Pre-Arrival Webinar Series:

Getting Ready for Orientation Week
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:

- Available resources to connect with York University
- What Orientation Week is at York.
- Benefits of Orientation Week for international students.
- How to register for Orientation Week.
The agenda for today’s webinar is:

- Preparing for York University
- Orientation Week
- International & Exchange Student Orientation
- Questions & Answers
- Upcoming Pre-Arrival Webinars and Events
Learn All About: Transition Programming & Services
2024
YORK University
By the end of this presentation, new students will have more knowledge about:

- What Summer Transition Programs there are available for new students and their family
- The online communication tools available to students that provide another way of connecting with other students and the New Student Transition Team
  - Slack Community
  - Emails
Why We Have Transition Programming

- The programming York University implements is unique, as it allows students have a stress free and fun transition to University life.
- We are also students, so we understand the anxieties around of transitioning to university and experiencing a new environment!

- **Why should you get involved?**
  - To connect with your fellow peers
  - Ask questions and hear from upper-year students
  - Hear from professionals at York University through panels
  - Learn about the tools to success you will need for your first year

Finally, to start University off with a BANG!
CAMPUS TOURS

Mode of Delivery: In-Person

This will help you:
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

LOCATIONS WE VISIT

Vari Hall
Ross Building
Campus Walk (Lassonde Building, William Small Centre etc.)
Tate McKenzie
First Student Centre
York Lanes
...and more
Types of Transition Events: Q&A INFO SESSIONS

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➤ Mode of Delivery: Virtual

➤ This will help you:
  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

THESE COVER TOPICS LIKE...

➤ Finances
➤ Sports Clubs and Recreation
➤ York International
➤ Accessibility Services
➤ Residence Life (Living on Campus)
➤ A Tour of E-Class
➤ Meal Plans and Healthy Eating
➤ Orientation Week
Types of Transition Events: YORK 101S, 201S, & PRIORITY FOCUS EVENTS

**YORK 101S, 201S, & PRIORITY FOCUS EVENTS**

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

- **This will help you:**
  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

**TYPES OF EVENTS**

- York 101+ Events include those catered to...
- Students first in their family
- BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour)
- 2SLGBTQ+ Students

- York 201 Events include...
- Black Excellence
- Learning Skills
Types of Transition Events: PARENT & FAMILY SESSIONS

**PARENT & FAMILY SESSIONS**

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

- **This will help you:**
  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

**THESE COVER TOPICS LIKE...**

- About YorkU
- Learning and Academic Support
- Student Finances

- They will also...
  - Have the chance to meet other parents
  - Talk to York's Senior Administration
Types of Transition Events: CAMPUS SERVICE FAIR & CLUBS FAIR

CAMPUS SERVICE FAIR & CLUBS FAIR

➤ **Mode of Delivery:** In-Person

➤ **This will help you:**

1) Get to know the various services offered by campus partners on campus like Security Services, Parking and transportation and many more!

2) Have your questions answered and receive knowledgeable information straight from the source of information.

3) Interact with various clubs offered at York during club fairs and learn how to get involved

SOME SERVICES ON CAMPUS...

➤ Student Financial Services
➤ Learning Skills Services
➤ GoSafe at York
➤ The Writing Centre
➤ York international
➤ ...and more!

 Clubs include...

➤ Cultural clubs like the Indian Students Association
➤ Religious clubs like the Muslim students Association
➤ Clubs relating to your major like Undergraduate Political Science Council
Scan the QR code to see all upcoming transition events! (They're FREE!)

Or visit: https://www.yorku.ca/orientation/
Additional Resources
Our online Slack community allows students to connect with each other:
- Introduce yourself and find common interests with others!

The transition team also posts events for students to connect with each other both virtually and on campus.

Ask questions to our student staff about programming and any concerns you may have will be swiftly addressed.

Email us with any questions you have about transitioning to York and we will answer your question or direct you to the correct department that can address your concern.

Email: newstudent@yorku.ca
WHAT IS IT?

- YU START is a New Student Transition Program designed to support you as you make your way into and through your first Year of York University.
- It is filled with modules that you will go through informing you on York Services
- YU START will help you enroll in courses, connect with fellow classmates, student leaders, faculty members and student services staff, and become more familiar with campus life, supports and resources available to you.

WHY IS IT USED?

- YU START will help you
  - Enroll in courses
  - Connect with fellow classmates, student leaders, faculty members and student services staff
  - Become more familiar with campus life, supports and resources available to you.
Stay Connected!

Follow us on...

Instagram: @StudentLifeYorkU

X (Formerly Twitter): @StudentLifeYorkU

Visit: https://www.yorku.ca/orientation/summer-transition-events/

Email us if you have any questions: newstudent@yorku.ca

"Sometimes it's the journey that teaches you a lot about your destination"
~Drake
Orientation Week
The Scope of Orientation Week 2024

- **August 25**
  - Move-In
    - (Keele – New Students)
    - (Glendon & Markham – All Students)

- **August 25-26**
  - Residence Orientation
  - International Orientation

- **August 25-26**
  - International Orientation

- **August 27 – September 2**
  - Social Orientation (Orientation Week)

- **August 28-30**
  - Academic Orientation

- **September 5**
  - Open Doors York
What is Social Orientation (O-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.
A Peek at Last Year’s Orientation Week
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.
Which College Do I Belong To?

