Land Acknowledgement

I wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.
Housekeeping & Setting the Space

- Learning space; asking questions
- Contribute to the convo how you want; mic, chat, jam board
- Commitment from us to follow through
- Feel welcome to post questions throughout
- *What else should we commit to during our time together today?*
Introductions

**Todd Le Blanc**, Assistant Director, First-year Student Success and Transition (TrackOne Advisor)

**Leslie Grife**, Associate Director, First Year Programs

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Director, First Year Curriculum
Session Overview:

- First Year Foundations
- Program structure – courses and schedule
- Tuition payment, scholarships and financial aid
- Services and resources at U of T
- Connect with U of T Engineering
- Q&A
What are you most excited about for first year?
What are you most unsure about?
What are you hoping to learn today?
Session Outcomes:

By the end of this session, students will...

- Understand what they can expect in First Year
- Recognize the supports they have available to help navigate First Year
- Identify what they still have to complete before classes begin
- Develop a summer action plan
- Ask questions they have concerning their transition into First Year Engineering
First Year Office & Engineering Science Office

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Academics
- Midterms, Assignments, Quizzes, Exams
- Course/Program selections
- Program transfers
- Struggling in class
- Missed an exam
- Unsure of University and Faculty policies

Personal Issues
- Feeling isolated, homesick
- Can’t make tuition payment
- Can’t concentrate in class
- Depressed, anxious or Overwhelmed
- Feeling generally lost on campus

Your First Point of Contact
First Year Foundations

First Year Foundations

uoft.me/fyf2021

- Academic Orientation (July 5 & July 7)
- Success 101: Academic Skills Mini Course (July 16, Aug 11 & Aug 22)
- Engineering Study Skills (July 21 & Aug 17)
- Summer Math Success Program
- Engineering Design 101
- Engineering Problem Solving and Mathematics
Success 101: Academic Skills Mini Course

- Modules covering academic tools, hear from your future profs and meet some of your peers

Engineering Study Skills

- Workshops on studying, note-taking, and managing your time effectively in engineering

Engineering Design 101 ($)

- One-week design communications course to help you build a strong academic foundation with a practical design challenge
Summer Math Options

Summer Math Success Program

- Review key mathematical concepts and see how they are applied in university-level calculus and algebra
- Utilize Math Self-Assessment Quizes
- Individualized learning plan

Engineering Problem Solving and Mathematics ($)

- Week-long course will provide you the tools to build a strong math foundation and understand how engineers use mathematics to solve problems

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<th>Summer Math Success Program</th>
<th>Engineering Problem Solving and Mathematics</th>
<th>APS162: Calculus for Engineers I</th>
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<td>July/August</td>
<td>August 9-13 9 AM – 5 PM</td>
<td>July 5 – August 25</td>
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<td>Free</td>
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**Early Start Options**

[Link: uoft.me/earlystart]

**Dates:** July 5 – August 25, 2021

**Eligibility:** Students in TrackOne or any Core 8 program may take one of either APS162 or APS164

**Cost & Registration:** No additional costs for new students as it is included in 2021-22 Fall-Winter tuition.

### APS162*: Calculus for Engineers I (included in your fall/winter fees)

- Summer online university-level calculus course that will replace MAT186 in your fall term

### APS164*: Introductory Chemistry from a Materials Perspective (included in your fall/winter fees)

- Summer online university-level calculus course that will replace APS110 in your fall term

*This course is not available to EngSci or International Foundation Program (IFP) students.

*Core 8 + TrackOne can only take one of these in summer*
Key Academic Dates

- First Day of Classes: September 9
- Fall Classes End: December 8
- Fall Break: November 8-12
- Final Examination Period: December 10-22
- Winter Classes Begin: January 10
- Reading Week: February 21-25
- Winter Classes End: April 14
- Final Examination Period: April 19-30

uoft.me/engcalendar
Common Terminology

- Courses/Classes
- Lecture/Lecturettes
- Term/Semester
- Sessional Average
- Academic Standing
Your Schedule

- Lecture
- Tutorial
- Practical

- How to find your classes?
  - map.utoronto.ca
How much time should I expect to spend on school?

