

PRE-ARRIVAL NEWSLETTER

PRE-ARRIVAL WEBINAR SERIES

-INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMICS AT YORK UNIVERSITY-

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FIRST DAY OF CLASS IS SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2022

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Summary

The purpose of this newsletter is to summarize the important information covered from pre-arrival webinar 4. By clicking on the underlined words, you will be redirected to the appropriate resources.

Webinar 4 Recap

YU Academic Integrity Awareness and Protocol

During webinar 4, Lavina Sadhwani, Student Awards & Academic Integrity Coordinator, introduced the senate policy and values around academic honesty at YU. They shared tips to avoid academic dishonesty, which you can review in the list below. To learn more about academic integrity, click on the [York University Academic Integrity page.](#)

- Ways to avoid academic dishonesty in LA&PS
 - Words, ideas, and concepts have to be in your own words.
 - Interacting and engaging with professors and Teaching Assistants is encouraged.
 - Plan and study ahead, academic support is available.
 - Attend workshops, study groups, and connect with campus support.
- On-campus academic support and resources

Learning Commons

Support with research, writing, time management, and learning skills in one central location in Scott Library.

Writing centre

Focus is to help students develop tools to become better writers by offering 1 on 1 support, drop in sessions and workshops. The center will not correct or edit your work.

SPARK (Student Papers and Academic Research Kit)

An online resource to help students write stronger academic papers.

PASS Program (Peer Assisted Study Sessions)

Group discussions hosted by a Pass leader who has previously excelled in the course to promote a better understanding of the course materials.

Student Counselling, Health & Well-being (mental wellness)

Individual/ group counseling available to support students with personal challenges.

- Contact information & upcoming events
- If you have more questions in the future, email lapshonesty@yorku.ca
- Upcoming events include:
 - LA&PS International Student's Retreat (August 23rd - 25th, 2022)
 - York University Orientation Day (September 6th, 2022)

Canadian Education System, Expectations and Norms

Canada is recognized worldwide for its outstanding quality of education with highly trained educators and a diverse study body and perspective in the classroom.

Specifics for York University only: Contact [Academic advising](#) for any questions below.

- **Academic cycle**

Fall, Winter and Summer semesters run at the following times.

- Fall sem (Sept - Dec) ; Winter sem (Jan - Apr) ; Summer sem (May - Aug)

- **Important dates**

To know more about course add & drop, tuition refund deadline, the first day of class, reading weeks, winter break, final exam, and many [important dates](#) throughout your academic year.

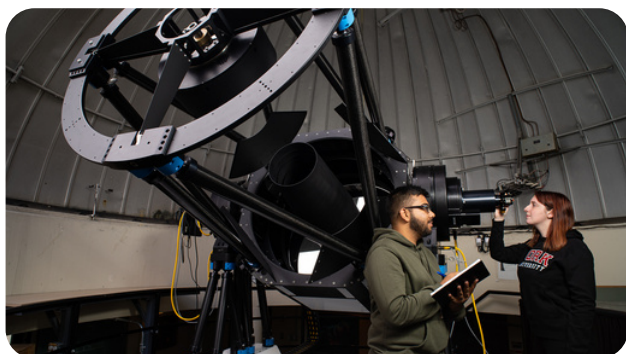
- **Course credits**

It is recommended to consult with your academic advisor to review your course checklist and further clarification.

- Major course (Fall or winter term) = 3 credits
- Electives or General education course (year term) = 6 or 9 credits
- Each semester usually consists of 12- 15 credits, a total of 24 - 30 credits/per academic year.

- **Program structure**

A 3-year program consists of 90 credits while a 4 years honor program required 120 credits to graduate. Other than your required major courses, it is also mandatory to complete your 21 credits of general education and 18 credits of elective courses.



Depending on your courses and professor, the requirements and format for tests, assignments, quizzes, and exams can be different. If you are struggling with course material or have questions relating to the course, you can find support here: (more information on the glossary page)

- Office hours
- Course outline
- Email the professor or teaching assistant in your specific course

Academic Advising

Academic advisors for your specific faculty are available to support you in the following matters: (Advised to check in with your advisors once/semester)

- Understanding faculty legislation and policies
- Program degree requirements and options
- Checking grade report, petition process, and academic standing
- Academic support and recourses on campus

International Student Immigration Advising

- York International licensed immigration advisors hold weekly virtual drop-in advising appointments. Visit the [YI events calendar](#) to register.

