Pre-Arrival Webinar Series:
Looking Ahead at Your First Year 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/
By the end of this webinar, new incoming international students will have more knowledge about:

- A first-year students’ academic calendar at York University
- Important deadlines, holidays and academic terminology
- Helpful student resources with academic information
Agenda for Today:

The agenda for today’s webinar is:

- 2024-2025 academic year at York University
- Question and Answers
- Upcoming Pre-Arrival Webinars and Events
Meet Gabby!

She is a First-generation student from Jamaica who is pursuing a **Bachelors of Arts in Psychology with the Faculty of Health**.

Gabby will be coming to Canada on August 25th, 2024 to begin her Fall term as a freshman at York University.
First Year at York University

There are three (3) school terms here at York:

- Fall (F): September - December
- Winter (W): January - May
- Year (Y): September - May
Fall 2024- Its Sunny, Be Prepared!

Be on the lookout for:

• Residence move in for international students:
  • August 25, 2024
  • Includes a shopping trip to Walmart to purchase some essentials
  • Game Night at The Breakroom

• Fall 2024 International and Exchange Student Orientation
  • August 26, 2024
  • Service Fair
  • Campus Tour

• Orientation Week
  • August 27th - September 2nd
Fall 2024 - Important Deadlines to Remember

- Labour Day
- First day of Fall classes
- First Week of Sept.
- Mid Sept.
- End of Sept.
- 1 Sep. 2024 – 31 Aug. 2025

- 2 Sept.
- First Week of Sept.
- First half of residence and meal plans fees
- Last date to add a course with permission of instructor (Fall/Year)

- 4 Sept.
- Fall/Year tuition fee deadline
- Payment through CIBC Portal

- Mid Sept.
- Last date to add a course without permission of instructor (Fall/Year)

- End of Sept.
- UHIP coverage period
  - Adding coverage for your dependent(s) is mandatory and must be done within 30 days of their arrival in Canada. Or a $500 late fee will apply per UHIP policy.
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<td><strong>Fall Reading Week</strong>: A time to catch up on reading, classes, studying for midterms, and taking some time to relax. <strong>Academic resources</strong>: PASS, SNACK, ESL OLC</td>
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Fall 2024 - What are your winter plans?

The Fall term is still going, but Gabby needs to start planning for winter! What can she do?

- Look into housing options for the upcoming semester
  - Apply to stay in residence during the winter break
  - Explore on/off campus housing options for Winter
- Book an appointment with an academic advisor to review degree requirements
- Book a Flight
  - Go home to visit family/friends
  - Explore Canada
It’s getting colder!

Wear lots of layers! During the December period it can be as cold as -1°C to 6°C.
Fall 2024 - Winter 2025: More Dates to Remember!

- **Early Dec.**
  - Fall classes end
  - Fall Study Day

- **Early to late Dec.**
  - Fall Exams
  - Winter Break

- **Early Jan.**
  - Winter classes begin
  - Late Dec. to Early Jan.
  - Winter tuition feed deadline
    - Payment through CIBC Portal

- **Mid Jan.**
  - Second half of fees for residence charges and meal plans are due
  - Last Date to add a course without permission of instructor

- **Late Jan.**
  - Last date to add a course with permission of instructor
  - UHIP coverage period
    - Adding coverage for your dependent(s) is mandatory and must be done within 30 days of their arrival in Canada. Or a $500 late fee will apply per UHIP policy

- **Sept. 1st - Aug. 31st**
  - 15th
Winter 2025 - Academic and Holiday Deadlines to Remember

Culture Fest
- Celebrate culture on campus and worldwide, through the exchange and showcase of food, fashion, music, and tradition.
- Date: TBD

Mid Feb.

Winter Reading Week
- What is reading week? Time to catch up on reading, classes, studying for midterms, and taking some time to relax.
- Academic resources: PASS, SNACK, ESL OLC

17 Feb.

Family Day

Early Mar.

Course withdrawal period (withdraw from a course and receive a grade of "W" on transcript)

Late Mar. – Early Apr.

18 Apr.

Last date to drop a course without receiving a grade

Good Friday

Winter Reading Week
- What is reading week? Time to catch up on reading, classes, studying for midterms, and taking some time to relax
- Academic resources: PASS, SNACK, ESL OLC
Winter 2025- What are your summer plans?

The winter term is still going, but Gabby needs to start planning for summer! What can she do?

- Take a few summer classes. Enrollment dates may vary.
- Book an appointment with an academic advisor to talk about your degree requirements.
- Book a flight to go home to visit family/friends.
- Travel! Canada has a lot to see.
- Getting a summer job or internship.
  - Global Learning at York International
  - On-campus summer job or Work/Study position

If you need help creating a resume, interview prep, CVs, or Cover letters, visit the Career Centre.
Winter 2025 - More Dates to Remember!

- **Early Apr.**
  - Winter classes end

- **Winter Study Day**

- **Early Apr.**

- **Early to Late Apr.**
  - Winter Exams
Gabby’s First Year at York University

- Gabby’s has now completed her first year at York University!
- Be prepared by paying close attention to dates and deadlines.
- Ask questions! The university has many resources to support your journey here. Take advantage.
Q & A
Upcoming Webinars and Events
The Preparing for the Canadian Classroom webinar provides students with an overview of the Canadian educational system as well as various academic resources available at York University.

- **Date:** Wednesday May 15th, 2024
- **Time:** 9:00AM to 10:00AM
- **Registration:** [https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEtdu2rqDwoG9cN3XpbZXv8P_0mQxdccG10#/registration](https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEtdu2rqDwoG9cN3XpbZXv8P_0mQxdccG10#/registration)
Program: YI Meet Up

› Date: May 16th, 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.
Global Peer Program Drop-In

May 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 May 23rd, 2024
› Time: 9:00AM to 10:30AM EST
The **Wellness and Safety in Canada** webinar provides students with information they need to know about available services and resources to live safely at York and in Toronto. We understand the importance for parents, families, and students to know how York University supports the safety of their students. Join us to learn of the many services available for you.

- **Date:** Wednesday May 29th, 2024
- **Time:** 9:00AM to 10:00 AM
- **Registration:** [https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUodeqqqiMtGdHhZ ooYPAcWHNrtC_WZ4GcQv#/registration](https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUodeqqqiMtGdHhZ ooYPAcWHNrtC_WZ4GcQv#/registration)
May Community Event

Global Peer Program

Theme: Academic Resources

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: Friday, May 31st, 2024
▶ Time: 9:00AM to 10:30AM EST
▶ Registration: https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qdOuhrj8jHNHc4_kEJbxHKkBk3q9I0dVg#\/registration
York International Event Calendar
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