Happy first week of classes!

It also happens to be one of the coldest weeks of the winter. If you're looking to escape the cold weather, consider:

- Studying in the ISS student lounge in MacHall (MSC 275)
- Relaxing in the plant-covered atrium in the Administration Building (AD 109)
- Renting classic videogames from the Taylor Family Digital Library (TFDL)

**Important dates and reminders**

**Jan. 15:** Deadline to apply for winter conferral of degree (congratulations!)
**Jan. 23:** Last day to drop a class without financial penalty
**Jan. 24:** Last day to add or swap a course
**Jan. 31:** Tuition and fee payment deadline

**Tonight: Global Café and Friendship Night**

New to Calgary or the University of Calgary? Domestic and international UCalgary students are invited to join us for an evening of games and activities to warm up from the chilly winter weather. Come meet new friends and
strengthen your connection to the UCalgary community!

**Date:** Wednesday, Jan. 15  
**Time:** 5 – 7 p.m.  
**Location:** International Student Services (MSC 275)

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**New support for international students in ISS**

Jennifer Parsons and Paul Papin, Academic Development Specialists from the Student Success Centre, will be available on a drop-in basis in the ISS offices (MSC 275). They can help you with personalized academic planning and learning support to help you achieve your academic goals.

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**Jennifer Parsons**

**Mondays:** 10 a.m. – noon, 1 – 3 p.m.  
**Tuesdays:** 10 a.m. – noon, 1 – 3 p.m.

**Paul Papin**

**Wednesdays:** 9:30 – 11 a.m., 1 – 3 p.m.  
**Thursdays:** 1 – 3 p.m.  
**Fridays:** 10 a.m. – noon, 1 – 3 p.m.

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**Upcoming events with ISS**

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**Permanent Residence (PR) information session**

Our Permanent Residence Specialist will present basic information on PR pathways that may be available to you. Please note this session is only available to current UCalgary degree-seeking students and recent graduates.

**Date:** Wednesday, Jan. 22  
**Time:** 9 – 11 a.m.  
**Location:** International Student Services (MSC 275)  
Register [here](#).

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**Banff trip**
Take a getaway to the mountain town of Banff, Alberta. You can explore downtown Banff during the SnowDays festival and even have the opportunity to take the Banff Gondola up the Sulphur Mountain. The cost of the trip includes bus transportation; you'll need to pay an additional fee if you wish to take the gondola. Don't forget to dress warm!

**Date:** Sunday, Jan. 26  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
**Location:** Meet at ISS; bus transport to Banff  
**Cost:** $45 (transportation only); $100 (transportation and gondola)

Registration through the ISS calendar in Careerlink

**Attend campus events with ISS**

Join us as we check out some on-campus events. We'll attend as a group, so you can enjoy a new experience without having to go alone!

- **Dinos Women's Volleyball Game**  
  Friday, Jan. 17, 6 p.m. (meet in ISS at 5:45 p.m. and bring your UCID card)
- **Indigenous Knowledge Public Lecture Series with Tanya Talaga** ([Learn more](#))  
  Wednesday, Jan. 29, 6 – 8 p.m. (meet in ISS at 5 p.m. and bring your UPass)

**Global Families and Minds in Motion: Virtual reality workshop with Google Expeditions**

International students with children aged 8-10 are invited to attend this free interactive workshop for hands-on STEM learning! Children will have the opportunity to explore places like Mt. Everest and the Great Wall of China using virtual reality technology.

**Date:** Wednesday, Jan. 29  
**Time:** 4:45 – 6 p.m.  
**Location:** Family Housing 300 Lounge  
**Register** [here](#).
MoneySmart: Workshops and financial planning support

Budgeting and Credit Basics for International Students (Jan. 16)
Learn how to create a budget, build and maintain credit, and save money. Sign up here.

Irregular Income: Budgeting 101 (Jan. 30)
Learn how to manage your budget if you are an hourly, seasonal commissioned or contract employee, or even self-employed. Sign up here.

One on one financial planning support is available from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Book an appointment here.

Graduate students: Trip to CrossIron Mills
The GSA’s Newcomers and International Students Sub-Committee has arranged a bus trip to the CrossIron Mills outlet mall. This event is open to graduate students at UCalgary and their families. For your $5 ticket, you’ll receive a $10 CrossIron Mills gift card and many other perks and discounts!

Date: Friday, Jan. 24
Time: 4 – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Meet at MacEwan Hall bus loop; bus transport to CrossIron Mills
Cost: $5

Learn more here.

Other news

Scholarship opportunity
The Hong Kong-Canada Business Association has two awards of $2,500 for UCalgary students interested in business, entrepreneurship, technology, development, sustainability, language/culture or education in Hong Kong, China or another Asian country.

Learn more here. Deadline to apply is Monday, Jan. 20, 2020.

Job opportunity
The Globalink Research Internship team is hiring UCalgary students to work as Globalink Mentors this summer, supporting research interns in their internships in Canada. The position pays $20/hour and averages around five hours of work per week. Information and application instructions are available here. Deadline to apply is **Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020.** Early applications are encouraged.

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**WRC award nominations are open**

The Women's Resource Centre is now accepting nominations for the 2020 WRC Awards honouring UCalgary alumnae and current female undergraduate/graduate students.

Do you know someone who exhibits wisdom, resilience and compassion through:

- professional and/or academic excellence
- ability to overcome barriers and blaze a trail for women
- dedication to the community

Nominations close **Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020.** Learn more about the awards and the event [here.](#)