

Pre-Arrival Webinar Series:

York Student 101

13 – DECEMBER - 2023

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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.



The Indigenous Students' Association at York's (ISAY) 21st All Nations Pow Wow

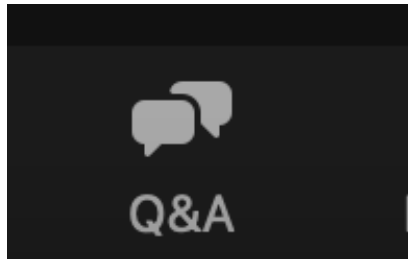
Centre for Indigenous Student Services: <https://aboriginal.info.yorku.ca/about-us/>

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



This webinar is being recorded

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Webinar Outcomes

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

- > Student life in as a York University student in Canada.**
- > Canadian cultural norms.**
- > Unique traditions and culture specific to York University students.**

Agenda for Today:

The agenda for today's webinar is:

- > Culture and life in Canada**
- > Things about York University**
- > Questions and Answers**
- > Upcoming Pre-Arrival Webinars**

Canada

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Let's Talk Cultural Diversity!

- Diversity in Canada extends beyond race and ethnicity but spans language, gender, religious affiliations, sexual orientation, abilities and economic status as well.
- Although Canada has two official languages, English and French, more than 200 languages are reported as a home language or mother tongue
- Immigrants represent over 21% of the total Canadian population, one of the highest proportion among G8 countries
- Toronto is the proudly named as the most diverse city in the world with 50% of its population identified as visible minorities

Facts about Canada

› **Second largest in the world**



› **10 provinces and 3 territories**



› **National animal: beaver**





Common Things Seen in Canada!



Local Cultures and Norms

- **Restaurant tipping culture**
 - Tipping is expected as a sign of good service
 - No consequence if you decide not to tip
- **Respect for the environment**
 - Care for environment
 - One of the most livable and environmentally sustainable city in the world
 - Care for recycling and environment protections
- **Other norms**
 - Friendly, polite, respectful
 - Follows standard western cultural traditions
 - High awareness in mental health and wellbeing
 - LGBTQ+ friendly
 - Shared beliefs in equality, diversity, and respect for all individual
 - Pet friendly
 - Known as “The New York City of Canada”

CANADIAN WEATHER

WARM SEASON

- **Lasts 3-5 months (June to mid-September)**
- **Hottest month of the year in Toronto is July**
- **Essentials: sunscreen, reusable water bottle**



COLD SEASON

- **Lasts for 3-4 months (December to mid-March)**
- **Coldest month of the year in Toronto is January**
- **Essentials: umbrella, layers, winter jacket, boots, winter accessories (scarf, mitten, earmuffs, hat)**



TORONTO'S CULTURAL CELEBRATION



Toronto's Caribbean Festival (Caribana)



Lunar New Year Celebration



Saint Patrick's Day



Taste of Little Italy Festival



Toronto Christmas Market



Canada Day

Things to do around Toronto!

INDOOR

- › Ripley's aquarium
- › Cute Cafes and restaurants
- › Escape room
- › Pottery making class
- › Shopping
- › Activate
- › Museums
- › And much more!



OUTDOOR

- › CN Tower
- › Toronto's Island
- › Canada's National Exhibition (CNE)
- › Canada's Wonderland
- › Blue Mountain
- › Niagara Falls
- › Toronto Zoo
- › Sunflower fields
- › And much more



FESTIVALS

- › Art Festivals
- › Music Festivals
- › Cultural Festivals (Taste of India, Taste of Middle East, etc.)

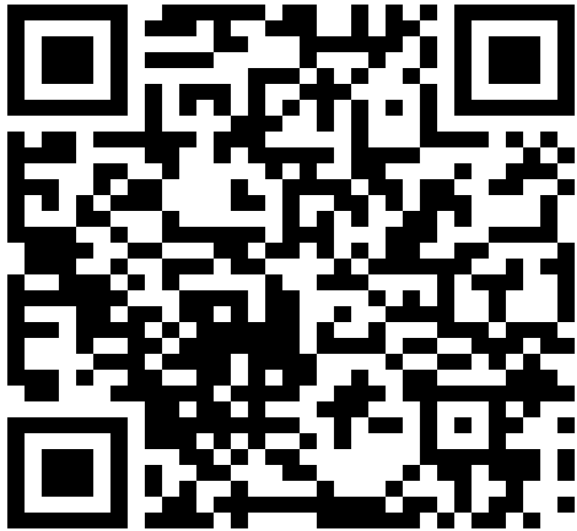


HISTORIC

- › Royal Ontario Museum
- › Art Gallery of Ontario
- › Agha Khan Museum
- › Casa Loma



Check out Todotoronto, BlogTO and Narcity Toronto to find out about more fun activities!!



