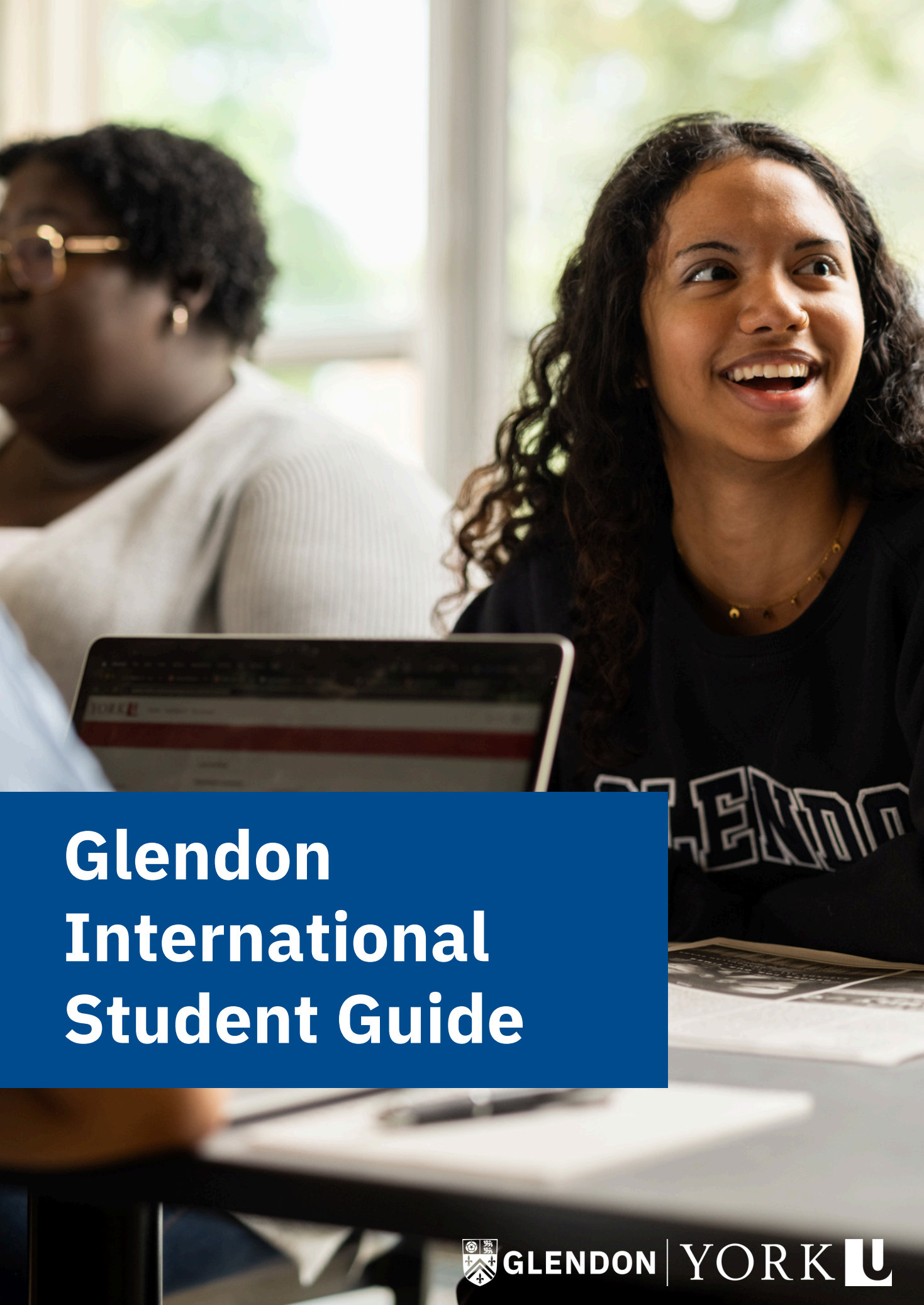


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Glendon International Student Guide



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Welcome to Glendon!

Welcome to Glendon College of York University! Congratulations on your admission and on choosing to pursue your studies at our beautiful campus.

As you embark on this exciting journey, we understand that moving to a new country and starting university can be both thrilling and overwhelming. This guide is created to support you through the first steps of your transition to Glendon College and life in Toronto.

At Glendon, you will benefit from the expertise of professors who specialize in bilingual education and from a learning environment designed to support your academic success. This includes lectures tailored to your language level and needs, welcoming and inclusive spaces, and access to a dedicated team of professionals who are committed to helping you thrive throughout your university journey.

