

Your future, your degree, your way.

LA&PS International Student Handbook 2026-27

liberal arts & professional studies | YORK UNIVERSITÉ UNIVERSITY

Top 18%
of Global Universities
(The World University Ranking, 2025)

38th
in the World
(Times Higher Education Impact Ranking, 2025)

Top 100
Best Diversity Employers
(Canada's Best Diversity Employers, 2025)

3rd
Best Comprehensive University in Ontario
(Maclean's, 2025)

5th
Best Comprehensive University in Canada
(Maclean's, 2025)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

3 LA&PS: You Belong Here
4 Make Toronto Your Home
5 Financial Supports
6 Student Supports
7 Top International Student Program Picks
8 Personalize Your Learning Experience
9 From Classroom to Career
10 Transition with Ease



"When our international students choose our programs in LA&PS, they are not only getting a world-class education in one of Canada's largest and most multicultural institutions, but they are also getting access to various supplementary programming to ensure academic success, professional and personal growth. Most of all, our international students become part of our vibrant global community with LA&PS as their home away from home."

— M. J. (Maria João) Maciel Jorge, LA&PS Associate Dean, Global & Community Engagement

Welcome to LA&PS!

York University is recognized world-wide for its academic excellence and research contributions, attracting students from all corners of the globe who aspire to a top-quality education.

York's Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS) is one of the largest and most diverse Faculties in Canada. With more than 100 degrees and certificates available, you can combine programs, bridge disciplines or add a professional certificate to your degree to enhance your career prospects. Our value-added approach to education will make you agile and adaptable in an ever-changing world.

To complement your studies, we also provide a range of academic and support services such as free tutoring, student counselling and co-op opportunities to guide and elevate you throughout your academic and personal journey.

Each year, we are privileged to welcome thousands of international students from various parts of the world. By becoming a member of our Faculty, you will be embraced by a global community, sharing experiences with peers from over 175 countries.

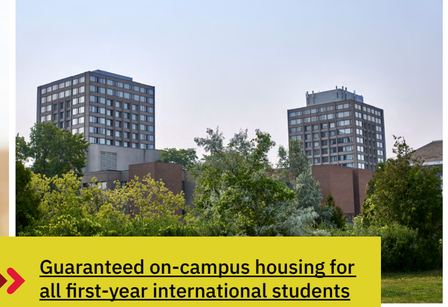
We look forward to welcoming you to LA&PS and wish you all the best in your academic endeavours.

LA&PS: You Belong Here

Join a diverse community at the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, located at York University's Keele Campus in Toronto, Ontario.

Our self-contained community offers convenient access to amenities including restaurants, recreational facilities, a medical clinic, libraries, banking services and retail stores. Students benefit from a range of support services, including international advisors for immigration and degree planning, language support programs and intercultural workshops.

Explore over 300 student clubs and enjoy events hosted by our four colleges: McLaughlin College, Vanier College, Founders College and New College. Conveniently located just 20 minutes from Toronto Pearson Airport and downtown Toronto, York's Keele Campus provides easy access to economic and cultural centres in the greater Toronto area.



» Guaranteed on-campus housing for all first-year international students

17,056
total LA&PS students

3,115
international LA&PS students from 175+ countries

100+
LA&PS undergraduate degrees and certificates

Why choose LA&PS?



"Living on campus at York has been a transformative experience for me. It pushed me out of my comfort zone and allowed me to forge numerous new connections. The campus environment felt very secure and the convenience of being close to both my classes and work was incredibly beneficial."

— **Tanisha Tanna**, 4th year international student, BCom Honours in Marketing



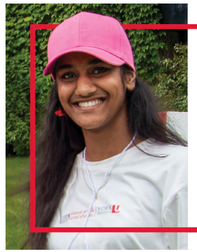
City Hall



Chinatown



Blue Jays Game



"Toronto's diverse culture has enriched my student experience. Interacting with people, exploring different cultures and enjoying global cuisines have made my time here truly remarkable. The city's vibrant arts scene, including renowned galleries like the Art Gallery of Ontario and events like Taste of India, has further enhanced my experiences outside the classroom."

— **Dipanpreet Kaur**, 2nd year international student, BA Honours English & Professional Writing

Make Toronto Your Home

Canada is renowned for its multiculturalism and inclusivity, and Toronto exemplifies this diversity with its vibrant diasporic communities, including those with roots in China, India, Ghana, Italy, Iran and Jamaica, among many others. For international students, the city offers an enriching experience through its cultural vibrancy, economic opportunities and high standard of living.

As a hub for business, technology, finance, entertainment and art, Toronto provides students with ample opportunities for placements, co-ops and networking events.