You can expect to work **50-60 hours per week**

- Attending classes
- Studying (on your own or in groups – GEARS)
- Doing problem sets
- Completing assignments
- Preparing for quizzes, midterms, and exams
- Group assignments/projects
Recipe for "Success"

- Attend your classes
- Make a study schedule and stick to it
- Avoid procrastinating
- Ask for help when you need it
- Balance co-curriculars and academics
- Take care of yourself – sleep, stay active, eat well, do the things you enjoy
Learning Online

- The Office of the Vice Provost, Students has shared minimum technical requirements to access remote/online learning.

- Recommended accessories, internet connectivity and accessing software like the Microsoft Office Suite of applications are addressed.

- [https://www.viceprovoststudents.utoronto.ca/covid-19/tech-requirements-online-learning/](https://www.viceprovoststudents.utoronto.ca/covid-19/tech-requirements-online-learning/)
Online Learning Resources

There are resources available to support your learning online through the *Academic Success Centre*!

- [Studying, Concentration & Memory](#)
- [Online Exams and Tests](#)
- [Understanding Academic Integrity](#)
- [Academic Success Resources Course on Quercus](#)

[uoft.me/asc](http://uoft.me/asc)
Inclusive Learning

- U of T Engineering is committed to creating inclusive learning spaces and online harassment and discrimination is not acceptable.
- You are now a member of a professional school.
- Practice good netiquette - communicate responsibly and respectfully.
- The Faculty’s Statement on the values of equity, diversity and inclusion can be found here: uoft.me/engedi
Grades

If you are concerned, seek help early and often

- Meet with your academic advisor
- Guided Engineering Academic Review Sessions (GEARS)
- Visit your TA’s and Professors’ Office Hours
- Visit the Academic Success Centre website and book an appointment to meet with a learning strategist

There are grade requirements in engineering – “promotion regulations”

- Based on your course grades and term average
- Promotion regulations are different for the Fall and Winter terms, and Engineering Science and the Core 8
- Rules and regulations can be found in the Engineering Calendar – [uoft.me/engcalendar](http://uoft.me/engcalendar)
Registrar’s Office

- Enrollment letters
- RESP Forms (June/July)
- Scholarships & Financial Aid
- Engineering Portal: [https://portal.engineering.utoronto.ca](https://portal.engineering.utoronto.ca)
  - Petitions, exam requests, transfer application, e-Portfolio
- Engineering Calendar: [uoft.me/engcalendar](https://uoft.me/engcalendar)
  - Important dates, rules and regulations, course descriptions
Financial Aid

Pierina Filippone, Assistant Registrar Scholarships & Financial Aid
awards@ecf.utoronto.ca

- Student Loans
- UTAPS (U of T Advance Planning for Students)
- Paying Tuition Fees
- Fee Deferrals
**Student Loans**

**Apply Now!** – Online through your province’s loan website

- Links to provincial loan websites and more information about student loans can be found here: uoft.me/studentloans

- It’s best to apply as soon as possible; we recommend no later than mid-June

*For Canadian Citizens, permanent residents and protected persons. Financial information for international students can be found on the Centre for International Experience website: www.cie.utoronto.ca*
UTAPS (U of T Advance Planning for Students)

To qualify you **must** already have an assessment for a provincial loan

**Receiving OSAP?** You may be asked to verify your income in order to be considered for UTAPS after you receive your first installment of OSAP in the fall

**Receiving out of province government assistance?** Then you will need to apply for UTAPS online at [uoft.me/utaps](http://uoft.me/utaps)

- Must have your provincial loan assessment before applying
- Decisions for out-of-province students will be made late fall
If you’re an OSAP recipient, you will automatically be considered for UTAPS.

Completed loan assessment for StudentAidBC and will have to visit UTAPS website.
Paying Tuition Fees

www.fees.utoronto.ca

Deadline to pay tuition is **August 19, 2021**

- You can pay the full amount or just the Fall tuition
- Winter tuition deadline is November 30
- Account number is found on your ACORN Invoice
  - First 5 characters of your last name + student number

Payment methods:

- **Online/telephone banking**: add “University of Toronto” to your existing bill payments
- **In person** – take your invoice to your bank
- **International students** – Western Union GlobalPay

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### Planning for Tuition Payment

