Pre-Arrival Webinar Series:
Student Life at York
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.

This webinar is being recorded.
By the end of this webinar, new incoming international students will have more knowledge about:

- Student life 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 and Events
Canada
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
Taste of Danforth- Greek Festival
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 (Tate 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!!

Todotoronto:  https://www.instagram.com/todotoronto/?hl=en
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](image1.png)  
  ![Pioneer Village Station](image2.png)
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.
Academic Resources at York
Academic Supports and Resources at York

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
Services Offered by York International

**Immigration advising**
- Provides general information about immigration enquiries
- 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 Peer 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!
Unique Traditions at YorkU
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**
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Questions & Answers session

Upcoming Webinars
Upcoming Webinars & Events
Program: YI Meet Up

› Date: March 14th, 2024
› Time: 10:00am – 11:00am (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.
Pre-Arrival Webinar

Prepare to Apply for a Study Permit

Travelling to Canada

The Prepare to Apply for a Study Permit webinar will provide students with information they need to know about how to apply for a Study Permit and documents needed. Students will hear directly from licensed immigration specialists and have the opportunity to ask questions.

› **Date:** Wednesday, March 20\(^{th}\), 2024
› **Time:** 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
› **Registration:** [https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqcOCqqj0qH9VbCx8R6auEjreMiAEItVpy#/registration](https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqcOCqqj0qH9VbCx8R6auEjreMiAEItVpy#/registration)
Global Peer Program Drop-In

March Drop-in

Global Peer Program

Join the monthly drop-in for one-on-one time with a mentor (upper-year York student)! You will have the opportunity to connect with a mentor and ask questions. Stop by any time between 9:00am – 10:30am!

› **Day/Date:** Thursday, March 21st, 2024

› **Time:** 9:00AM to 10:30AM EST

› **Registration:** [https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkdeqtqTwjGdUoSF_fACTUbFuDHgOHJUaR](https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkdeqtqTwjGdUoSF_fACTUbFuDHgOHJUaR)
Global Peer Program Community Event

March Community Event

Global Peer Program

Theme: Living in Canada

Monthly community events will focus on a specific theme which support your successful transition to York University and Canada. You will have the opportunity to meet other new international students and connect with GPP mentors in a small group setting.

Day/Date: Thursday, March 28th, 2024

Time: 9:00AM to 10:30AM EST

Registration: https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqce-oqTsiEtNF2OqO3WreRPrqipjPAI3jV
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tiktok: @yorkuintl
Thank you!