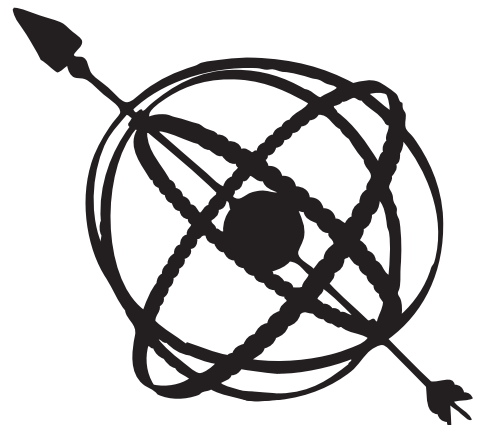
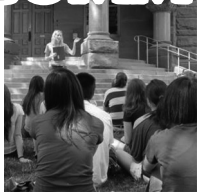




COMMUTER ORIENTATION 2011



TO VICTORIA AND BEYOND
VICTORIA COLLEGE ORIENTATION 2011

Dear commuter student,

Welcome to Victoria College! Here at Vic, we strive to provide commuter students with a comprehensive experience to integrate you into the Victoria College community. Now, you may be wondering, “what exactly is a commuter?” A commuter is any student not living in residence, whether you are down the street from campus, or you take the public transit to get to campus. Nearly 80% of Victoria College is commuter students! We are also one of the only colleges in the University of Toronto to offer extended programming exclusively for commuter students.

WHAT IS COMMUTER ORIENTATION ON AUGUST 6TH AND 7TH?

Prior to September’s Orientation Week, Commuter Orientation is a weekend of programming for commuter students. All students who register for Commuter Orientation are provided a room to stay in for Saturday night, and food for the weekend. Activities planned include talks on university life, information sessions, tours, socials, and lots of fun! Commuter Orientation hopes to create a community among commuter students and help integrate them into Vic campus life.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

1. Visit the Orientation website, vicorientation.ca, and under the “Present Orientation” tab click on “Registration” to find the registration form for the September 5th-9th Orientation Week. Alternatively, you can visit <https://resreg.vicu.utoronto.ca/orientation.php> to reach the same form.

2. Fill out the entire form to register for the September 5th-9th Orientation Week. There is a section devoted specifically for the August 6th-7th Commuter Orientation, where you can sign up for the weekend.

3. Pay the \$40 Registration fee, which pays for the residence room you will be staying in on Saturday night. There are two ways you can pay:

a. Send a cheque payable to Victoria University by Friday, July 29th, 2011. Address it to: Commuter Orientation 95 Charles Street West Toronto, Ontario M5S 1K9 (We recommend mailing in your payment ahead of time to ease the administrative process).

b. Bring your payment with you when you check-in for Commuter Orientation weekend on the morning of Saturday, August 6th.

4. Check-in to Commuter Orientation the morning of Saturday, August 6th in the Old Vic Foyer, located at 91 Charles Street West, between 9:30AM and 10:30AM. You will receive a room assignment as well as a small kit with some information and essential items for the weekend.

5. E-mail vic.orientation@utoronto.ca with any questions, and check the Orientation website for updates at vicorientation.ca.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if I can’t come to Commuter Orientation?

Don’t worry! Victoria College offers a lot of programming for commuter students during the year. One of the many ways you can get involved in the Vic community is by attending events sponsored by the Victoria Off-Campus Association (VOCA). These events include free weekly pancake breakfast for commuters, outings, and socials. There are also a wide variety of clubs and activities available on campus to get involved with, everything from sports to journalism. In addition, your Commuter Dons are here as your student mentors to help you with any personal, academic, financial, and social matters. They are also here to strive to create a more commuter-friendly environment on campus. Be on a look out for their office hours, as well as their social and educational programming planned for the year.

If I come to Commuter Orientation, can I still come to Orientation Week in September?

Yes! Our Orientation Week in September is for everyone, so please try to attend. We also provide commuter students the opportunity to stay in residence (free of charge!) during the week. If you wish to stay in residence during Orientation Week, please indicate this when filling out the online registration form by July 29th.

Are meals included during Commuter Orientation?

Yes! Your \$40 fee is the only thing you need to pay for the weekend. Have breakfast before coming to check-in, and bring some extra cash for snacks or coffee for yourself, but otherwise we’ve got you covered! There is a free lunch and dinner on Saturday, and a free breakfast and lunch on Sunday!

What about meals during Orientation Week (September 5th - 9th)?

Some meals will be included during Orientation Week, but not all will be provided. Orientation Meal vouchers for commuter students are available for purchase to cover these meals.

Orientation Meal Vouchers:

3 meals OR 5 meals in Burwash Dining Hall

3 vouchers for \$31.50 including tax

5 vouchers for \$52.00 including tax

You can purchase the Orientation Meal vouchers during registration at Commuter Orientation and during Orientation Week. Vouchers can be shared. They expire on Friday, September 9th after breakfast.

Meals Available in Burwash Dining Hall during Orientation Week:

Breakfast – Friday, September 9th

Brunch – Wednesday, September 7th and Thursday, September 9th

Dinner – Tuesday, September 6th and Wednesday, September 7th



WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

We will be providing you with some essential items for your stay, such as a towel and bedding, but here is a list of items that you may want to consider packing with you for the weekend:

- Toiletries
- A change of clothing
- Water bottle
- Spending Money (for yourself)
- Comfortable shoes (fit for some active fun)
- Umbrella (in case it rains)
- A piece of white clothing you don't mind tie-dying
- Pyjamas

MORE QUESTIONS? PLEASE ASK!

