

Student Spaces on Campus



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Hello,

Congratulations on making it through the first few weeks of classes. By now you've probably figured out your routine for getting to campus, the fastest route to your classes and where to buy food.

There are many great student spaces on campus where you can meet up with friends, study or have a quiet moment. Check out the list below for some student spaces we've highlighted for you:

Douglas Students' Union (DSU) Lounges and Study Rooms

In Coquitlam, the DSU student lounge is located in A1190. The lounge includes lounging chairs, a group study space, and microwaves and computers for you to use.

In New Westminster, student lounges and bookable study rooms are available in the DSU Building. The student lounge on the 1st floor is an open study space and has a ping pong table for you to use. The 3rd floor lounge includes study tables, pool tables, air hockey, a foosball table, microwaves and more. There are also bookable study rooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors. To book these study rooms, stop by the DSU front desk on the 2nd floor or email roombookings@thedsu.ca.

The DSU Building and all of these spaces are open between 8:30am–6:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Library

The Library is a great location where you can find comfortable study spaces, quiet and silent areas, and equipment and materials to support your course work. The lower level of the New Westminster Library and the upper level of the Coquitlam Library are also a great place to hang out and connect with peers.

Quiet study areas at both campuses include tables and study carrels wired for power so you can charge your phone or laptop while you're reading, and the natural light and calm environment will help you ace those courses! Both campuses are also equipped with silent student spaces and group student rooms. To learn more, check out [Study Spaces](#) on the Library website.

Enrolment Services Student Lounge

In New Westminster, Enrolment Services provides a front lounge area for you to study, hangout with peers or relax on campus. The lounge includes tables and soft seating for your comfort. This area is open to all students to use even when the Enrolment Services Office is closed.

Student Life Front Lounge

Student Life is located off the New Westminster concourse in N2300, between the Cafeteria and the Career Centre. The front lounge is open to students to come in and check out resources, promotions of upcoming events and programs or just have a quiet space to hang out while waiting for your next class.

Wellness Room

The Wellness Room at S2680 in New Westminster provides a calming atmosphere and soft seating in a semi-private room. This space is available for breastfeeding and as a grounding space for students in distress. You can request access to this room on a

drop-in basis via the front desk in Student Affairs and Services. The room is accessible between 8:30am–4:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 10am–4:30pm on Wednesday.

Interfaith Room

The Interfaith Room at N5214 in New Westminster is designed for students looking for a space for prayer/meditation and religious observances. The room includes a small shoe rack and prayer mats for use while in the space. To gain access to this room, please complete the [sign-up form](#) and access will be provided to you.

Indigenous Gathering Place

The Indigenous Gathering Place (IGP) on the New Westminster Campus is a space that Indigenous Student Services, the DSU Indigenous Collective and others at the College use to host events related to our Indigenization priorities at the College. There are often events hosted in the IGP that are open to non-Indigenous folks. For these events, please check out the Douglas College's [News & Events webpage](#).

Indigenous Student Services Centres

There are two Indigenous Student Services Centres – one on each campus in New Westminster (S4830) and Coquitlam (B3131). These are spaces for First Nations, Metis, Inuit and Native American students. The spaces are designed to be a home-away-from-home where Indigenous students can relax and connect with other community members in a safe space. We are committed to have a space by and for Indigenous students at the College. Indigenous students can request the keypad code to access the room when staff are not present by emailing indigstuserv@douglascollege.ca.

Cafeterias

Both the New Westminster and Coquitlam Campuses provide food services and seating to students. There are refillable water stations located outside each seating area and washrooms nearby. These areas are great places to grab something to eat, connect

with peers or hang out in between classes. Each Cafeteria is equipped with microwaves for you to use. The menu at each Cafeteria changes regularly so be sure to check out their website for current offerings and hours:

- [New Westminster Food Services](#)
- [Coquitlam Food Services](#)

Fitness Facilities

There are two fitness facilities that students have access to.

The Chris Johnson Fitness Centre in New Westminster is equipped with flat screen TV's, cardio equipment and a complete range of free weights, kettle bells and medicine balls. You can be sure to find the right equipment to compliment any type of workout regime.

The Coquitlam fitness facilities are located in the Pinetree Community Centre just steps away from the campus. Information on the facility is available on the [Pinetree Community Centre website](#).

Washrooms

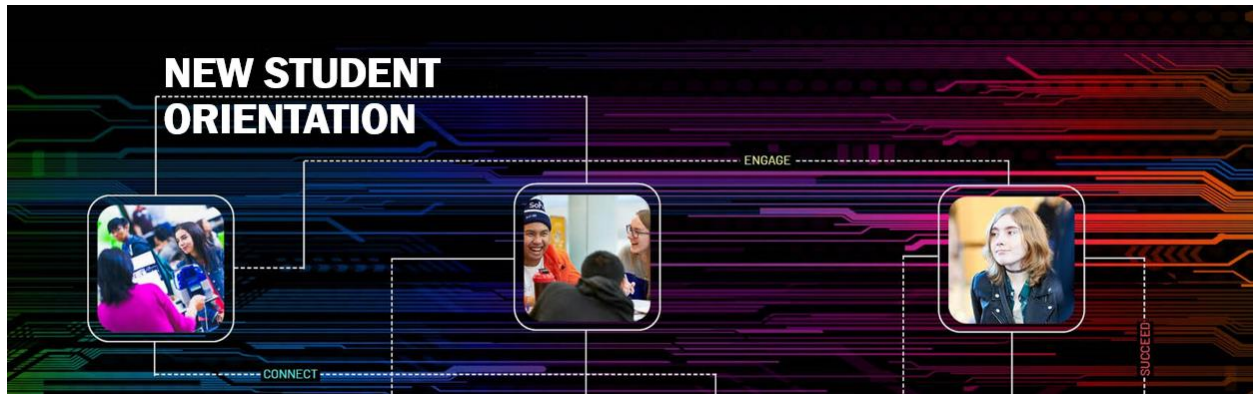
New Westminster, Anvil and Coquitlam Campuses are equipped with gender inclusive and accessible washrooms. To find the location of these facilities, please check out the resources below:

- [Gender Inclusive Washroom Guide](#)
- [Accessible Washroom Guide](#)

Looking for a spot on campus that we haven't highlighted?

Check out the campus guides:

- [New Westminster/Anvil Campus Guide](#)
- [Coquitlam Campus Guide](#)



Tell us what you think about Orientation!

We encourage you to complete the [New Student Orientation survey](#) by Sept. 30, for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to the Bookstore.

In addition to the survey, we encourage you to take part in a focus group so we can learn more about your experience leading up to the start of your first semester. Focus group sessions will take 90 minutes and all selected participants will receive a \$20 gift card. If you would like to participate, please email Dean Martin, Associate Director of Student Services, at martind10@douglascollege.ca.

Stay Informed!

This is the last New Student Update. If you want to revisit previous New Student Updates, please visit the [Orientation webpage](#) and refer to the column on the right.

Stay tuned to the Current Student Newsletters, and follow us on Instagram [@studentlifedc](#) to keep up to date with everything happening at Douglas College!

Questions?

For questions, please email studentlife@douglascollege.ca. If you are an international student, please submit your questions through the [Douglas College International contact form](#).