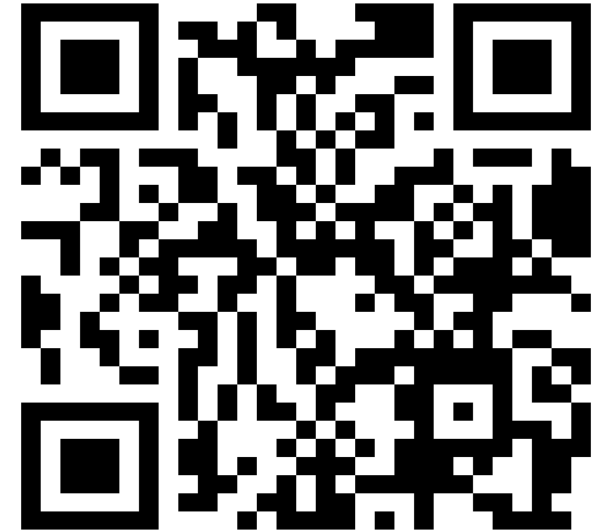
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BlogTO:

<https://www.blogto.com>



Narcity Toronto:

<https://www.narcity.com/toronto/>

Transit around Toronto

- **Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)** : The Toronto Transit Commission is the public transport agency that operates bus, subway, streetcar, and paratransit services in Toronto, some of which run into the Peel Region and York Region.
- **Subway stations at York University:**



York University Subway Station



Pioneer Village Station

GO TRANSIT

- GO Transit is the regional public transit service for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.



BIKE SHARE TORONTO

- Bike Share Toronto offers 24/7 convenient access to over 9,000+ bikes and 700+ stations across Toronto's vast biking network



REGION SPECIFIC OPTIONS:

- York Region Transit (YRT)
- Brampton Transit
- MiWay



Transit Resources

➤ **Presto Card App**

<https://www.prestocard.ca>

➤ **GO Transit Website**

<https://www.gotransit.com/en>

➤ **Transit App**

<https://transitapp.com/region/toronto>



Things YU Should Know



9 Colleges in York University

- › **Bethune College**
- › **Stong College**
- › **Founders College**
- › **Calumet College**
- › **Glendon College**
- › **McLaughlin College**
- › **New College**
- › **Winter College**
- › **Vanier College**

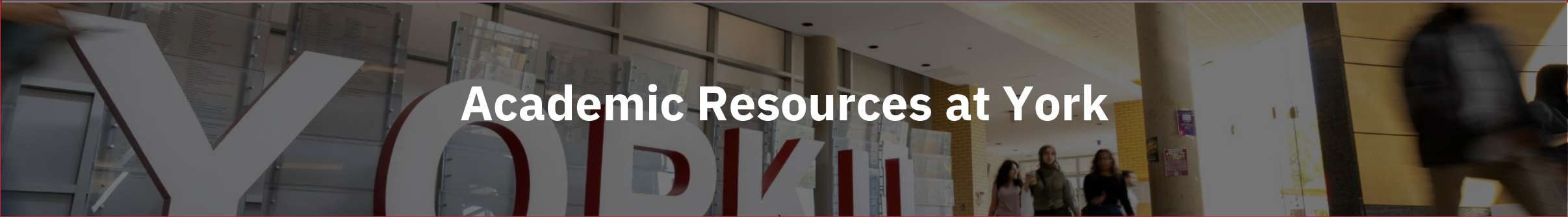
Colleges exist to help make a big university feel small. They are a place to study, hang out, and participate in a smaller, more intimate setting. Every undergraduate student is assigned to a college when they enter York based on either their Faculty and program of study (major) or the residence that they live in.




11 Faculties in York University

- **School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design**
- **Faculty of Education**
- **Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change**
- **Glendon College**
- **Faculty of Graduate Studies**
- **Faculty of Health**
- **Lassonde School of Engineering**
- **Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies**
- **Osgoode Hall Law School**
- **Schulich School of Business**
- **Faculty of Science**

Faculty: A large academic division of the University that offers programs in related disciplines.





