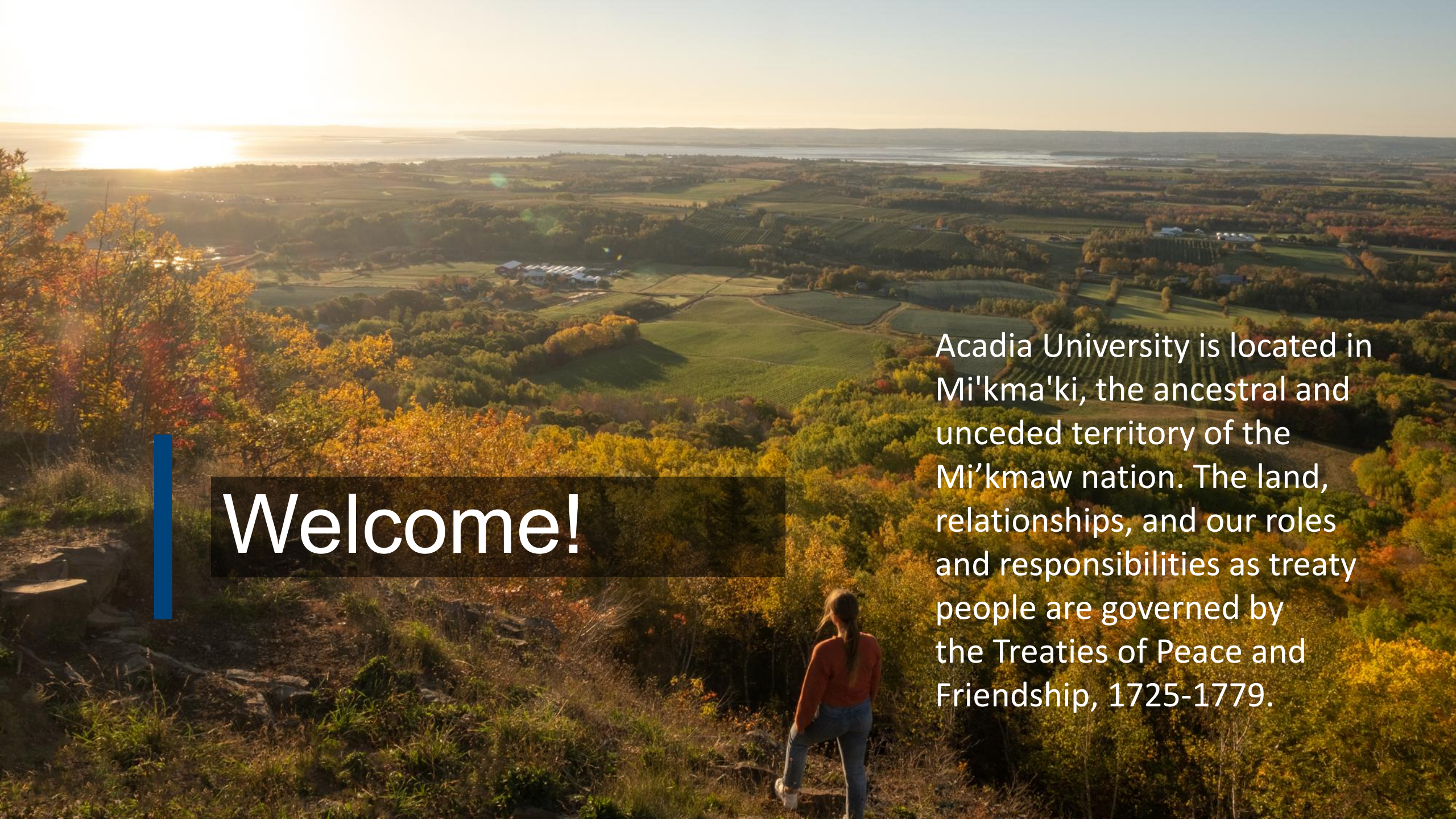

Mathematics & Statistics

Information for incoming students





Welcome!

Acadia University is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw nation. The land, relationships, and our roles and responsibilities as treaty people are governed by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship, 1725-1779.

