

# Academic Support for International Students

FALL 2020

## Transitioning to the Canadian Classroom (Online)

Do you know students starting courses at the University of Calgary this fall? This webinar introduces the virtual and in person classroom experience in this new context and suggests a few strategies and key supports for a successful first semester.

This workshop and others will be available online at [ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/online-learning-videos](https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/online-learning-videos).

**One-on-one appointments** with Jennifer Parsons, academic development specialist for international students. Jennifer can help undergraduate and graduate students with:

- Learning and study skills development
- Strategies and supports for academic English language development
- Adjustment to Canadian university culture

Book an appointment at [success.ucalgary.ca](https://success.ucalgary.ca).

## Transitioning to First Year (International students)

Academic development specialist for international students Jennifer Parsons will host these weekly question and answer sessions, and provide information about the university, online study strategies, and general supports. In September, they will run twice for international students. Sessions are timed to best accommodate students studying from their home countries.

- Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Register at [events.ucalgary.ca/student-success-centre](https://events.ucalgary.ca/student-success-centre).



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## Conversation groups

Our language-building conversation groups are designed for international/English as an Additional Language graduate and undergraduate students. Students can practice listening and comprehension of selected materials and participate in a friendly and interesting discussion facilitated by the SSC international program tutors. This is a great opportunity to improve English language skills and meet new friends. These sessions will be hosted on Zoom in the fall semester

- Tuesdays 11 a.m.
- Thursdays 7 p.m.

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## Writing support services

Writing Support offers free, individual writing consultations for students who want to improve their writing. During the tutorial, students can:

- Discuss their writing process and learn strategies to write more effectively
- Review returned papers to understand how to improve their written assignments
- Work with a tutor on an ongoing basis to improve essay structure, paragraph development, sentence structure, style, grammar, and punctuation
- Receive information on writing papers, book reviews or other assignments
- Learn how to use and document sources
- Get help with English as an additional language

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## Writing community support

These writing community sessions provide a dedicated space for work time in a structured setting with additional writing support. There are writing support tutors present online and students can book 20 to 30-minute appointment slots in a break-out room once the writing community begins.

- Graduate Writing Community (graduate students only): Mondays and Thursdays 1 – 4 p.m.
- Writers' Space (undergraduate and graduate students): Tuesdays 6:30 – 9 p.m.

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## English language enhancement mini-courses — coming soon

During the fall 2020 semester break, the Student Success Centre will offer a three to four-day sustained content course on an interdisciplinary topic. The courses will focus on building academic and informal English language skills through reading, listening, workshop activities, discussion, presentations, writing and more. This intensive course is an opportunity for students to enhance their language and academic skills in a relaxed environment.

When available, registration details can be found on our events calendar at [events.ucalgary.ca/student-success-centre](https://events.ucalgary.ca/student-success-centre).