INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

SUMMER 2025

April 28, 2025



Nice to meet you!



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International Student Experience Coordinator Langara Global

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge snaweyał lelam' Langara College is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Musqueam First Nation.

We are honoured to receive the name, snaweyał lelam, from Musqueam, which means 'house of teachings.'

*sno-WAY-eth LELL-lum



Welcoming Remarks



Brad Van DamDirector, Langara Global

Agenda

- Housekeeping
- Your New Home, New Life
- Break
- Fireside Chat Real-life Tips & Experiences
- International Student Services
- Immigration
- Question and Answer
- Prize Draw!

Housekeeping

- Switch your phones to silent mode
- Slides will be available
- Washrooms
- Water fountain
- In the event of an emergency, remain calm and follow our staff's instructions
- Questions? Use Mentimeter
- Need assistance? Talk to our volunteers

Housekeeping

WHAT WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT TODAY

- Registration
- Personal cases
- Course planning

Please contact your International Student Coordinator for these types of inquiries!





Game Rules!

You will see a trivia question and answers to choose from.

You have 5 seconds for discussion.

Using the prop on your table, choose the answer your group thinks is correct.



Vancouver is sometimes called...



Raincouver



Suncouver



Vancouver is sometimes called...



Raincouver









How many languages are spoken in Vancouver?

2 languages



More than 70 languages



How many languages are spoken in Vancouver?





Mandarin

Cantonese

Punjabi

Tagalog

Korean

Spanish

Persian (Farsi)

Hindi

Vietnamese

Russian

Top 10 Languages Spoken in Vancouver

Diversity & Inclusion









They might feel confused or surprised

What happens when people travel to a new country with a different culture?

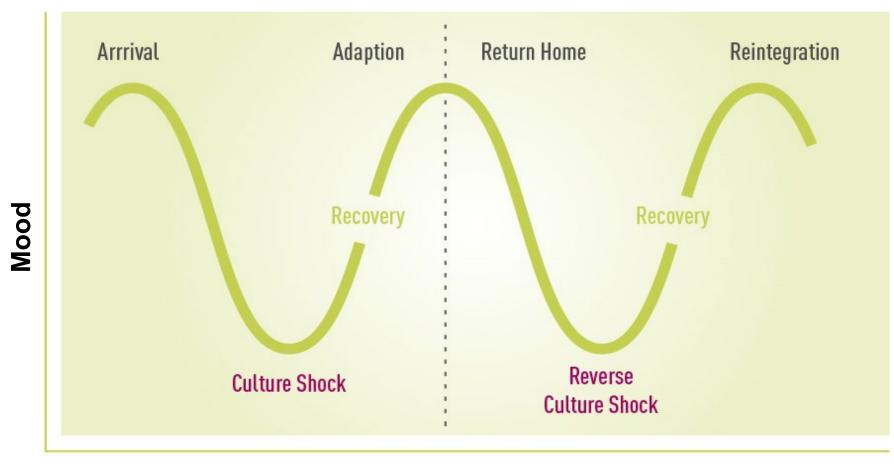


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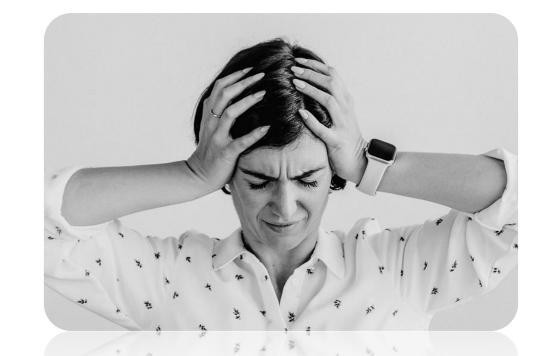
Culture Shock



Time

Culture Shock – Common Symptoms

- Strain
- Sense of loss
- Rejection
- Confusion
- Surprise, anxiety and anger
- Feelings of inadequacy
- Homesickness



Talk to someone! Langara Global, Counselling Services, etc.

What helps people pay for doctor visits, hospital stays, and prescription medications?

Langara student ID card

Health insurance



What helps people pay for doctor visits, hospital stays, and prescription medications?







