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**Orientation and Transition**

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# Transition and Pre-Orientation



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# Virtual Get Started

- Quercus Platform
- June 9<sup>th</sup> 2021– May 2022
- Pre-enrolled 4,000+
- Course Selection Supports
- First Year Peers (FYPs)
- Specialized Programs

## Get Started

Once you accept your offer of admission, go through the following resources to start preparing for course selection and to get ready for your first semester at UTSC.

### Course Selection



Guide on how to choose and enrol in your first-year courses

### Transfer Credits



Guide on how to select your courses based on your transfer credits

### Get Ready for Fall



Steps you need to take to prepare for your first semester

### Digital Toolkit



Learn about campus supports and resources

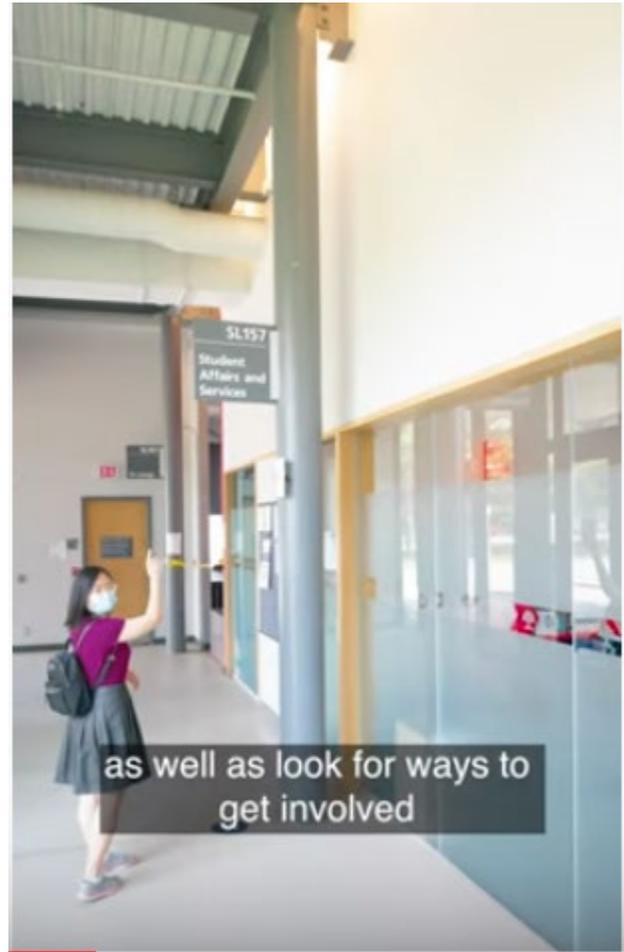
# FIRST YEAR @UTSC



- Get Started
- Steps for International Students
- Your First Year Experience
- Academic Success
- Beyond the Classroom
- Looking to the Future



# Tuesday Tours





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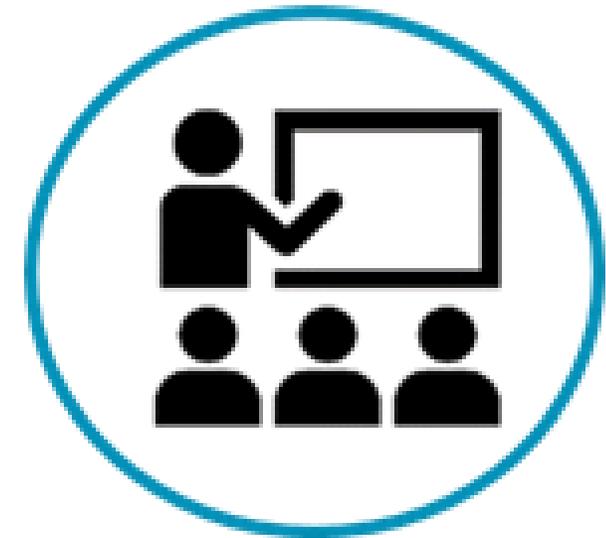
# AccessAbility Services: Summer Start Up

- 4 day virtual transition program (August 16-20th)
- Online modules including interactive sessions
- Topics Include:
  - What to expect during my first year
  - What disability related supports are available
  - What academic skills are useful in a university setting
  - Creating connections with peers and upper year students
  - Parent Resource Session
- 18 Students & 9 Parents attended in 2021



# AccessAbility Services: Monthly Traction Sessions

- Sessions offered throughout first year for continued support with transition
- Topics Include:
  - Adjusting and Adapting to Remote Learning
  - Meeting Deadlines: Tips and Strategies
  - Ergonomic Wellness
  - Gearing Up for Finals
  - Holistic Health & Wellbeing
  - Better you, Better Learner
  - Finishing Strong



# Orientation



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# Residence Move-In



- Move-In Days: Sept 3 and 4
- 413 students over 2 days
- 172 early move-ins
- 143 expected by October
- 585 students currently moved in
- 728 total expected
  
- 85% occupancy
- Reduction in shared bedrooms
- Emergency isolation units



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# Residence Orientation

- Two weekends: Sept 5/6 & 11/12
- In-person & virtual
- Community meetings
- Outdoor movie night x3
- Food truck festival
- Morning yoga with athletics
- Educational workshops
  
- Parent Orientation Webinar (August)



# UTSC's Communities of Practice

- UTSC Orientation and Transition Committee
  - Across campus support, information and good practices sharing amongst services and departments
- OSEW Orientation and Transition Working Group
  - Integrating program development with Residence Life, Intl Student Centre, SCSU
- SCSU Orientation Risk Assessment Committee
  - Student Life Programs works with Facilities, Campus Safety & Parking, Retail and Conference Services, Food Services, and EHS



- Parent/Family sessions in the summer
- OSEW UTSC Spirit Day - August 25 (in person) and August 26 (virtual)
- **SHINE**, SCSU's Orientation, Sept 1 to 4  
Virtual and in-person, campus tours, TPASC activity, outdoor carnival
- ASKme UTSC and campus tours with Admissions dept

### Indigenous Students

- Virtual student welcome, Sept 9
- Fire Pit circle with Residence Life- this week!
- OSEW Indigenous staff summer check in

### Black Identifying Students

- Our 3<sup>rd</sup> year hosting
- Virtual welcome event on Sept 16
- Holding Space and Setting Intentions: A Dialogue for Black Women, Sept 23



# Support for International Students

- Perfect attendance for appointments in virtual setting
- Virtual orientation programs started August 6-26
- Immigration advising throughout COVID—on U of T quarantine options, ways to travel to Canada, etc.
- Reception for our 30 inbound study abroad students
- Programming in collaboration with Residence Life
- First Year Transition Check-ins with advisors—every student gets enrolled into an appointment



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