We look forward to welcoming you very soon and wish you every success in your studies!

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Arriving in Canada

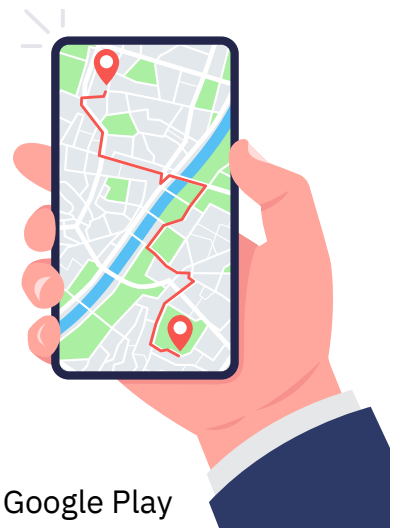
1. Documents to bring with you to the airport upon arrival

The big move to Toronto is finally around the corner! To ensure a smooth arrival in Canada, keep all important documents in your carry-on luggage rather than in your checked baggage. Before you travel, make sure to check [the Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada website](#) for all the required documents you need to present upon entry.

2. Getting to Glendon from Pearson International Airport

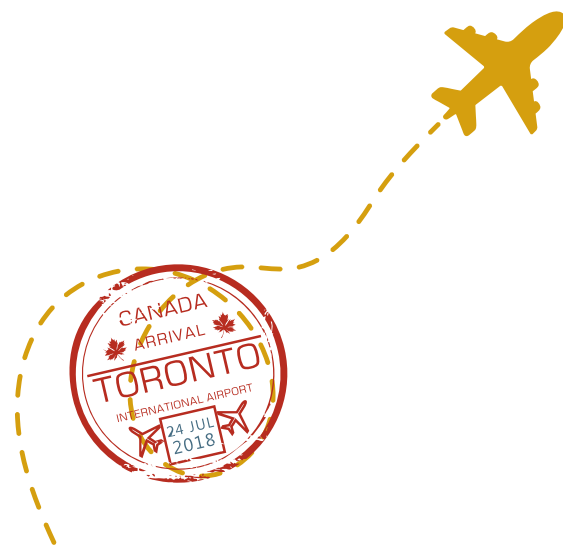
By Taxi

Find a taxi when you arrive at the airport. More information available on the [airport website](#). Provide your taxi driver with Glendon's address (2275 Bayview Avenue, at the corner of Bayview and Lawrence) as well as the name of your residence (Hilliard or Wood) and ask to be dropped off in front of your residence building.



Ride Share App (Uber & Lyft)

1. Download the “[Uber](#)” or “[Lyft](#)” app from the App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Create an account
3. Indicate your location (which terminal you are) and select your Uber/Lyft (please note: this option requires a credit card to be added directly onto the app, or the use of Apple pay). Indicate your destination with the name of your residence building.



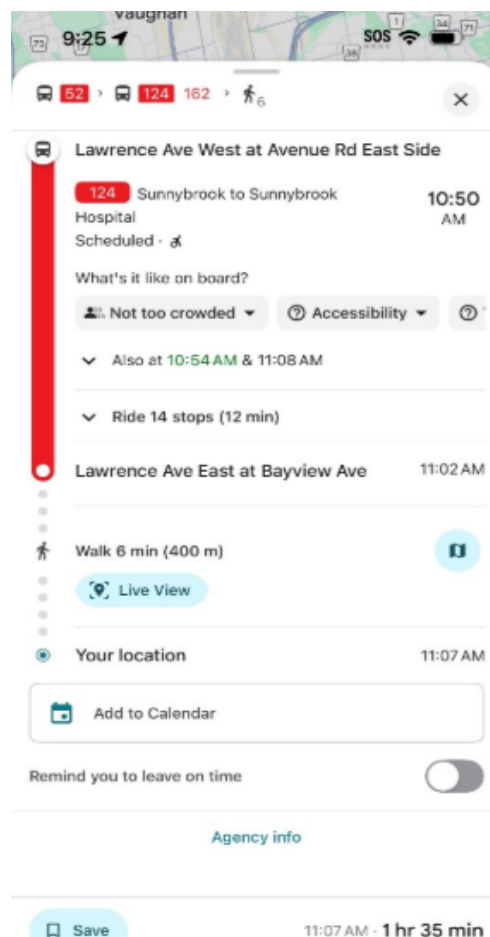
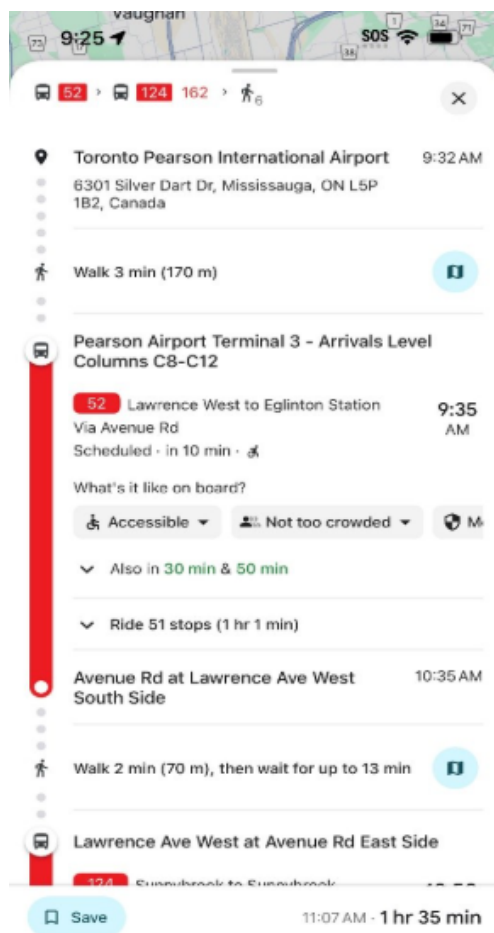
By Bus

