Pre-Arrival Webinar Series:

Getting Ready for Orientation

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH, 2023
Land Acknowledgement

York University recognizes that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University.

York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat.

It is now home to many First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.

Centre for Indigenous Student Services: https://aboriginal.info.yorku.ca/about-us/

Native Land Digital: https://native-land.ca/
Zoom Etiquette

Links will be shared in the chat during the presentation

Ask us questions using the Q&A Feature

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By the end of this webinar, new incoming international students will have more knowledge about:

- YU START
- Summer Transition Programs
- Orientation Week at York
- The Benefits of Orientation Week for international students
- How to register for Orientation Week
Agenda for Today:

▶ Explore YU START & Summer Transition Events
▶ What is Orientation Week going to look like?
▶ International & Exchange Student Orientation
▶ Q&A
INTRODUCTIONS
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YU START & Summer Transition Events

How to get connected before your first day of classes
What is first-year Student Transition & where do I begin?

**STEP #1: YU START**
Yorku.ca/yustart

**YU START** is York University's online platform that helps new students prepare, connect, discover & engage in preparation for the first day of classes.
What's the next step and where can I meet community members?

STEP #2: Summer Transition Events
yorku.ca/orientation/summer-transition-events/

TRANSITION EVENTS are free virtual and in-person pre-arrival opportunities organized to help you and your family get a head-start on your journey to success.
Types of Transition Events

CAMPUS TOURS

Mode of Delivery: In-Person

Target Audience: Incoming new students

Learning Outcomes:
1) Create a sense of familiarity to campus locations for new students
2) Introduce academic, wellness and student service resources to students
3) Support new student transition with peer-to-peer engagement opportunities

YORK 101S, 201S, & PRIORITY FOCUS EVENTS

Mode of Delivery: Sessions will be offered both virtually & in-person

Target Audience: Incoming new students

Learning Outcomes:
1) Describe the benefits of various services available to them
2) Examine tips and tricks used by upper year students in navigating campus life
3) Differentiate between high-school and university environments
4) Identify online and in-person resources
5) Interact with other incoming new students and make connections

Q&A INFO SESSIONS

Mode of Delivery: Virtual

Target Audience: Incoming new students

Learning Outcomes:
1) Explore resources more in-depth that are key to first year student success
2) Interact with York staff that provide student support services
3) Clarify processes involved with using specific York resources

PARENT & FAMILY SESSIONS

Mode of Delivery: Sessions will be offered both virtually & in-person

Target Audience: Parents, Guardians and Family members of new students

Learning Outcomes:
1) Recognize financial opportunities for students to receive funding from the university
2) Understand how government issued financial aid is processed by the university
3) Learn about different career opportunities available to students both during and after completion of their degree
I know what the event types are, now what?

STEP #3: Registering for Events

yorku-2023.ticketleap.com/
Scan the QR code to see all upcoming 1st year transition events! (They're FREE!)

Or visit yorku-2023.ticketleap.com
What is Orientation Week?

Orientation Week is a program of social and academic activities designed to introduce first-year students to life at university.

It is a great opportunity to help you find your way around the campuses, meet new people, and learn more about the traditions and communities at York.
The Scope of Orientation Week 2023

- **August 26** Orientation Week Starts
- **August 26/27** Residence Orientation
- **August 27** Commuter Orientation
- **August 28** International Orientation
- **August 29/30** Academic Orientation
- **September 4** Orientation Week Ends
- **September 5** Doors Open York
A Sneak Peek at Events to Come
How Does Orientation Week Work?

- Orientation Week at York is run and operated by the nine colleges and the Faculties of Lassonde and Schulich School of Business.

- Colleges exist to help make a big university feel small. They are a place to study, hang out, and participate in a smaller, more intimate setting. They are a place where you can feel at home.

- Don't know what college you belong to? No problem. Just click on over to our handy College Finder. Then click on your program of study to find out which college you belong to. You can also access your Student Record and find out there.

https://www.yorku.ca/orientation/college-finder/
Why Should You Participate in Orientation Week?

Create new and meaningful connections with other students in your program

Explore the different resources and services offered to you

Familiarize yourself with York University and Toronto
How To Register for Orientation Week

Through the Orientation Week Events website, you can find links to the 11 different orientation weeks at York University.

You will find each group's contact information, social media, and website, which will include more information about orientation week and how to get involved.

https://www.yorku.ca/orientation/york-university-orientation/transition-orientation-events/orientation-week-events/
Shopping Essentials with York International

- Sunday, August 27
- 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Join us on some shopping trips to purchase all the essentials you may need. Round trips from York University's Keele campus to nearby shopping centers will be organized for new international students.

You will need to register!
Registration ends August 14 at 9am.
Join us in-person for an incredible opportunity to meet fellow international students, build community, and to learn all about important resources and services available to you at York University!

You will need to register!
Registration ends August 14 at 9am.
Fall 2023 International and Exchange Student Orientation

International and Exchange Student Orientation (Alternate Day 1)

*This is open only for new incoming international students who are arriving at York University after August 28th.*

- Friday, September 8
- 10:00am – 3:00pm

Join us in-person for an incredible opportunity to meet fellow international students, build community, and to learn all about important resources and services available to you at York University!

- You will need to register!
- Registration ends August 25 at 9am.

International and Exchange Student Orientation (Alternate Day 2)

*This is open only for new incoming international students who are arriving at York University after September 8th.*

- Thursday, September 14
- 10:00am – 3:00pm

Join us in-person for an incredible opportunity to meet fellow international students, build community, and to learn all about important resources and services available to you at York University!

- You will need to register!
- Registration ends August 31 at 9am.
Questions?
Upcoming Webinars:

- **Ask me Anything (AMA) with International Student Ambassadors**
  - **JULY 26**

- **International Parents and Families**
  - **AUGUST 2**

- **Arriving at the Canadian Border**
  - **AUGUST 3**
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

- **Get Ready for Class program**: [https://www.yorku.ca/laps/students/international/get-ready-for-class/](https://www.yorku.ca/laps/students/international/get-ready-for-class/)
  - As an incoming International Student in LA&PS, you may be feeling anxious, excited, or nervous about your first steps at York University. To get a head start on your experience here, you can participate in the Get Ready for Class program.

  You can register for the program here: [Microsoft Form](https://forms.office.com/r/9cGtboWxrd)

- **International Peer Mentorship Program**: [LA&PS International Students | York University](http://www.yorku.ca/laps/students/international/)
  - The LA&PS International Student Peer Mentorship Program connects new international students with upper-year international students to help with the transition to York University.