Our Faculty and Staff

- Dr. Richard Karsten
- Dr. Trevor Avery
- Dr. Iain Beaton
- Dr. Hugh Chipman
- Dr. Nancy Clarke
- Dr. Caroline Cochran
- Dr. Emma Connon
- Dr. Eva Curry
- Dr. Jeff Hooper
- Dr. Wilson Lu
- Dr. Franklin Mendivil
- Dr. Jianan Peng
- Danielle Quinn
- Dr. Holger Teismann
- Dr. Ying Zhang
- Dr. Trent Marbach
- Jim Pulsifer
- Nadine Keith



Math & Stats Department

The department space is for you to spend time in. A lot of work has been done to create a space for you to feel welcome and enjoy your university years.

Please enjoy the space to study, access supports and connect with friends and faculty!





The Academic Calendar

Your "contract" with the university

- The Academic calendar contains degree requirements, and a list of the courses and programs offered at Acadia, as well as information on admission requirements, university regulations, important dates, and fees
- You can access the Academic Calendar [here](#)
- You should be checking the Academic Calendar regularly throughout your studies to ensure that you are meeting the degree requirements for your degree

Academic Advisors

Your dedicated resource for academic guidance!

- Each incoming student in our department is assigned a member of our faculty as an academic advisor for their time at Acadia.
- Your advisor can help you with course selection, making sure that you are meeting your degree requirements, and planning for your next steps.
- You should meet with your advisor regularly throughout your degree (at least yearly). If you don't hear from them, reach out to set up a meeting.
- If you are aren't sure who your academic advisor is, contact our administrative assistant, [Nadine Keith](#).

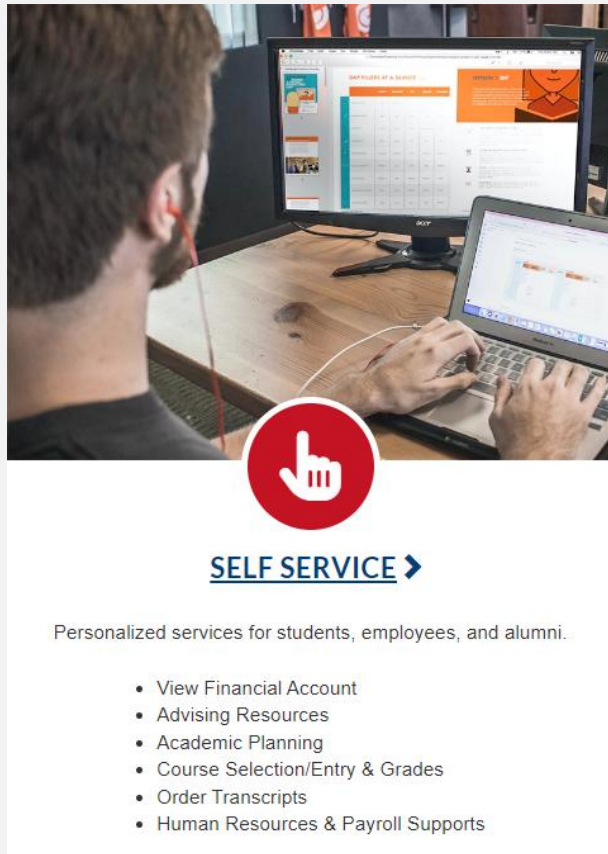
Important dates and what they mean

You can find all important calendar dates on the Registrar's webpage [here](#). Here are some important dates for **Fall 2026**:

September 9th	First day of classes, fee payment deadline
September 17th	Last day to add/change any Fall course sections. Last day to withdraw from a Fall course without a "W" appearing on the transcript.
September 30th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – no classes
October 1st	December exam schedule posted (don't make travel plans before this!)
October 12th	Thanksgiving Day – no classes
October 13th – 16th	Fall study break (aka reading week) – no classes
November 11th	Remembrance Day – no classes
November 27th	Last day to withdraw from a Fall term course and receive a "W". Any Fall course withdrawals after today will receive an "F" grade.
December 9th	Last day of classes
December 11th	Exams start
December 20th	Exams end
December 21st	Residences close (noon)

If you withdraw from a course between September 17th and November 27th, the course will appear on your transcript with a "W" (which means "withdrew") next to it. If you withdraw from a course after November 27th, the course will appear on your transcript with an "F" next to it.

Self-Service (aka Colleague)



What is self-service for?

You can view your financial account, register for courses, do academic planning, order transcripts, get your final grades, etc.

How do I login?

You can get there from the [myAcadia](#) page or go directly to the login page [here](#).

Moodle



Your lifeline to success!

Moodle is Acadia's course management system. You can access Moodle [here](#). Each of your courses and labs will have a Moodle course page. Your course instructor will use the Moodle page to share important information and materials (like assignments) pertaining to the course. In some courses, you will also use Moodle to submit assignments or to retrieve your course grades.