Enjoy the thrill of living in a city rich with sports and entertainment, where you can watch the Toronto Blue Jays, Maple Leafs and the Raptors. You can also explore iconic attractions like the CN Tower, Ripley's Aquarium and the Royal Ontario Museum.

Canada
4th in Best Countries Report
(US News & World Report, 2024)

Toronto
Largest City in Canada

Safest City
in North America
(The Economist, 2021)

200
Languages spoken

Financial Supports

We are committed to providing financial support for international students, including scholarships, bursaries and work-study opportunities to help you pursue your academic and career goals.



"I have been fortunate to receive a bursary twice from LA&PS, which has been a significant help in paying off my tuition. As an international student, the financial burden can be high, so receiving this support has been crucial to my success."

— **Bani Khurana,** 1st year international student, BCom Honours in Finance

International Student Scholarships

York International Entrance Award: Valued at $5,000 and awarded to international students entering the Faculty with a final admission average of 75-79.9% or equivalent.

York International Merit Award: Available to international students with a final average of 80-84.9% or equivalent. This scholarship is renewable annually, with students eligible to receive up to a maximum of $25,000 over four years of study.

York International Scholarship of Distinction: Awarded to international students with a final average of 85% or higher. This scholarship is renewable annually, with students eligible to receive up to a maximum of $37,500 over four years of study.

Check out all international awards

Earn & learn by participating in work-study opportunities

On-campus student jobs are an excellent way to gain practical experience and earn money to help you off-set the cost of education.

Student Supports

From academic advising to free tutoring, we have a wide array of student supports available to help you every step of the way.

LA&PS Colleges



Enjoy programming and events from one of our four colleges, from pre-arrival to graduation.

Free Tutoring



Take advantage of our Student Numeracy Assistance Centre at Keele (SNACK) and Peer-Assisted Study Sessions (PASS).

ESL Open Learning Centre (OLC)



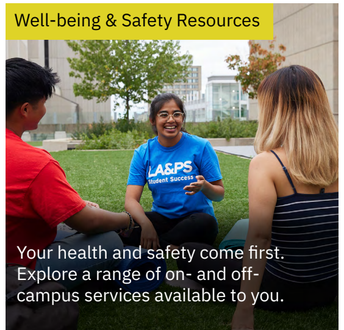
Access support for reading, speaking and writing in English.

Writing Centre



Work on your reading, writing and critical thinking skills.

Well-being & Safety Resources



Your health and safety come first. Explore a range of on- and off-campus services available to you.



"As an international student, I had a very positive experience with the ESL Open Learning Centre. The tutors and facilitators were very patient and professional, and gave me a lot of helpful suggestions for revisions. The services are particularly helpful for international students who are a bit shy and would like to practice their presentation and conversation skills."

— **Songge Claire Shi**, LA&PS international student

Top International Student Program Picks

At the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, we offer an exceptional selection of degrees, certificates and versatile major-minor combinations.

Explore our programs

Business Economics
Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Learn strategic thinking necessary for understanding the role of business and government in the economy. Career options: banking, business, finance and government.

Business & Society
Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Gain an in-depth understanding of the impact of business on society and the relations between industry, social structures and government. Career options: public policy analyst, fair trade consultant, green business specialist, non-profit and/or community-based organizational manager.

Commerce
Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)

Stand out to your future employer with one of nine streams: accounting, business research, business technology management, entrepreneurship & innovation, finance, human resource management, marketing, management or supply chain management. Career options: accounting, marketing, logistics & supply chain management, banking, investment, financial analysis and human resources.

Communication & Media Studies
Bachelor of Arts (BA)
International Bachelor of Arts (iBA)

Gain sound analytical skills to apply a critical lens to mass media and communication. Learn to question, analyze and creatively reflect on communication mediums. Career options: brand management, copywriting, event planning, policy and social justice.

Information Technology
Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)

Learn from research-driven faculty and industry professionals experienced in dynamic areas such as information retrieval, business analysis, cloud computing, IT strategy, data analytics, IT project management and information visualization. Career options: business analyst, IT professional, project manager and technical careers like web development and technical consulting.

English Language Test	Minimum Score Required
TOEFL Test of English as a Foreign Language	88
IELTS International English Language Testing Service (Academic Module)	6.5
Pearson PTE Academic	60
Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL)	60
Cambridge English Language Assessment (CAE, CPE)	C1 Advanced (no score below 180)
Duolingo	120

100+
LA&PS undergraduate degrees and programs

Top 5
in Canada for philosophy, English language & literature, accounting & finance, anthropology, history, sociology and social policy & administration (QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2025)



Personalize Your Learning Experience

Bridge disciplines and enhance your learning experience at LA&PS. By blending various fields of study, you can personalize your educational experience according to your passions and career aspirations.

