



Pre-Arrival Session

For International Students in Continuing Studies

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We acknowledge that **snəwəyət̓ leləm̓ Langara College** is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Musqueam First Nation.

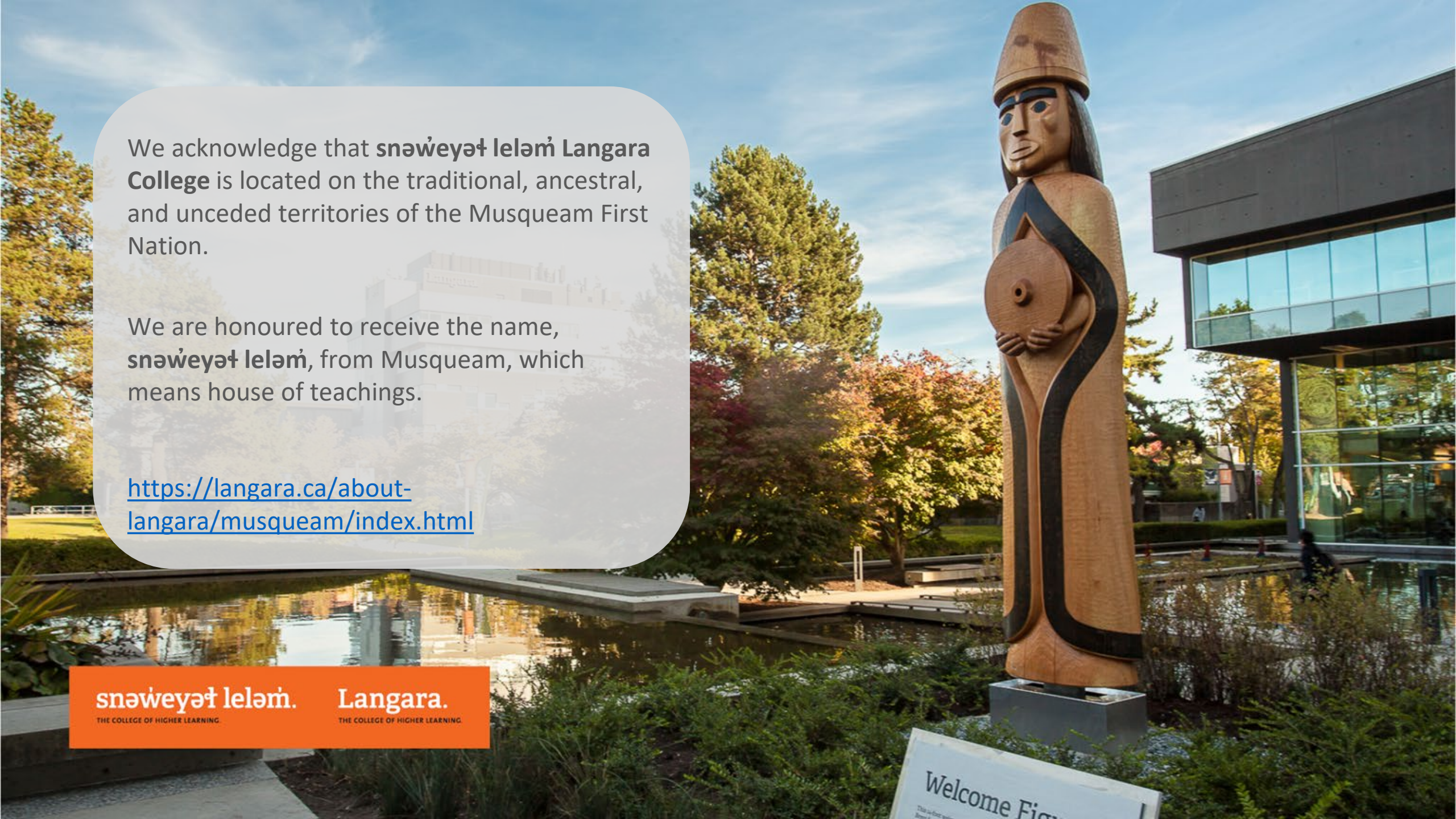
We are honoured to receive the name, **snəwəyət̓ leləm̓**, from Musqueam, which means house of teachings.

