

## Get Prepared Before the Semester Starts



### New Student Update Summer 2024 #4 – April 22

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Hello,

Now that you are registered for your classes, it is time to make sure you are well prepared for your first semester. May will be here before you know it!

In this New Student Update, you can find information about:

- General New Student Orientation Sessions (Reminder)
- Campus Tour in New Westminster (Optional)
- Getting your Student ID Card
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## General New Student Orientation Sessions (Reminder)

Get ready for your first semester by attending one of the General New Student Orientation Sessions. These sessions allow you navigate the campus and have all your questions answered before the semester starts. You will also have the chance to connect with your peers in person so you have some familiar faces in your classes. Please register for **one** of the sessions below. Parents and supporters are also welcome.

- April 29 | New Westminster Campus | [Registration](#)\*
- May 2 | Coquitlam 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.*

## Campus Tour in New Westminster (Optional)

If you are attending the General New Student Orientation Session on April 29, you will be able to take a brief look of the New Westminster Campus via an activity. If you want a deeper look of different areas and services available, [register for the New Westminster Campus tour on May 1](#) on top of the orientation session.

For Coquitlam campus, a tour is already included during the orientation session on May 2.

Check out the [Orientation webpage](#) for more details about Strong Start: New Student Orientation.



### **Getting your Student ID Card**

Your Student ID Card is your official Douglas College picture identification. It is essential if you are utilizing services at the Library, accessing campus facilities outside of regular hours, using your U-Pass and more.

You can [request your Student ID Card](#) in person at Enrolment Services at either the New Westminster or Coquitlam Campuses or online by logging in to your [myAccount](#), selecting “**Student Records**”, and then “**Student ID Cards**” on the left of the page. You will need to provide a copy of your government-issued photo ID (driver's license, BCID or passport) as well as a photo of yourself that will be printed on your Student ID Card. Pre-ordered cards can be picked up after 3 business days at the campus of your choice or mailed to your address. To beat the lines at the start of the semester, you are encouraged to request your card early and collect it when you are on campus for an orientation session.



### **Loading your U-Pass**

Students registered in 3 or more credits of on-campus courses will be charged the U-Pass fee in their tuition for that semester. If you are included in this group, you will want to load your U-Pass onto your Compass Card. Check out the [U-Pass BC on Compass Card webpage](#) for instructions. Make sure you load your U-Pass each month. You can do this as early as the middle of the month prior. To help you remember, set up text or email notifications in your [U-Pass BC portal](#) when your pass is ready to be requested. For questions, please contact [upassbc@douglascollege.ca](mailto:upassbc@douglascollege.ca).

### **Parking on Campus**

If you are thinking about driving to Douglas, it is important for you to learn how our parking services function so you can study without having to worry about your vehicle. Check out the [Parking webpage](#) to learn where you can park at our campuses and how to buy an ePermit for the Summer Semester. [Electric vehicle charging stations](#) and [covered bike parking facilities](#) are also available on the two campuses.



### **Health and Dental Coverage**

The [Douglas Students' Union \(DSU\)](#) administers a health and dental plan to make coverage more accessible and affordable for students. The extended DSU Health & Dental Plan supports you in maintaining a high quality of health and ensures that you are covered when medical emergencies come up. There is no enrolment of the plan in the Summer Semester. Fall Semester is the next opportunity to be on the plan. Details are available on the [DSU Health & Dental Plan webpage](#). For questions, please contact [services@thedsu.ca](mailto:services@thedsu.ca).

### **Douglas Students' App**

Download the [Douglas Students' App](#). It is a great way to connect with fellow students and stay up to date on upcoming campus events. On the app, you can chat with other students about courses, buy and sell textbooks, find housing accommodations and more. It is free to download and available for both Android and Apple.

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