New Student Orientation

Hello,

The start of the semester is just around the corner. In this **New Student Update**, we will share details about:

- New Student Orientation
- Understanding academic integrity
- Class registration and fee payment (**not** applicable to international students)
- Accessibility Services
- Purchasing textbooks through the Bookstore

New Student Orientation

The **New Student Orientation** program offers a mix of digital and in-person experiences, helping you explore available services, connect with fellow first-year students and navigate our campuses. Below, we'll break down each component to give you a closer look at what to expect. The program includes:

1. **DCUE-0200 New Student Orientation**: Online course automatically made available to all new students via **Blackboard** beginning early December. It covers all the basics of how to get ready for your first semester, including:
   - A new student checklist that includes information such as how to pay your tuition fees, get your textbooks, apply for your student ID card;
   - An overview of different student services available at Douglas College;
   - Resources for international students;
   - And more!

   Those who complete the course by the end of the Winter Semester will be entered into a draw to win $250 in tuition credit! To access the course:
   - Log on to **Blackboard** with your College Network Access credentials (your 9-digit student number and CNA password).
   - Click on "**Courses**".
   - Click on "**New Student Orientation**" to unveil your orientation!

2. **General New Student Orientation Sessions**: Paired with DCUE-0200, these in-person orientations allow you to navigate the campus and have your questions answered before the semester begins. You will also have a chance to connect with peers in person, so you know some familiar faces at the beginning of school. Please register for one of the sessions below. Parents and supporters are also welcome.

   - December 16 | New Westminster Campus | **Register now***
   - December 17 | Coquitlam Campus | **Register now***
   - January 3 | New Westminster Campus | **Register now***

   Registration using desktop devices is highly recommended for better user experience. Contact **studentlife@douglascollege.ca if you encounter any problems.*

3. **Orientation Workshops**: These workshops set you up for success at Douglas College. Some are for all new students while some are for internationals new students only. Check out the **workshop offerings** and be sure to register for the ones that best fit your needs.

Check out the **Orientation webpage** for all the details about New Student Orientation!

Understanding academic integrity

Douglas College expects students to adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity. To help you understand what academic integrity means at Douglas, all new students will be automatically enrolled into **DCUE-0100 Academic Integrity**, an online course that lives on **Blackboard**. This course is **mandatory**. Students are expected to complete the course before the Winter Semester begins. Students who do not complete the course with a passing grade will not be allowed to register for future semesters until it is complete. To access, please find "**Academic Integrity**" under "**Courses**" on **Blackboard**.

To learn more about academic integrity and this online course, attend the **Academic Integrity Workshop** on December 20. Contact **aie@douglascollege.ca** if you have questions about academic integrity.

Class registration and fee payment

(*Information in this section is applicable to domestic students only. Please refer to separate instructions provided by Douglas College International (DCI) if you are an international student.)

If you have not registered for all your classes, have a look through the **Register For Classes webpage**. If you are on a waitlist for one or more of your classes, don't worry, there is still a chance you'll make it into the class. When you are on the waitlist, be sure to check your **myAccount** every day because if you are given an offer, you only have **23 hours** to accept it. If you miss your offer, you will be removed from the waitlist. If you still find yourself on a waitlist on the first day of class, make sure you attend the first class to talk to the instructor and indicate your interest. Visit the **Waitlist Information webpage** for more information.

Reminder that the fee payment deadline is **December 9**. Information on ways to pay can be found on the **Paying Your Fees webpage**. For questions about class registration and fee payment, **contact Enrolment Services**.

Accessibility Services

Douglas College strives to be an accessible and welcoming place for all students. If you are anticipating or experiencing barriers to access, Accessibility Services is here for you. They will work with you and your instructors to create an individual plan for accommodations and support.

To learn more about Accessibility Services and how to contact them, visit the **Accessibility Services webpage**.

Purchasing textbooks through the Bookstore

The Douglas College Bookstore is where you can find textbooks for your studies at Douglas. Use their **web ordering service** available December 2 onwards to order necessary materials. Make sure that you have chosen the correct materials by matching the ISBN to those on your personalized booklist, which will soon be available under "**Student Records**" on your **myAccount**. Visit the **Bookstore's website** or contact them at **bookstore@douglascollege.ca** for questions.

Stay informed!

If you want to revisit previous New Student Updates, please visit the **Orientation webpage** and refer to the column on the right.

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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**.