

Camosun International Student Newsletter

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Greetings from Camosun International!

Welcome to the Fall 2024 Term! As the cool autumn season begins, we encourage you to enjoy the season while staying on top of your goals. The Camosun International Student Services team is here to support you, so don't hesitate to check out our tips whenever you need a boost.



Come see us at the front desk

Monday-Thursday: 9am-4pm
(Friday: 9am-1pm)

- Interurban campus: Liz Ashton Campus Center, CC251 (by the Bookstore)
- Lansdowne campus: Isabel Dawson, C201



Send us an email

You are welcome to send us an email with your question(s) at **International_advisors@camosun.ca**.

Please include **your full name and Camosun ID#**.



Call our office

Call +1-250-370-4812
Monday-Friday 9am to 11:30am
and 1:30pm to 4pm

Please feel free to leave a message clearly stating your question **with your full name and Camosun ID#**.



Academic Advising

Booking Appointments

You can book 30-minute appointments with an Academic Advisor. Topics you can discuss in these sessions include:

- Building your own learning plan
- Academic success and support service discussions
- Graduation and completion requirements
- Program change
- Transfer credits evaluation
- Transferring to universities

Please drop by our office, phone us at 250-370-4812 or email international_advisors@camosun.ca if you wish to book an appointment with an advisor. Include your name and Camosun ID#, your program and the questions you have.

Drop-ins

You can come to the office for a 15-minute drop-in. Drop-ins are **for quick academic advising questions**. You don't need to book appointments in advance. The first-come, first-served policy applies. Please contact us if you are interested in a drop-in appointment and we will let you know what times are available for the coming week.

Contact us

[Reminder]

New to Camosun or Canada?

Make sure to check these 3 tips before your first semester begins!



Apply for MSP Insurance

Have you applied for the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP)?

It's important to register for MSP as soon as you arrive in British Columbia to ensure continuous health coverage.

If you haven't yet applied, please do so before your guard.me insurance expires.

[Apply for MSP](#)



Apply for Bus pass (Umo)

New students can get their U-Pass benefit code 10 days before the term starts, but it will only become active on the first day of classes.

You can use either the Umo app or a reloadable Umo card for your bus rides.

[Learn More](#)



Apply for Camosun ID card

Your Camosun ID card is essential for borrowing books, accessing facilities, and getting discounts.

New students can request their ID 10 days before classes start, provided they're registered in at least one credit course.

Pick up your card at the library the next day with a government-issued ID.

[Learn More](#)

Events at Camosun



Greater Victoria's Hiring & Post-Secondary Education Expo 2024

- **Date & Time:** Sep. 10, 2024 | 11am - 3pm
- **Location:** 715 Bay Street
Victoria, BC V8T 1R1

Don't miss this chance to explore career opportunities and



Wellness Wednesdays

- **Date & Time:** Starting Sep. 11, 2024 | 10:30am - 12:30pm
- **Location:** Wilna Thomas Building 216 (Makerspace), Lansdowne Campus



Korean Cultural Festival 2024

- **Date & Time:** Sep. 12, 2024 | 11am - 3pm
- **Location:** Camosun College, Lansdowne Campus, Na`tsa`maht, 3100 Foul Bay Rd, Victoria BC

educational pathways. Get your free tickets on **EventBrite!**

Camosun College Recruitment and Professional Studies and Industry Training (ProSIT) will be attending Black Press Event's Greater Victoria's Hiring & Post-Secondary Education Expo 2024 at the Bay Street Armoury.

[Learn More](#)

Starting September 11, 2024, Wellness Wednesdays at Camosun's Lansdowne Campus offer students a creative space to explore art and nurture self-expression.

Sessions run from 10:30am to 12:30pm on the second Wednesday of each month. No art experience needed—just bring your curiosity!

[Learn More](#)

Join us for the Korean Cultural Festival hosted by the School of Arts and Science and Camosun International.

Enjoy free food, games, traditional clothing, music, and cultural displays! Don't miss this exciting celebration of Korean culture!

[Learn More](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FEEL WELCOME?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF SPECIAL EVENTS?



JOIN THE CAMOSUN INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER TEAM AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Flexible hours
Build Essential Soft Skills
Enhance your resume



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For all students!

Opt-Out of Health & Dental Plan

Already covered by another health and dental plan? You can opt out of the CCSS Health & Dental plan within 30 days of starting your full-time studies at Camosun College.

Just provide proof of your existing coverage, such as:

- A benefits card
- A confirmation letter
- A recent statement of claim
- A web page print-out

[Learn More](#)

Tips for Successful Semester

Take the time to review them and set yourself up for a successful semester.

Know Deadlines & Important Dates

- [Important Dates & Fee Deadlines 2024/25](#)
- [First Semester International Student Refund Procedure](#)

Dropping a Course after the Fee Refund Deadline

- Please see [How to Drop Your Courses](#)

Waitlisted Courses

- Are you waitlisted for a course? Make sure that you review the [Waitlist Process](#)

Understand your immigration status

- [Study permit, co-op work permit, off campus work eligibility, and post-graduation work permit \(PGWP\)](#)

Familiarize yourself with Academic Regulations and Standards

- Knowing policies and procedures about your studies along with your rights and responsibilities will help you make informed decisions. “**I didn’t know! Nobody told me!**” will not help you. Please see [Academic Regulations & Standards](#) and [Tuition & Fees](#)

Take advantage of special academic supports for second language speakers

- [Writing Centre and Learning Skills, Help Centres](#)

Make the most of your time at the College

- [Student Services](#)

Connect with other students

- [Camosun College Student Society](#)

Keep up to date

- [Camosun International Student Newsletters, Student Affairs Newsletters](#)

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Lansdowne campus

Isabel Dawson, ID 201

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By Email

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In person

Monday - Thursday: 9am to 4pm

Friday: no in-person service. Virtual service (via Email): 9am to 4pm

By phone

250-370-4812

Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Kosapsum) and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We honor their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.