

## Strong Start: New Student Orientation



### New Student Update Winter 2024 #3 – November 28

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Hello,

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

- Strong Start: New Student Orientation
- Understanding Academic Integrity
- Class Registration and Fee Payment (**not** applicable to international students)
- Purchasing Textbooks through the Bookstore



## Strong Start: New Student Orientation

This orientation program provides new students with the opportunity to explore Douglas College, learn about available services and meet other first-year students. It is designed to help you have a successful first semester here. The program includes:

**1. DCUE 0200 - Strong Start Orientation** is an online course that covers all the basics of how to get ready for your first semester. You will find:

- A new student checklist that features information on how to pay your tuition fees, get your textbooks, apply for Student ID Card and so on;
- An overview of different student services available at Douglas College;
- Resources for international students;
- And more!

All new students will be automatically enrolled into this course in December.

Those who complete the course by the end of the Winter semester will be entered into a draw to win a pair of Apple AirPods! 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 “**Strong Start Orientation**” to unveil your orientation!

**2. General New Student Orientation Sessions** allow you navigate the campus and have your questions answered before the semester starts. You will also have 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.

- Dec. 13 | New Westminster Campus | [Registration](#)\*
- Dec. 14 | Coquitlam Campus | [Registration](#)\*
- Jan. 5 | New Westminster Campus | [Registration](#)\*

*\*Registration using desktop devices is highly recommended for better user experience.*

Contact [studentlife@douglascollege.ca](mailto:studentlife@douglascollege.ca) if you encounter any problems.

**3. Orientation Workshops** can help you get a grasp on academic integrity and teach you important study tips so you can succeed in your first year. Check out the [workshop offerings](#) and be sure to register for the ones that are of interest to you.



### 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** and will be launched in December. Students are expected to complete the course before Winter semester begins. Students who do not complete the module with a passing grade may not be allowed to register for future semesters until it is complete. To access the course, please find “**Academic Integrity**” under “**Courses**” on [Blackboard](#).

To learn more about academic integrity and this online course, attend the [Academic Integrity Orientation Workshop](#) on Dec. 11 or 15. Contact [aie@douglascollege.ca](mailto:aie@douglascollege.ca) if you have any 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 still have not registered for your class, have a look through the [step-by-step registration instructions](#). 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 professor and indicate your interest. Visit the [Waitlist Information webpage](#) for more information.

Reminder that the fee payment deadline is on **Dec. 11**. 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](#).



### **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](#) to order necessary materials. Make sure that you have chosen the correct materials by matching the ISBN to those on your personalized booklist, which can be found under “**Student Records**” on your [myAccount](#). Visit the [Bookstore’s website](#) or contact them at [bookstore@douglascollege.ca](mailto:bookstore@douglascollege.ca) for questions.

### **Stay Informed!**

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

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### **Questions?**

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