

# Academic Support for International Students

FALL 2021

## 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).

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**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).

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## 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).



## Academic program support for International Students

International graduate students are offered the opportunity to request additional supports at any stage of their academic program. These are designed to support students with English as an additional language and are especially useful for International graduate students hoping to generally improve their written and spoken English and adjust to the Canadian academic environment or are looking for short-term supports as they approach writing or presentation deadlines.

Students who are permanent residents or Canadian citizens but whose first language is not English are also welcome to apply.

Students are asked to fill out an intake form and meet with Jennifer Parsons to discuss appropriate supports.

Fill out the form located at [ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning-support/international](https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning-support/international).

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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 or in-person in TFDL 364. 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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