Make sure to **check your course pages on Moodle regularly** so that you don't miss anything!

Need help with Moodle? [Go here](#).

Office Hours



Your course instructors will have specific "office hours".

These are dedicated times outside of class when they are available for questions and discussion (these can be held online or in person).

Times and locations for office hours are usually posted on the course Moodle page.

MASH

Mathematics and Statistics Help

- MASH is Acadia's Math and Stats Help Centre which is a free peer-tutoring service.
- Students in any intro math or stats course can access drop-in help for their courses. Small-group tutoring is also available for some courses.
- Check out the schedule [here!](#)

- [Intro to MASH](#)





Accessible Learning

Equal access to educational opportunities and resources

- The [Accessibility Learning Office](#) provides individualized support to ensure that all students can participate fully in their educational experience:
 - Testing and classroom accommodations
 - Academic strategy development and workshops
 - Assistance with applications for provincial and national funding
 - Facilitating communication with faculty
 - Employment-related skills development
 - Assistive technology resources
 - Coordinating access to accessible text databases
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Communication



All Acadia students have access to Microsoft 365. Login [here](#) with your Acadia credentials to access Word, Teams, Outlook, and more!



Microsoft Teams is a collaboration space mainly used for online classes, online office hours, and online meetings.



Make sure to **check your Acadia email address regularly**. This is your official email address for communication with the university, and it is one of the ways your course instructors will convey important information!

Tips for emailing your course instructors:

- Until invited otherwise, address your course instructors formally using the appropriate academic or professional title (Dr. XYZ, for example)
- Be polite!
- Check your spelling and punctuation!
- Include the relevant course code and course name somewhere in your email

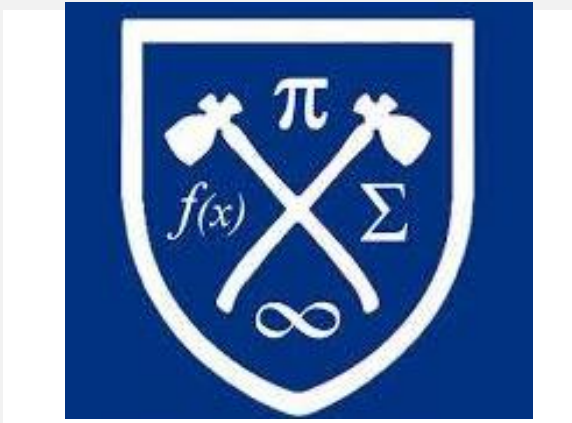
Time Management

Effective use of your time

One of the biggest stumbling blocks for new university students is not knowing how to effectively manage their time. Here are some tips!

- Plan your week: make yourself a schedule that marks out class time, study time, and leisure time
- Make a daily to-do list
- Prioritize your time: spend more time on more important tasks
- Break large tasks down: big projects or assignments can seem overwhelming so break them down into smaller, more manageable pieces
- Avoid distractions: turn off your phone when trying to focus

Peer Support & Connection



Math Society

[The Acadia Math Society](#) is a student-run club for math enthusiasts. They meet regularly and host social events throughout the term.



Math Mentor Program

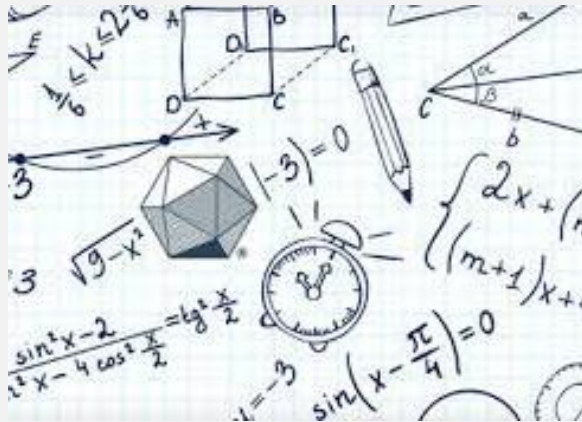
This program, run by the Math Society, pairs new math and stats students with senior student mentors to help them get the most out of their studies at Acadia.