Resources at York University

Health and Wellness

- › Student Counselling Health and Well-being
- › Student Accessibility Services
- › Community Safety

Financial and Emergency

- › Student Financial Services
- › Scholarships, Awards & Bursaries
- › Student Financial Profile

Campus Resources

- › Academic Advising
- › Career Centre

Ask for Help!

- › There are so many people at York who can support you in your university journey (Example: Kiosk at Vari Hall)

Services Offered by York International



Immigration advising

Provides general information about immigration enquires

Immigration specialists are available for consultations or assistance with unique immigration related situations



University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) advising

Provides support for students seeking answers regarding UHIP coverage, enrollment, extensions, etc.

1:1 appointments can be booked, as well as drop-in advising via QLess



Programs and events for international students

Global Learning Program
English Conversation Partner Program
Coffee Breaks



Global learning support and advising

Academic Exchange
Summer Programs
Global Internships



Volunteer opportunities

Student Engagement Volunteer
Global Peer Mentors
Global Outreach Volunteers
Orientation Volunteer

Go to Spots in YorkU!

Places to eat

> York Lanes

- Chaska
- Z-teca
- Qoola Fresh
- Campus Bubble Tea
- And so much more!

> Quad

- Osmows
- Amaya
- Basil Box
- And so much more!

> Others

- College Cafeterias
- Orange Snail
- Tim Hortons/Starbucks
- And so much more!



Study/Entertainment spots

- Scott Library
- First and Second Student Centers
- Break Room (Arcade Games and Food)
- Bergeron Centre for Engineering excellence
- Schulich School of Business (Bronfman Business Library)
- And so many more!



What's Unique at YorkU

- › Names for York University: **York U, YU, York**
- › Holding the door open
- › Knowing the **YU cheer**
- › Campus Pride - Wearing **red** and buying York branded stuff
- › Commuting and having a Presto transit card
- › Most buildings are connected by tunnels and indoor pathways for convenience in the winter
- › There is a shuttle bus that goes between Keele and Glendon campus

Student Discounts

- › **Cineplex**
Discounted Regular Admission (\$12.50)
VIP (\$15.35)
Great Escape (\$34.50)
- › **YFS Services**- Online Discounts, Printing services, famous spots in Toronto discounts, Dental plan etc
- › **SPC Card** allows for discounts in selected stores
- › **GO Transit** Student Fare (40% percent off)
- › Student discount on **groceries** in stores like METRO, LOBLAWS, BULK BARN, etc.
- › Student discount on **TTC monthly pass**

Q & A

Three light-colored wooden blocks are arranged in a row on a light-colored surface. The first block on the left has a large, bold, black letter 'Q' on its top face. The middle block has a large, bold, black ampersand '&' on its top face. The third block on the right has a large, bold, black letter 'A' on its top face. In the background, a stack of several books is visible, slightly out of focus. The overall scene is brightly lit, creating soft shadows on the surface.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands typing on a silver laptop keyboard. The laptop screen displays the Zoom logo in large, blue, stylized letters. The person is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with blue stripes on the cuffs and has red nail polish. The background is blurred, showing a yellow surface. The entire image is framed by a thick red border.

Upcoming Events



Program: YI Meet Up

- **Date: December 14th, 2023**
- **Time: 10:00am – 11:30am (EST)**

YI Meet Up is a virtual social event that provides incoming or deferred students an opportunity to meet new people, make new connections and introduce them to campus life through a variety of activities, conversations and group initiatives. The program aims to ease the transition to York and to Canada and to help find a sense of community before even arriving.



Winter Orientation 2024

International and Exchange Student Orientation

York International



WELCOME TO
**International and Exchange
Student Orientation**



Join us 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!

- › **Date:** January 06, 2024
- › **Time:** 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM



Get a Head Start!

International YU Thrive

Liberal Arts & Professional Studies



YU Thrive is a Post-Orientation Social hosted by the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS) International team. The aim of the social event is to connect new first-year international students to each other while reviewing orientation information from orientation.

- › **Date:** Friday, January 12, 2024
- › **Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- › **Registration link:** <https://forms.office.com/r/QQucj1yCpA>

York International Event Calendar






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