Option 1: Bus 900 Airport Express + Subway + Bus 124/162

- From Terminal 1 or 3, take the TTC 900 Airport Express.
- → It brings you to Kipling Station (≈ 20 min).
- At Kipling, take Subway Line 2 (eastbound) to Bloor–Yonge.
- Transfer to Line 1 (northbound) and get off at Lawrence Station.
- Go upstairs to street level and take the 124 Sunnybrook or 162 Lawrence-Donway (eastbound).
- Get off at Bayview & Lawrence East or 306 Lawrence Ave East – Glendon Campus.

Option 2: Bus 52 + Bus 124/162

- Take the TTC 52 Lawrence West bus from the airport.
- → Get off at Lawrence Station.
- Then take the 124 or 162 eastbound.
- Get off at Bayview & Lawrence East or 306 Lawrence Ave East.



Settling In

1. Your YU-Card (student card)

Your YU-card is your official York University photo ID card. It also serves as an access key to residence if you live on campus, your library card and ID card for exams, and grants you access to the Glendon-Keele Shuttle Service. The YU-card is free. However, lost cards will be subject to a \$20 replacement charge.

- Step 1: Apply for your YU-card - Submit a [YU-card Application](#).
- Step 2: Get your photo approved - Once submitted, wait for email approvals.
- Step 3: Get your YU-card - Add your mobile YU-card to your digital wallet.

For more information about YU cards. Please contact the YU card office at by email at yucard@yorku.ca and by phone at 416-736-5674.

2. Public Transit TTC (Toronto Transit Commission)

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates Toronto's public transportation system, including buses, streetcars, and subway lines. A TTC bus stop is conveniently located at the main entrance to the Glendon campus, and the fare of a single adult trip is \$3.35 (2026 rates), the cost of a monthly [post-secondary student pass](#) is \$128.15 (2026 rates).

- The bus stop is serviced by these bus routes: 124 and 11. If you wish to go downtown, take the 124 bus to Lawrence Station.
- The number 11 bus will either take you north to Bayview Station and the Bayview Village Shopping Centre, or south to Leaside Station and then to Davisville Station.

Students must carry their TTC Post-Secondary Photo ID when using their monthly Post-Secondary Monthly Pass and present it upon request by TTC staff. The TTC Post-Secondary Photo ID can be obtained at the TTC Photo ID Office at [Bathurst Station](#) or through on-campus school visits.

Alternatively, you can create a digital PRESTO card for free through the PRESTO app (or Google Wallet / Apple Wallet, depending on your device).



You must bring the following when getting a photo ID:

- Proof of full-time enrollment
- One piece of government issued photo ID, or school ID. Digital screenshots or electronic versions of documents are accepted. Quality should be clear and sufficient to read all details. Student name, post-secondary school name, and dates of study should be visible on the document. Old documents from previous semesters will not be accepted.

The cost of the Photo ID card is \$5.25 at Bathurst Station.

A Toronto subway map can be found [here](#).

For more information on public transit, please visit <https://www.ttc.ca/>.

3. Bank account

You will want to consider your method of money transfer into Canadian funds prior to your departure. A small amount of cash is probably the best option for small, immediate expenditures upon your arrival.