Health Care in BC: Public & Private Insurance

- Government health insurance
- A long-term health insurance plan
- Living in BC for 6 months or longer
- Covers basic medical needs



Scan for MSP application site

PUBLIC



BC Medical Services Plan (MSP)

Health Care in BC: Public & Private Insurance

- \$75/month
- To apply, you need:
 - Copy of your study permit
 - o BC residential address
- Waiting period: 3 months



Scan for MSP application site

PUBLIC



BC Medical Services Plan (MSP)

Health Care in BC: Public & Private Insurance

- A short-term health insurance plan
- Covers medical needs
- New Regular Studies students are enrolled automatically
- GuardMe mobile app

PRIVATE



GuardMe Canada

GuardMe Opt-out Policy

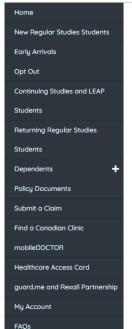
- Students with valid BC MSP during the full coverage period are eligible to opt-out
- Opt-out period:
 - April 17 May 31, 2025



Scan for GuardMe opt-out option







OPT OUT

As a new international student studying in Regular Studies at Langara College, you will be enrolled in the GuardMe More Enhanced health insurance plan for 3-months starting on May 1, 2025. This plan is mandatory for all new international students studying in Canada, unless you already bought a minimum 3-months policy directly from guard.me, and is a condition of studying at Langara College.

Opt-Out Option: I have valid BC MSP Coverage

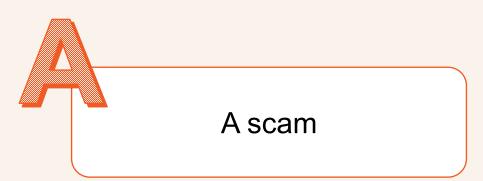
If you already have valid coverage through the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) you may be able to opt out of the GuardMe More Enhanced health insurance plan. For the opt-out to be accepted, you must successfully complete the opt out form including the alternate insurance declaration and identify your start date and end date under the other plan at the time you apply to opt out. Your BC MSP coverage must include May 1, 2025 to July 31, 2025 coverage period or your opt-out will be declined. The deadline to submit your opt out request is May 31, 2025. If your application to opt-out is received prior to the deadline and approved, and there have been no claims against the policy, you will receive a credit to your student account no later than one week after the opt-out deadline.

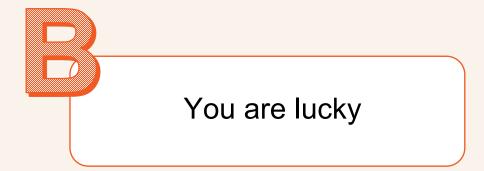
If your application to opt-out is declined, please note that guard.me coverage is not the same as MSP coverage. Coverages provided by GuardMe include many additional benefits that MSP does not cover, which you can access during the mandatory coverage period.

Important note: The opt-out period is open from April 17, 2025 - May 31, 2025

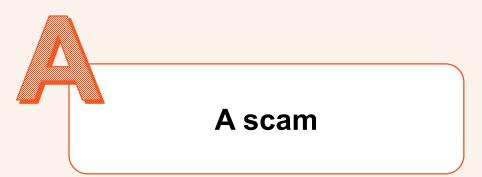
After this date, no opt-out requests will be accepted. There are no exceptions.

What could it be if someone you don't know asks for your personal information or money and promises something too good to be true?





What could it be if someone you don't know asks for your personal information or money and promises something too good to be true?







Fraud & Cybercrime Awareness







Scams



Identity Theft



Cyberstalking

NEVER SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH ANYONE YOU DON'T KNOW.

If it's too good to be true or if it sounds too scary, stay calm and ask someone you trust.

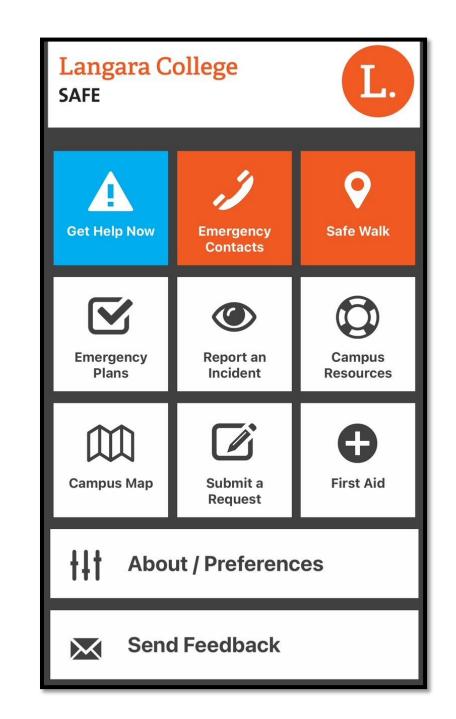
Langara Safe App

- Integrated with Langara College's safety and security systems
- Features include:
 - Get help now
 - Emergency contacts
 - Safewalk
 - Emergency plans
 - Campus resources