"After a few months at LA&PS I realized if I wanted to get into a good field I needed to stand out. I would strongly recommend that students consider doing a double major or a major and minor, if possible."

— **Mannat Kharbanda**, double major in Political Science & Criminology

Top 5 program combinations for international students

Political Science	+	Law & Society
Communications & Media Studies	+	Marketing Minor
Criminology	+	Human Rights & Equity Studies
Communication & Media Studies	+	Professional Writing
Economics	+	International Development Studies

Qualification Year

If you are in good academic standing but unable to meet direct entry program requirements, the qualification year offers a pathway into your desired program in your second-year of study, as long as you meet your first-year requirements.

Don't meet the language proficiency requirements?

Learn about our Integrated Year One Undergraduate Program.

From Classroom to Career

At LA&PS, learning outside the classroom is a great way to complement your degree and experience working in Canada.

92%
of York grads employed 2 years post-grad

6,000+
employers visit campus every year

90%
GTA employer satisfaction rate

Experience hands-on learning opportunities at LA&PS

"My journey with the Advancing YU mentorship program in the last year of my undergraduate degree was truly enriching. Paired with a practicing lawyer, I discovered a nurturing environment where I could freely explore, brainstorm and grasp the nuances of practicing law. This experience wasn't just about industry insights; it was about forging connections with fellow mentees who shared similar aspirations."

— **Kiana Therrien-Tomas**, Advancing YU Alumni



Career Readiness

LA&PS offers a variety of programs to promote success in the workplace. Benefit from services designed to enhance your resume, refine your job interview skills and support your job search.



Networking & Mentorship

Connect with and learn from professionals in your desired industry. From speed mentorship to new programs fostering skill development, we can help you succeed.



Co-op

Gain valuable, paid work experience and explore different career paths through our optional Co-op Program starting in your second year.



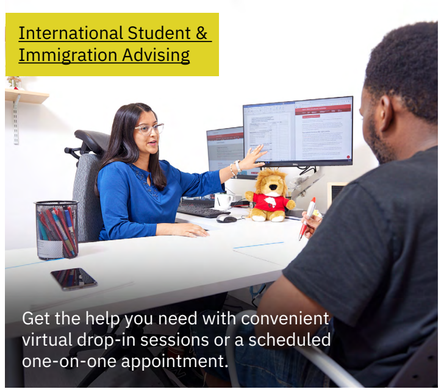
YU Prep

Take advantage of workshops designed to support your successful transition to university. Learning modules provide a mix of academic instruction, skill-building and personal development opportunities.



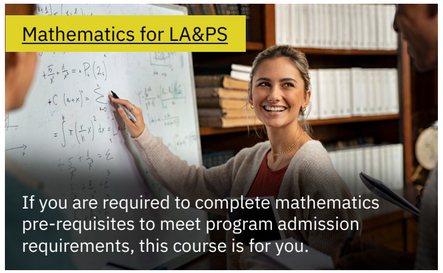
International Student Orientation

Meet fellow incoming international students, build community and learn about important resources available to you at York!



International Student & Immigration Advising

Get the help you need with convenient virtual drop-in sessions or a scheduled one-on-one appointment.



Mathematics for LA&PS

If you are required to complete mathematics pre-requisites to meet program admission requirements, this course is for you.

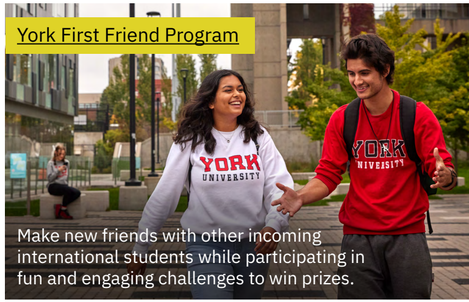


Intro to University Course: University Literacies & Belonging

Transition smoothly into university life and build a strong foundation for academic success with this course.

Transition with Ease

Relocating to a new country, school and home can be scary. At LA&PS, we offer many resources and programs to help you navigate this change smoothly and with confidence.



York First Friend Program

Make new friends with other incoming international students while participating in fun and engaging challenges to win prizes.

"While researching top universities in Toronto for my daughter, I came across an article in a Vietnamese newspaper that highlighted York University as one of the best options due to its long history and strong reputation in the city. I believed York would provide an excellent education for my daughter, and I'm glad to say that my decision was the right one."

— **Quang Vinh Nguyen,** Parent

Connect with Us and Win!

Visit our Future Students page and complete our Keep in Touch form for a chance to win one of five $100 gift cards to the York University Bookstore.



Keep in Touch!

York University
Keele and Markham Campus

goyork@yorku.ca

@YorkULAPS

YORK UNIVERSITÉ UNIVERSITY

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY PARTNER OF THE TORONTO RAPTORS