Canada has five major banks, each with locations close to Glendon. You may want to check if your home bank has an affiliation with any of these banks:

- Royal Bank (RBC)
- Bank of Montreal (BMO)
- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC)
- Toronto Dominion Bank (TD)
- Bank of Nova Scotia (Scotiabank)



You will likely want to open a bank account at one of these banks when you arrive in Toronto. You might want to consider obtaining an international credit card such as VISA or Master Card prior to your departure as they are widely accepted in Canada.

4. Cell Phone Plan

It is recommended that you investigate each one to best fit your cellphone needs. Most of them have a student special as well so make sure you ask about it. Here are a few cellphone providers available in Toronto.

- [Public Mobile](#)
- [Freedom](#)
- [Koodo](#)
- [Telus](#)
- [Fido](#)
- [Rogers](#)



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5. Groceries & essentials

Here are some nearby supermarkets:

1. [CityMarket](#) at Lawrence Station
2. [Metro](#) (most cost effective) at Lawrence Station
3. [Loblaws](#) at York Mills
4. [Food Basics](#) at Sheppard-Yonge Station
5. [Walmart](#) at Eglinton Avenue East, Scarborough

Other useful stores for essentials:

1. [Dollarama at Lawrence Station](#)
2. [Shoppers Drug Mart](#)
3. [Ikea](#)

6. Social Insurance Number

A Social Insurance Number (SIN) is a nine-digit number that you need in order to work in Canada or to have access to government programs and benefits. The expiry date of your SIN, especially if it is a temporary SIN (which starts with a 9), will match the date provided in your immigration documents. You can renew your SIN as you renew your study or work permit.

Find detail about how to apply for a SIN on the [York International](#) and the [ServiceCanada](#) websites.

7. Working during your studies

If you hold a valid study permit, you may be eligible to work while you study. As an international student, your study permit will allow you to:

- work up to 24 hours per week during regular academic sessions; and
- work full-time during scheduled breaks, such as the winter and summer holidays or spring break.

You must ensure you meet the conditions of your study permit. Further information on eligibility requirements as well as work opportunities is available on the [York International website](#).

8. Taxes in Canada

In Canada, if you earn income from employment or receive scholarships and/or bursaries, you are required to file a tax return. Even if you did not receive any income, scholarships or bursaries, it may still be beneficial to file your taxes in order to access credits, refunds and other government benefits and programs.

The tax year is based on the calendar year, or January 1 to December 31st. Income tax forms must be submitted by April 30 of the following year. See the details on [the Filing Your Taxes in Canada](#) webpage.

9. Winter clothing

Winter temperatures can drop to -20°C , typically during January and February. Be prepared to dress warmly. Indoor temperatures are maintained at a comfortable level (approximately 20°C).

Month	Sunshine (h/d)	Average T min ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Average T max ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Record T min ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Record T max ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Precipitation (mm)	Wet days
January	2	-8	0	-32	13	68	16
February	4	-8	0	-32	14	60	12
March	4	-4	4	-27	26	65	13
April	6	2	11	-15	33	63	12
May	7	8	18	-4	33	73	13
June	9	13	24	-2	37	68	11
July	9	16	27	4	40	73	10
August	8	15	26	4	40	68	9
September	7	12	22	-2	35	73	12
October	5	5	14	-9	30	60	11
November	3	0	7	-21	20	70	13
December	2	-5	2	-30	17	65	13





Toronto offers a variety of options for international students to buy winter clothing on a budget. Here are some affordable places to shop for winter gear:

Thrift Stores

- Value Village: Offers a wide range of second-hand clothing, including winter wear. You can find good deals on coats, jackets, and other essentials.
- Salvation Army Thrift Store: Another great place for budget-friendly winter clothing.
- Goodwill: Offers second-hand clothing at reasonable prices.

Discounted Stores

- Winners: Known for its brand-name clothing at discounted prices. They often have winter coats and accessories on sale.
- Marshalls: Like Winners, with a good selection of winter wear at reduced prices.

Department Stores

- Canadian Tire: Offers budget-friendly winter clothing and gear, including outerwear.

Fashion Retailers

- H&M: Offers trendy winter clothing at affordable prices. Look for sales and discounts.
- Zara: They often have stylish winter wear on a budget, especially if you catch a sale.
- Uniqlo: Known for its good quality and reasonably-priced winter basics.

Online Shopping

- Amazon Canada: Good for finding deals on winter clothing, especially if you're comfortable with online shopping and waiting for delivery.
- Facebook Marketplace: You can find local sellers offering new or gently used winter clothing at lower prices.

