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Countdown to Haskayne...7 more weeks!

This weekly email will introduce you to some of Haskayne's team members who can help to prepare you for success in your Bachelor of Commerce. If you have any questions, please contact the Haskayne Undergraduate Student Advising team at undergraduate@haskayne.ucalgary.ca.

Previous *Countdown to Haskayne* newsletters can be found on our [Haskayne Incoming Students](#) page.



MEET TARA!

This week we get to meet Tara Luterbach, a Program Specialist with the Haskayne Undergraduate Programs Office.

CAN YOU TELL US A BIT ABOUT WHAT YOU DO?

I provide program advising, process admissions and award degrees to graduating BComm students. We all have our own portfolios in our unit, and mine is focused on communications including website design and directing branding standards.

WHO IS PART OF YOUR TEAM?

I work with several different teams across the university, but my 'home' team is the Haskayne Undergraduate Programs Advising office where I work with a team of five other Program Specialists and a Scheduler who manages our course set-up.

WHAT INTERESTED YOU IN WORKING AS A PROGRAM SPECIALIST?

I love working with students! As a Bachelor of Commerce degree holder myself, I have a lot of empathy/understanding for the different challenges that can arise during the degree and am always happy to help.

WHAT SHOULD NEW STUDENTS KNOW ABOUT STARTING AT HASKAYNE?

I speak to many students who put a lot of pressure on themselves to choose/stick to a concentration early in their degree. The first two years of the UCalgary BComm degree is comprised of standard courses across all concentrations and options, so there is really no need to declare a concentration early for most students. In my opinion, it's much better for students to take their time and make a decision based on what classes they enjoy, coupled with their own research on careers; be it through looking at job postings or our own [concentration](#) pages.

I also see students who are often very concerned about completing the program within four years. Though we do map out the Bachelor of Commerce degree using a four-year structure for [transfer](#) or [direct-entry](#)/high school students on our website, students actually have ten years to complete the degree. Rarely, do students ever need that long, but many do take 5+ years to complete.

Our website is a great source of information for new/current students. We have a lot of registration tips for new students on our [Incoming Students](#) page.

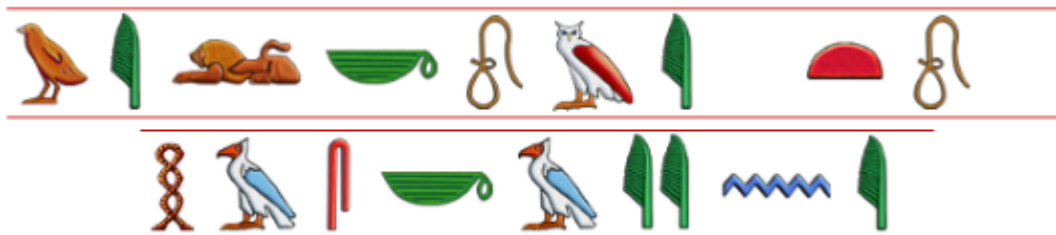
WHERE SHOULD STUDENTS GO IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND REGISTRATION?

Haskayne Program Advisors are currently offering advising remotely via email and zoom. I'm always updating our [Program Advising](#) page with information on how to connect with us. We're looking forward to meeting you!

This summer our office is launching a chat-bot on all Haskayne pages to assist students with standard questions. The chat-bot learns more the more students ask questions, so the chat-bot team and myself are hoping you can all help us out ;)

CAN YOU TELL US ONE RANDOM FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?

I can read/write in Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphs. Which I find many practical applications for daily.



Stay connected!

Make sure to keep an eye on your ucalgary email for important information about starting at the University of Calgary this September. You can also visit our [Haskayne Incoming Students](#) page where we will post helpful resources and events for incoming students. Don't forget to follow Haskayne on Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn, or tag us in your photos using #myhaskayne.

Upcoming Events

Haskayne Summer Orientation | Tuesday July 20 (10:00 - 11:00 AM MST)

This session will familiarize new students with advising resources and how to prepare for a successful start in their BComm. Topics will include how to prepare for academic and career success, and preparing your global mindset as a business student. Incoming students can register [here](#).

Fall Move-In | Sunday August 29 - Monday September 6

The University of Calgary is currently working on the move-in plans for 2021/2022 and once finalized will update the [Residence Move-In website](#). An email will be sent to all residents on August 10 with all move-in information as well.

Fall Block Week Classes | Monday August 30 – Friday September 3

You only need to attend if you are registered in a *Block Week Course*. As a first year student, this would not apply to you but make sure to carefully check your

class schedule in your [Student Centre](#).

Fall Orientation | Thursday September 2 - Friday September 3

This is your official welcome to the University of Calgary, and is two days of events and workshops where you can meet your peers, learn about university life, and get off to the right start. Be sure to register [here](#), and make sure to check out the Online Orientation module on your [D2L page](#)!

First Day of Regular Fall Term Classes | Tuesday September 7

Check your official start date and schedule through your [Student Centre](#). If you have any questions about your schedule, you can also contact the [New Student Registration Assistance](#) team.

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