Search "Langara Safe"

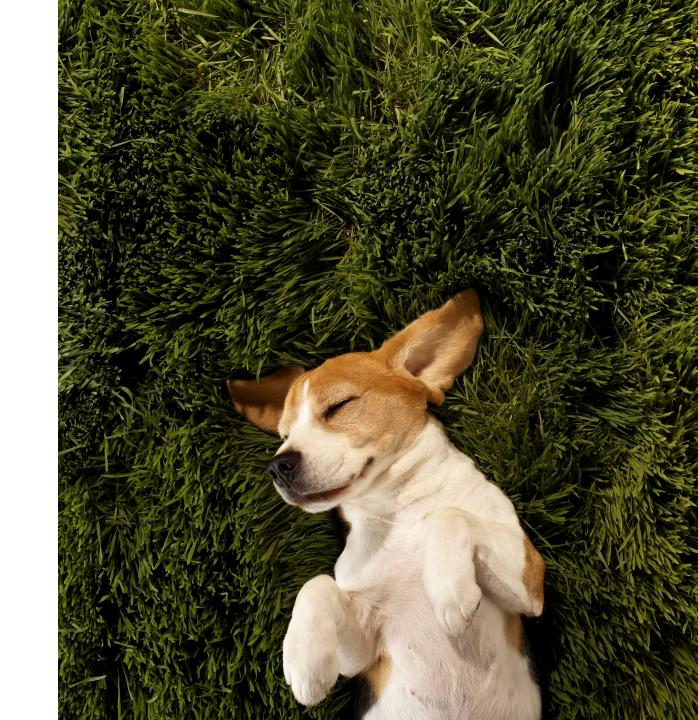
- Apple App Store
- Google Play Store



Break

COMING UP NEXT...

- Hear directly from current Langara international students
- Study Permit, Working in Canada, Post-Graduation Work Permit
- Q&A
- Prize draw!



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Langara Global

- Building A Room 107
- Monday Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
- Connet with us in person or virtually

International Student Services Team



Chinnie Ma (RISIA)



Masashi Yoshida (RISIA)



Melody Choi (RISIA)



Manar Elbarbari (RCIC)



Kate Cho (RISIA)



Jun Wang (RISIA)



Lucas Hames Shiguehara



Zeff Tsang



Cherry Wong



Teresa Brooks



Langara Global Student Ambassadors



International Student Services

Langara Global Assistant & Global Student Ambassador	International Student Coordinator	Student Experience & Engagement
 General questions Health insurance information Forms and handouts 	 Pre-arrival services General advising Mentorship program Immigration advising: Study permit Working as a student Temporary resident visa (TRV) or eTA Post grad work permit (PGWP) 	 Orientations Campus events Cultural celebrations Langara Global Volunteer Program

Your Study Permit & Working as an International Student



STUDY PERMIT



TEMPORARY RESIDENT VISA (TRV)



OR



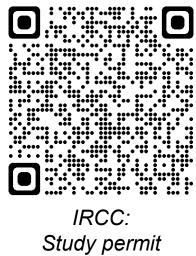
for Travel Authorization (ESTA). Find out more on the ESTA website.

ETA

Your Study Permit

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A STUDY PERMIT HOLDER

- **Enrollment at a designated learning institution (DLI)**
- **Actively pursuing studies**
 - Attend classes, complete assignments & exams
- Always hold a valid study permit when studying
 - Be aware of the expiry date and conditions
 - Be aware of passport expiration
 - Extending your study permit at least 3-4 months before it expires



Working On & Off Campus

- International students may work on or work off-campus without a work permit if they:
 - Have a valid study permit with a condition that allows students to take up employment
 - Are a full-time student at a Designated Learning institution (DLI)
 - Have started studying
 - Have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Work hours
 - You can work up to 24 hours per week while studying full-time
 - Part-time students cannot work off-campus
 - Students in a scheduled break can work full-time

Remember: studying is your top priority!