If you're looking for higher-end winter clothing options in Toronto, here are some upscale retailers and brands where you can find quality winter wear: Holt Renfrew, Harry Rosen, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom, Rudsak, Mackage and Canada Goose.

Tips for Shopping on a Budget



Sales and Discounts: Always look out for sales, especially during seasonal changes.



Quality vs. Cost: Balance affordability with durability. Sometimes spending a bit more on a high-quality coat can be more cost-effective in the long run.



Layering: Invest in good base layers and accessories like thermal socks, which can keep you warm without needing a heavy coat.



Exploring Toronto

Toronto is Canada's largest city and the capital of the province of Ontario. It is one of North America's most popular destinations.

Why not take the opportunity to visit a few attractions during your stay?



- The Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO)
- Casa Loma Castle
- Eaton Centre
- The Toronto Zoo
- St. Lawrence Market
- Kensington Market
- The Royal Conservatory of Music
- Spadina House
- MacKenzie House
- Fort York National Historic Site
- The Toronto Music Garden
- The Toronto Botanical Garden.

- The CN Tower
- Sankofa Square
- Nathan Phillips Square
- Ripley's Aquarium
- The Ontario Science Centre
- Le théâtre français de Toronto
- The Aga Khan Museum
- The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)
- The Bata Shoe Museum
- The Textile Museum of Canada
- The Museum of Television

You can save money by purchasing a [CityPass](#), which gives you access to five attractions: the CN Tower, Casa Loma, the ROM, Ripley's Aquarium, and the Toronto Zoo or Ontario Science Centre.

You can buy the pass at: <https://www.citypass.com/toronto>.

Useful Tips for Success

1. Visit us in the [Student Affairs Office](#) and join Zone International activities to get involved and to make new friends

There are many ways to participate in student life. Here are a few tips to get you started:

- Join or create a club.
- Take part in events hosted by the GCSU, your student union.
- Take part in workshops, social and cultural activities organized by Zone International which is a community of international and exchange students where diversity is celebrated and creates meaningful connections with others.

2. Consult [Academic](#) and [Financial](#) Services

Once you have arrived at Glendon, feel free to contact Academic Services with any questions related to your student records, including your registration, student card, proof of enrolment, grades, degree requirements, or course selection.

If you have questions related to your financial profile, including tuition payments, scholarships, financial aid, or tax forms, please do not hesitate to contact Student Financial Services.

3. Consult [York International Office](#) regarding any immigration questions

York International at York University is the office dedicated to supporting international students and fostering global engagement within the university community. It offers a range of services and resources to help international students adjust to life at York University and in Canada.

4. Visit [Counselling, Health & Well-being Services](#) at Glendon

Glendon Counselling Services offers a variety of resources. Experienced counsellors are available to assist students throughout their time at Glendon.

All information you share with your counsellor will remain strictly confidential and will not be disclosed to any third party without your duly signed authorization. Counselling sessions may be booked by contacting Counselling Services in person or over the phone.

5. Discover the [Glendon Athletics Club \(GAC\)](#)

While taking care of your emotional and mental well-being is essential, it is equally important to look after your physical health. The Glendon Athletics Club offers the perfect space to stay active, work out, and maintain a balanced lifestyle. Keeping your body healthy directly supports your energy, focus, and academic success. Find out more [here](#).

6. Use the [Leslie Frost Library](#)

Leslie Frost Library houses a remarkable collection of more than 300,000 documents in French, English, and Spanish, including a vast assortment of electronic resources.

7. Take advantage of the [Salon Francophone](#) and get help from the [Career and Development Centre](#)

If you would like to learn French or improve your French-language skills, the Salon Francophone is a positive environment open to all, where students can practice their conversation skills with language monitors and take part in weekly Francophone activities.

The Career Development Centre, located in York Hall A224, helps students and recent graduates navigate skills development and career exploration by way of one-on-one appointments, workshops, and recruitment opportunities.

8. Explore the [Glendon Media Lab](#)

The Glendon Media Lab is your space to create, innovate, and bring your ideas to life. Whether you're interested in video production, podcasting, digital storytelling, or graphic design, the lab provides the tools, technology, and guidance you need. Unleash your creativity and make your voice heard at the Glendon Media Lab by clicking [here](#).

Contact List



Join our [WhatsApp](#) group and meet other international students!

For urgent matters please contact **Yuko Sorano** at 647- 261-9856 (by phone or WhatsApp) or by email at: yuko.sorano@glendon.yorku.ca.

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