Parents and students, if you have any questions or concerns at all, please email vic.orientation@utoronto.ca or the Campus Life Coordinator, Kristina Minnella, at kristina.minnella@utoronto.ca and we will get back to you as soon as possible! We love to talk about Orientation Week, so if something is mildly unclear, please send us an email!

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Saturday, August 6th 2011

9:30AM-10:30AM: Check-In – Old Vic Foyer

Check in with us in the Old Vic Foyer. You will be receiving your residence key and Commuter Orientation kit full of good stuff! Here is also where you can pay your \$40 fee.

10:30AM-12PM: Welcome & Life as a Vic Commuter Student– Quad

Commuter Orientation will kick start with a warm welcome by your Exec and Commuter Dons. Then, get an inside scoop on what it's like to be a commuter student at Vic from a students' perspective.

12PM-1PM: VOCA Lunch – Old Vic Foyer

Enjoy lunch served by the Victoria Off-Campus Association (VOCA), the student group dedicated to commuter students at Vic. Watch them flip up their famous pancakes!

1PM-2PM: Campus Life Presentation – Alumni Hall

Victoria College and the University of Toronto have so much to offer as you transition into your university experience. This session will help you navigate through all of these amazing resources!

2PM-3PM: Tours – Meet in the Quad

Accompany your Exec and Leaders for a more intimate look at the U of T campus. Where are the lecture halls? Libraries? Quickest routes? Hang out places? Come with us and get acquainted with our corner of Toronto!

3:30PM-4:30PM: Mock Lecture – Emmanuel College 001

Feeling a little nervous about starting classes at U of T? Come get a taste of what a lecture is like at our mock lecture hosted by Dr.

Nicholas Rule, a professor from the psychology department. All students are welcome! It promises to be engaging and interesting no matter what you're studying!

4:30PM-6PM: Quad Party Social & Scavenger Hunt – Quad

Here's a break from the schedule with time for some sports, tie-dying, bracelet-making, and just hanging out. We'll also have a scavenger hunt for those who have a desire to hunt and sniff out treasure while exploring your new college! Come to the quad to enjoy these activities and relax in the heart of Vic. Bring a white piece of clothing for the tie-dying if you wish!

6PM-7:30PM: Dinner – Meet in the Quad

Here's a great opportunity to get know your Exec, Leaders, and fellow first year commuter students over dinner at a restaurant a little off campus. Meet us in the quad and we will walk over together.

7:30PM-8PM: Free Time

8PM-11PM: Party in the Birge Carnegie – Birge Carnegie Building

After a long day of fun activities, what better way to relax than... MORE fun activities! Popcorn, movies, board games and video games await you in the Cat's Eye!

Sunday, August 7th 2011

8:30AM-9AM: Wake Up & Pack Up

Pack your belongings and head out to the quad where we will meet to go to breakfast together.

9AM-10AM: Breakfast in Burwash – Burwash Dining Hall

Enjoy a warm breakfast and experience what it's like to eat in Burwash Dining Hall, the place where residence students eat their meals during the year.

10AM-11AM: How to Get Involved (with VOCA and VUSAC) – Alumni Hall

Getting involved is one of the most rewarding things to do at university. Come out and talk to your student reps for the upcoming year; they can't wait to answer your questions!

11AM-11:30AM: Goal Setting Activity & Closing Remarks – Alumni Hall

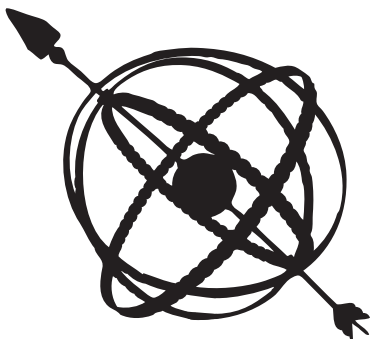
What are your goals for your first year in university? Kristina Minnella, the Campus Life Coordinator, will be leading a goal-setting activity to help you start on the right foot. Following afterwards is the closing of Commuter Orientation.

11:30PM: Pizza Party – Quad

Wrapping up the weekend, come by the quad to enjoy some pizza and say your "see you soon's" to those you met this weekend. Bring a blanket if you want and have a pizza picnic.



COMMUTER ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 TH	SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 TH	
8AM		WAKE UP & PACK UP	8AM
9	CHECK-IN 9:30AM - 10:30AM OLD VIC FOYER	BREAKFAST IN BURWASH 9AM - 10AM BURWASH DINING HALL	9
10	WELCOME & LIFE AS A VIC COMMUTER STUDENT 10:30AM - 12PM QUAD	HOW TO GET INVOLVED 10AM - 11AM ALUMNI HALL	10
11		GOAL SETTING & CLOSING 11AM - 11:30AM ALUMNI HALL	11
12PM	LUNCH WITH VOCA 12PM - 1PM OLD VIC FOYER	Pizza Party 11:30AM QUAD	12PM
1	CAMPUS LIFE PRESENTATION 1PM - 2PM ALUMNI HALL		1
2	TOURS 2PM - 3:30PM MEET IN THE QUAD		2
3	MOCK LECTURE 3:30PM - 4:30PM EMMANUEL COLLEGE 001		3
4	QUAD PARTY SOCIAL & SCAVENGER HUNT 4:30PM - 6PM QUAD		4
5			5
6	DINNER 6PM - 7:30PM MEET IN QUAD		6
7	FREE TIME		7
8		 <p>TO VICTORIA AND BEYOND VICTORIA COLLEGE ORIENTATION 2011</p>	8
9	PARTY IN THE BIRGE-CARNEGIE 8PM - 11PM BIRGE-CARNEGIE		9
10			10

