Dear Student,

We hope you were able to get some fresh air and sunshine, while enjoying the nice Victoria Day long weekend!

As a reminder, you'll receive our newsletter on a bi-weekly basis during the summer months. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram as we will be sharing updates via social media between our newsletters.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please feel free to contact us at international.advice@ucalgary.ca.

Take care!

International Student Services

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Events happening today:

**Navigating online exams (2 – 2:50 p.m.)**

Feel prepared going into exams — learn exam strategies and how to tackle test anxiety. Learn more here.

**Simple chefs (4:30 – 5:30 p.m.)**

Join us each Wednesday to prepare an easy delicious meal. We will have a featured chef each week. Learn more here.
Important Dates and Notices

- **May 31**: Last day to apply for the International Student Mentorship Program. Learn more [here](#).
- **June 1**: Deadline to file personal [taxes](#).
- **June 17**: Spring classes end; Last day to withdraw.

Resources

**Financial resources for students**

Are you a student who has been financially impacted by COVID-19? Check out this [resource page](#) to learn about some of the financial programs available to students during this time. The information will be updated regularly, so be sure to check often.

**Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)**

International students are **not eligible** for the Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB). However, international students may be eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). Learn more about federal financial support options [here](#).

**Online learning resources**

The Student Success Centre has launched a range of creative resources that offer student webinars, workshops, tips, and one-on-one help to get the most out of their online learning, as well as help with specific challenges they may be facing. The [resource page](#) includes information on how to get started, strategies for learning online, staying motivated, reading, taking notes and participating in online lectures, completing online assignments, and more.

**New Student Registration Assistance (NSRA)**

Students can access course registration support by booking an appointment, which will be attended via Zoom, or by emailing inquiries. Support is available Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., from May 1 to August 28, 2020.

Learn more [here](#).

**Get answers to your frequently asked questions**

Have questions about the following topics? Visit the links below and visit our ISS COVID-19 FAQ page for answers to your questions and more! Our FAQ page and the
links below answer a wide range of questions and provide important information for topics like:

- COVID-19 resources
- IRCC updates
- Work regulations (Working in Canada and post-graduation work permits)
- Taxes
- Finances (i.e. CESB, CERB)
- Health care and insurance
- Travelling as a student and current travel restrictions
- Study permits
- Social insurance numbers (SIN) and Service Canada

**Study permit application information for newly admitted students**

As we are expecting delays in study permit processing due to the COVID-19 situation, we are advising students to apply online as soon as possible to get into the queue to increase their chance of getting their application approved in time for the start of classes. The Government of Canada has confirmed that they continue to process study permit applications. Biometrics collection deadlines have been extended from 30 to 90 days. Once your application is approved, you will be notified about when you may travel to Canada.

**Flexibility in Post-Graduation Work Permit Program (PGWPP) rules**

Have you recently completed your degree? If you want to stay and work in Canada, you may want to consider applying for a Post Graduate Work Permit. **PGWPP eligibility will not be affected** for international students whose fall 2020 courses will be online due to COVID-19.

Students in this situation may begin their classes while outside Canada and complete up to 50% of their program via distance learning if they cannot travel to Canada sooner. In addition, they will not have time deducted from the length of a future post-graduation work permit for studies completed outside of Canada, up to December 31, 2020.

Learn more [here](#).

**Access Service Canada online**

Service Canada offices are currently closed to the public. If you need to contact an office for information regarding your social insurance numbers, Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) and more, learn how to access their services online and through the mail [here](#).

Career Services
Drop-in career advising for international students

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)

Online Workshops and Events

**Morning prayer, worship and Bible reading**

An online daily time to pray, worship, connect and read the Bible for whoever wishes to join via Zoom.

**Date:** Thursday, May 21 daily until Aug. 28  
**Time:** 9 – 10 a.m.

To register, email Logan Johnson at logan.johnson1@ucalgary.ca.

**Ted Talks and discussion**

Enjoy a TED talk and then participate in a friendly and interesting discussion facilitated by an SSC international program tutor who knows English as a first language. This is a great opportunity to improve your listening and speaking skills in English and to connect with other students.

**Date:** Thursday, May 21 (weekly until June 25)  
**Time:** 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Register here for May 21.  
Register here for May 28.  
Register here for June 4.

**Online: Game night**

Join us for a few rounds of QwiqWit: the game where you prove you’re the funniest person in the (virtual) room by responding to different prompts to
create jokes on the spot. Bring a friend for a fun time!

**Date:** Friday, May 22  
**Time:** 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
**Join URL:** https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/92405031295

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**Global Families Workshop: Minds in Motion - Programming with Scratch**

Have young children at home? Teach them valuable STEM, problem-solving and creativity skills with this family-friendly workshop! Participants will receive an introduction to coding and develop the skills needed to build your very own online game.

**Date:** Thursday, May 28  
**Time:** 4 – 5 p.m.  
Register here.

For additional Minds in Motion STEM-based activities for kids to do at home, visit here.

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**Online: Game night**

Put on your hats and robes and get ready to solve some magical brain teasers in the Hogwarts Digital Escape Room. We will be working on these puzzles as a team. Think we'll be able to get out? Bring your friends and find out!

**Date:** Friday, May 29  
**Time:** 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
**Join URL:** https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/91449810132

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**Activity ideas**

Looking for activities to do while at home? Check out the links below for ideas from local organizations.

- City of Calgary  
- Minds in Motion  
- Actua (STEM activities)  
- Calgary Zoo (plus ideas for parents)  
- Glenbow Museum
Student Opportunities

**Dance challenge**

Do you like to dance? Do you like a fun, friendly challenge? The Korean Cultural Centre Canada (KCC) is hosting a weekly "Solo K-Pop Dance Relay." Learn the choreography, submit your dance video by email, and have a chance to be featured. This challenge is to get you moving and to promote K-Pop. The next challenge will be announced on the KCC's website on Thursday, May 21.

For further details, please visit the KCC website or contact kpopcanadakcc@gmail.com.