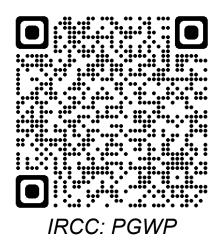


IRCC: Working as an international student

Post-Graduate Work Permit (PGWP)

WORK IN CANADA AFTER YOU GRADUATE

- To be eligible, you must meet all eligibility requirements:
 - General eligibility
 - Eligibility requirements based on study program
 - Graduates from a college program or other non-university program
 - Language requirement: CLB 5 for English or NCLC 5 for French
 - Eligibility requirements based on physical location
 - Inside or outside of Canada
 - Field of study requirements (if applicable)



Post-Graduate Work Permit (PGWP)

WORK IN CANADA AFTER YOU GRADUATE

General Eligibility:

- Completion of an eligible program that is at least 8 months in duration leading to a degree, diploma or certificate at DLI
- You maintained full-time status as a student in Canada during each semester of your study program
- Received a transcript and an official letter from Langara confirming that they have met the requirements to complete their program of study
- Field of study requirements (if applicable)
 - Avoid changing your programs



IRCC: PGWP

Do you still have immigration questions?

- Rely on IRCC official information (IRCC website)
- Check out our immigration resources page/handouts
- Join our workshops
- Meet with an international student coordinator (RCIC or RISIA)
- You may hire your own RCIC



Reminder: Check your account balances

Click on "Account Balance & Payments" Currently Waitlisted
Courses
Course Consent and
Waiver Forms
Semester Course and
Exam Schedule - by
course view
Semester Course
Schedule - by week
view
Enrollment Verification
Letter
Account Balance &
Payments
Activate Your
Registration Time
Arts and Science

Program Update

Registration Overrides

Computer User IDs

or telephone (use bill payment option and your student id number as your account number), or cheque more information on payment options, click here.

Based on your enrolment for the selected semester, your tuition and fee charges are displayed below.

For information regarding LSU Health & Dental Plan, please visit www.ihaveaplan.ca or call 1-866-369-8796.

For information regarding U-Pass, please visit www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/upass/index.html.

If you have questions about the status of your account, please email a.receivables@langara.bc.ca

Program: Diploma: Arts & Science Health Science (Arts) (International Education)

You have 9 days 6 hours 04 minutes to pay your fees in full by the payment deadline at 2100 hours on

Total Course Credit:

Tuition and Fees for Spring 2019

Description	Charge	Payment	Balance
BBA-55051 Material Fee BMNG	\$22.25		
Building Legacy Fund	\$36.47		
HKIN-55051 Material Fee HMPF	\$22.25		9
IE Development Fund	\$25.00		
LSU - Capital Trust Fund	\$36.00		9 9
LSU Burs, Schol&Awards Fund	\$9.00		
LSU Intl Communities Devt Fund	\$1.20		
LSU Membr Relatn&Outreach Fund	\$23.76		8
Student Union Basic Fees	\$45,25		
Tuition Fees - IE Student	\$7,080.00		3
U-Pass	\$164.00		8
		\$1,500.00	
	Net Semester Ba	lance	\$5,965.18
	Net Balance for Other Semesters:		\$0.00
	Account Balance		\$5,965.18

A positive number means you need to pay more money!

A negative number means you have a credit on your account

This student owes \$5,965.18 more dollars

Your account may change if you have incurred charges or made payments within the past 1 or 2 business days.

PROCEED TO ONLINE PAYMENT

Get Involved



Summer Student Social

Wednesday, May 7 12:00 pm-2:00 pm Langara Students' Union Building

- Department fair
- Community agencies
- Light refreshments
- Games
- Make new friends!

*No registration required



Cultural Celebrations

Philippine Independence Day

- June 12, 11 AM-2 PM
- A Building, Main Foyer

Festa Junina

- June 25, 11 AM-2 PM
- A Building, Main Foyer

Tanabata

- July 7, 11 AM-2 PM
- A Building, Main Foyer



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THANK YOU!