› 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.

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 the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)
How To Register for Orientation Week

- Through the Orientation Week 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.

www.yorku.ca/orientation/
International and Exchange Student Orientation
The International and Exchange Student Orientation is a program designed to help new international and exchange students transition smoothly into life at York University.

It includes a variety of activities and sessions that cover academic, social, and cultural aspects of university life.

Vari Hall

August 26th, 2024

9:00am – 5:00pm
Here’s what you’ll expect!!

Welcome by YI  Immigration & UHIP Advising  Shopping Trip

Campus Tours  Service Fair
Importance of Orientation

Smooth transition to a new environment

Learn about essential resources available

Meet and connect with international peers

Vari Hall, York University

August 26th, 2024
9:00am – 5:00pm
Fall 2024 International & Exchange Student Orientation (Alternate Day 1)

*This is open only for new incoming international students who are arriving at York University after August 26th.*

📍 Founders Assembly Hall – FC 152
📅 September 13th, 2024
⏰ 9:00am – 2:00pm

There will be no Service Fair nor a shopping trip for Alternate Day 1 Student Orientation

Deadline to register is September 9th at 9am!

Fall 2024 International & Exchange Student Orientation (Alternate Day 2)

*This is open only for new incoming international students who are arriving at York University after September 13th.*

📍 York Lanes 280N
📅 September 27th, 2024
⏰ 9:00am – 2:00pm

There will be no Service Fair nor a shopping trip for Alternate Day 2 Student Orientation

Deadline to register is September 23rd at 9am!
International Orientation vs Academic Orientation vs Social Orientation

INTERNATIONAL & EXCHANGE STUDENT ORIENTATION

- **Meet International Students:** Opportunity to meet fellow international students.
- **Learn Resources & Services:** Learn about important resources and services at York.
- **Build Community:** Build a supportive community.

ACADEMIC ORIENTATION

- **Connect with Professors:** Meet and connect with your professors.
- **Friendship with Classmates:** Begin making friends with classmates.
- **Explore Student Services:** Discover the robust network of student services at York.
- **Understand Academic Expectations:** Get to know your academic expectations.

SOCIAL ORIENTATION

- **Engage in Activities:** Participate in social activities (sports, carnival, performances, field trips).
- **Make New Friends:** Meet new friends at student-designed events.
- **Explore Services:** Explore the robust network of student services at York.
FAQs

Q: Do I need to attend all orientation sessions?
A: While not mandatory, attending all sessions is highly recommended to get the most out of the orientation.

Q: Will meals be provided during orientation?
A: Yes, we will be providing lunch.

Q: Is there a cost to attend International & Exchange Student Orientation?
A: No. Orientation is free and a great way to start your new journey at York University.

Q: What should I bring to Orientation?
A: We suggest bringing a reusable water bottle and wearing comfortable walking shoes.
Q & A
Upcoming Webinars and Events
Join the York International Slack Channel!

Are you an incoming international student looking for answers to your questions, ways to connect with peers, and to boost your academic journey?

Look no further! Join our exclusive Slack channel tailored for incoming students! Whether you’re seeking advice or simply wanting to connect with other international and domestic students before stepping foot on campus, our community is here for you.

Scan the QR code to join!
Global Peer Program Community Event

June Community Event

Global Peer Program

Theme: Faculty

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, June 28th, 2024
Time: 9:00AM to 10:30AM EST
Registration: [https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvfudqrqDMtHdSaSpD8h5jXLRDlglxRLBm5r#/registration](https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvfudqrqDMtHdSaSpD8h5jXLRDlglxRLBm5r#/registration)
Program: YI Meet Up

› Date: July 11th, 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

July 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, July 18th, 2024

› **Time:** 9:00AM to 10:30AM EST

› **Registration:** [https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrdOigpzwoE9L_GKPBRl6S1dyZRewl67qc#/registration](https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrdOigpzwoE9L_GKPBRl6S1dyZRewl67qc#/registration)
Global Peer Program Community Event

July Community Event

Global Peer Program

**Theme:** Travelling to 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:** Friday, July 26th, 2024
- **Time:** 9:00AM to 10:30AM EST
- **Registration:** [https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrcOmprTsGtClFw_3U3o6cOW1-S6h3b6g#/registration](https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrcOmprTsGtClFw_3U3o6cOW1-S6h3b6g#/registration)
Pre-Arrival Webinar

Arriving at the Canadian Border

Travelling to Canada

The Arriving at the Canadian Border webinar, provides students information regarding travelling to Canada, Canadian customs, important documents, and what to expect when you arrive at the airport in Canada.

› Date: Wednesday, July 31st, 2024
› Time: 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
› Registration link: https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAqdu-rqD8uE9H0AwuopI10Xg1h3y2-h3Q#/registration
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