MASH

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Opportunities



Math Competitions

Putnam
Science Atlantic
Acadia Problem Solving Group



Teaching Assistantships

MASH tutors
Markers
In-lab assistants



Math Outreach

Math Buffet
School outreach
Math Camp

Grades, GPA, Probation and Dismissal

Letter Grade	Grade Point Value
A+	4.33
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
D-	.67
F	0.00
W	Withdrew
S	Awaiting grade from special exam/ incomplete

Academic Probation:

Any student who obtains a sessional grade point average of at least 1.00 and less than 1.50, and who has not already incurred probation, will be placed on academic probation, but is eligible to re-register. Students on probation may be placed on a reduced course load and are required to participate in the Academic Success and Support Program (ASSP).

Academic Dismissal:

- Any student who obtains a sessional grade point average less than 1.00 will be placed on dismissal.
- Any student placed on probation and registered in more than 15h in the succeeding fall/winter session who obtains a sessional grade point average less than 1.50 will be placed on dismissal.

Artificial Intelligence

Just like any tool, AI can be used well or used poorly!

- Some course instructors allow AI in certain contexts, and some prohibit its use entirely.
- Make sure that you clearly understand the AI policy for each class that you take (if you are not sure about something, ask!).
- Check out this Acadia-developed [AI literacy module on Moodle](#) . Completion of the module earns you a **Certificate of Completion**.

Academic Integrity

Responsible use of the work of other scholars

- Acadia has strict policies surrounding academic integrity which can be found [here](#)
- Penalties for breaches of academic integrity range from re-doing a piece of work to dismissal from the university
- Breaches of academic integrity include plagiarism and cheating
- A few examples:
 - Unauthorized use of AI (ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, MS Copilot, etc.)
 - Use of online homework platforms (such as Chegg, Course Hero)
 - Copying from another student (or allowing someone to copy from you!)
 - Submitting someone else's work as your own
 - Unauthorized communication with another student or use of a phone during a test or exam



Academic Supports

We want you to succeed!

- [Accessible Learning](#) – accommodations and support
- Office Hours – check your Moodle course pages for times and locations
- [MASH](#) – drop in for help with your intro math and stats courses!
- [Acadia Tutoring Service](#)
- Academic Advisor – meet with them yearly to make sure that you are on the right track!

Wrap around support services

Your well-being is important!

Acadia Student Union – Join a club! - [Clubs & Societies - Acadia University](#)

Student Health Centre - Your health, well-being and safety are a top priority at Acadia University. Our physicians will be your family doctor while you are away from home - [Student Health Centre - Acadia University](#)

Counselling Services - We are here to help. We provide confidential counselling services that can help students who are feeling worried, anxious or depressed, having relationship problems, addiction or academic concerns, or have experienced sexual violence - [Counselling Sessions - Acadia University](#)

Safety & Security – Safe walk and Campus Shuttle - [Department of Safety and Security - Acadia University](#)

Acadia Food Cupboard - [Food Assistance - Acadia University](#)

Volunteer in the Community – S.M.I.L.E., Wolfville Farmer's Market, L'Arche Homefires, Fire Departments, Front Street Oven etc.

Spiritual Well Being - [Manning Memorial Chapel - Manning Memorial Chapel \(acadiau.ca\)](#)

Physical Well Being - [Fitness - Recreation \(acadiau.ca\)](#)

Support Services Cont.

Your inclusion is a priority!

The Indigenous Student Society - states its purpose as “a place to connect with Indigenous students and non-indigenous students and develop community.” This strong group of Indigenous student leaders hosts campus events and endeavors to support the Indigenous student population at Acadia. [2020IndigenousStudentHandbook.pdf \(acadiau.ca\)](#)

Black Student Experience - The Office of African Descent Student Opportunity and Success provides Black students with academic, employment and community resources and engagement to facilitate their success. [Acadia University - Black Student Experience at Acadia](#)

2SLGBTQIA+ Students - We strive to make all students feel safe and welcome [2SLGBTQIA+ Students - Acadia University](#)

International Student Support – [The Wong international centre](#) offers international students a "home away from home". The WIC is located at 27 Acadia Street and is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Centre offers Wifi, a study room, and a kitchen where you can cook your favourite foods from home. You can also book the Centre to host an event.

Important contacts and additional information

- [Nadine Keith](#) (administrative assistant for Math and Stats)
- [Richard Karsten](#) (head of the Department)
- [myAcadia](#) (Self Service, Office 365)
- [The Academic Calendar](#)
- [Important Dates \(2026/2027\)](#)
- [MASH](#)
- [Accessible Learning](#)
- [Moodle](#)

**Have fun,
make memories
and enjoy your
university
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