How to plan and enroll in your courses?

It is important for students to start planning the Fall/winter courses in advance, before their enrolment date.

- 1) Check your enrolment date on [Registration and Enrolment Module](#).
 - 2) Review course descriptions and details on [YU course website](#)
 - 3) Plan course schedule with [Visual Schedule Builder](#) for section availability.
 - 4) Contact [academic advisor](#) to review course checklists and progress.
 - 5) Add your courses to the Registration and Enrolment Module for finalization.
- Pay your [registration deposit](#) to officially register in your courses and unlock student services.
 - Check your [Student Account Online](#) Statement to see your financial account balance.
 - Apply for scholarships, awards, and bursaries and complete the [Student Financial Profile](#).
 - View your [Degree Progress Report](#).
 - Look up your course textbooks/materials at the York University [bookstore](#).

How to calculate GPA:

Grade Points Average (GPA) is the average of the final grades you have reached in all your courses. For more information, click visit the [GPA Calculator.](#)

York has a 9 points GPA system (0=F, 9=A+) unlike other universities with 4 point.

How to pay your tuition?

For any questions related to student finance and tuition payment, refer to [Student financial services](#). Financial advisers and budgeting tools are available on the website to facilitate the process. It is also important to stay up to date with important [payment deadlines](#) as well as add/drop academic dates. [Student Account Online Statement](#): reflects all up-to-date tuition charges to your amount.

Visit Student Financial Services to learn [how and when](#) to make your payments.

Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Scholarships are merit-based and recognize exceptional talent/promise or academic excellence during the academic year. The awards combine academic and non-academic criteria such as leadership, community services, and financial needs.

Bursaries are designed for students with financial needs. More information can be found on the Student financial profile. York International also offers emergency financial support for unexpected situations that may arise. This is not meant to cover tuition costs.

Learn how to apply for [scholarships and bursaries](#).





Webinar 5 Introduction

Pre-arrival webinar series includes a total of 6 webinars. Webinar 5 will be focusing on **"Getting Started at York University"**, by introducing the process of opening a bank account, phone plan and SIM card options as well as the process of getting your Social Insurance Number (SIN). A UHIP advisor will be present to answer your questions about student health care while in Canada! Make sure to register below to attend the webinar that covers everything you will need to know to get you started at Canada.

Pre-Arrival Webinars

Mondays @ 9:00 am EST • To register visit the [York International Calendar](#)

- Introduction to York University**
Webinar 1: June 20
- Exploring the City of Toronto and Canada**
Webinar 2: July 4
- Safety, Health & Wellness at York University**
Webinar 3: July 18
- Introduction to Academics at York University**
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Webinar 4: August 2
- Getting Started at York University**
Webinar 5: August 15
- Travelling to Canada**
Webinar 6: August 22

Date: August 15th, 2022
Time: 9am e.s.t
Duration: 1 hour

[Register Today](#)

Glossary

Professor: The highest level of educator with excellence in teaching and research in their chosen subject or field. They Provide weekly lecture plans and office hours.

Teaching Assistant (TAs): Graduate students employed by the University to provide aid in teaching-related responsibilities.

Lecture: The main part of the student learning experience with a larger classroom setting and a professor presenting weekly study topics.

Tutorials: A smaller class where students engage with the content of learning from lectures and readings, discuss ideas, and engage with their peers.

Office hours: Out of lecture times when you can meet with your professor or TAs to request support about course materials and details or build connections for mentorship.

Course outline: A legally binding document that communicates important information about a specific course such as learning outcomes, grading expectations, test and assignments deadline, support, and resources.

Major: Area of primary study with major courses dedicated to supporting learning.

Double major: Two primary areas of study that gives you chance to combine two areas of interest.

Minor: An area of secondary concentration of study.

Degree: The designation you earn after completing the course requirement of the program your studies.

Faculty: A division within the university operation comprising 1 subject area or a group of related subject areas, such as The Faculty of Health.

Degree checklist: Designed as a guide to assist students with degree requirements and course selection.

Degree progress report: an online self-serve tool that allows the student to track their progress towards completing their degree.