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| August 19    | - Last day to defer  
                - Full payment of fall term fees (OR you can pay full tuition amount) |
| November 30  | - Winter tuition deadline                                           |

Account number for Alex is: **SMITH1234567890**

Meet Alex Smith!
Fee Deferrals

www.fees.utoronto.ca

If you are receiving a government loan or scholarship you may be able to defer your fee payment:

- Deadline to defer your fees is **August 19, 2021**
- **OSAP** – if you applied for OSAP before **mid-June** you will be able to defer in ACORN
- Fee deferral for OSAP recipients is done online on ACORN
- OSAP funds are sent directly to the University to be applied towards tuition
- Pay Fall Term fees by September 30 to avoid 1.5% monthly service charges which begin October 15 and Winter Term fees by January 31. Monthly service charges for outstanding winter fees begin February 15.

**Scholarships** – if your scholarship is equal or greater than your Fall Term tuition you may defer your fees: uoft.me/engdefer
To register for the upcoming Fall term, U of T requires each student to make a specified minimum payment towards their tuition.

Alex has been approved for OSAP.

Alex will request a fee deferral via ACORN so they can be registered without making the minimum payment.
According to her ACORN invoice, Sam’s Fall 2021 tuition and her minimum payment to register is $7,500. She is receiving a scholarship of $2,000.

Sam can deduct her scholarship amount from her minimum payment, and register by paying $5,500.
Online Tools and Websites

uoft.me/engtools

- Summary of various websites and tools that you will likely use in first year (and continuing)
- Access tech support if you need assistance with the platforms
ACORN

www.acorn.utoronto.ca

- Verify your personal information
- Check your fees account balance
- Obtain your course schedule
U of T’s Learning Management System
Course information and syllabuses
Assignments and grades
Information hub for all first year students
Check often!
Book advising appointments
Complete your scholarship e-Portfolio
Submit a petition
Final Exam Services
Accessibility Services

uoft.me/accessibilityservices

Register by July 14, 2021 @ 5PM EDT!

- Incoming students who need academic accommodations should submit their registration packages by **July 14** in order to secure accommodations in time for the first day of classes.

- Registration packages can and should be submitted after this time however accommodations cannot be guaranteed for the first day of classes. Newly admitted students can register here as soon as they accept their offer.
TCard

Access to online services like email (UTmail+), Quercus, library resources, Microsoft365 apps, network services for international students, WiFi on campus, and more.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HvD8aLkRBGc

Newly admitted fall students can submit a photo using the MyPhoto system, which will be used for your Tcard when the office re-opens.
Guide to First Year

https://firstyear.engineering.utoronto.ca/

- First-Year Success Team
- Key dates
- Preparing for U of T Engineering
- Apply for scholarships and financial aid
- Setting up email and computer accounts, calculators and textbooks
- Register for First Year Foundations programs
- Getting your Tcard
- Planning for tuition payment
U of T Resources

- [www.studentlife.utoronto.ca](http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca)
  - Accessibility Services
  - Academic Success Centre
  - Health & Wellness Centre

- [www.skule.ca](http://www.skule.ca)
  - The Engineering Society
  - Engineering Clubs
  - Engineering Stores, Suds, Hardhat Café

- U of T Engineering – [https://uoft.me/engineeringresources](https://uoft.me/engineeringresources)
  - Math Aid Office
  - Engineering Communication Program
  - Learning Skills Strategist
  - Accessibility Advisor
  - Wellness Counsellor
  - Troost
Connect with U of T Engineering

First Year News Feed
- Sent weekly from June 2021 to May 2022
- Includes important dates, resources and opportunities
- Emailed to your email address on ACORN

2T5 Blog: Inside scoop on life as an Engineering Student
- [http://uoft.me/engstudentblog](http://uoft.me/engstudentblog)
- [orientation.engsci.utoronto.ca/](orientation.engsci.utoronto.ca/)

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What questions do you have?
Frequently Asked Questions

- The First Year Office addresses some of the common questions that new students have here: [http://uoft.me/fyfaq](http://uoft.me/fyfaq)

- Dean Yip shares updates that are emailed to you and can be found here: [http://uofteng.ca/covid19](http://uofteng.ca/covid19)

- The University has updates on COVID19: [http://uoft.me/coronavirus](http://uoft.me/coronavirus)
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