<https://langara.ca/about-langara/musqueam/index.html>

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Welcome Figure



Agenda

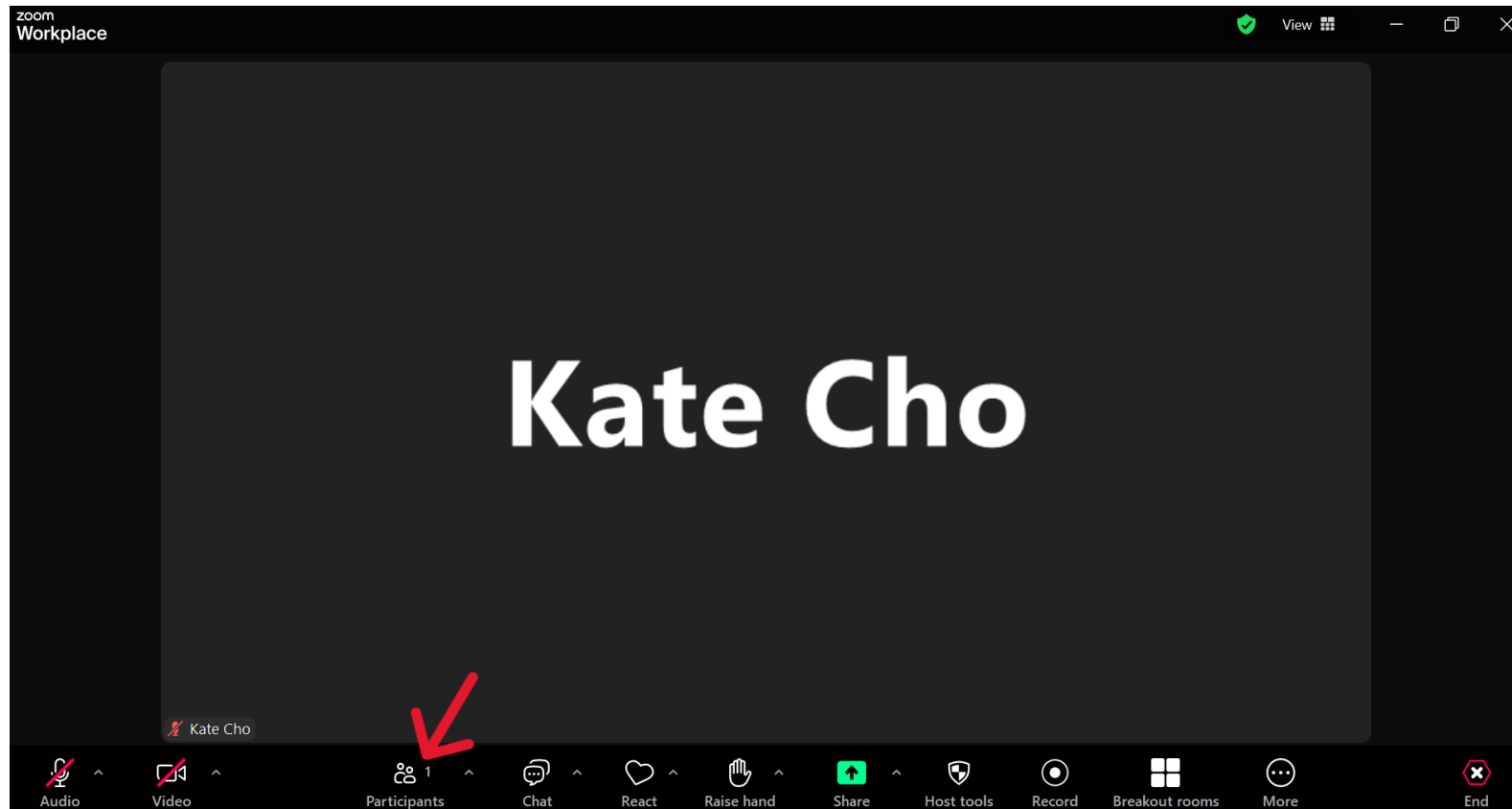
- **Introduction to Langara**
- **Prepare for Arrival**
- **Post-Arrival**
- **Break**
- **Q & A (Questions and Answers)**
- **Breakout room**

We will start soon!

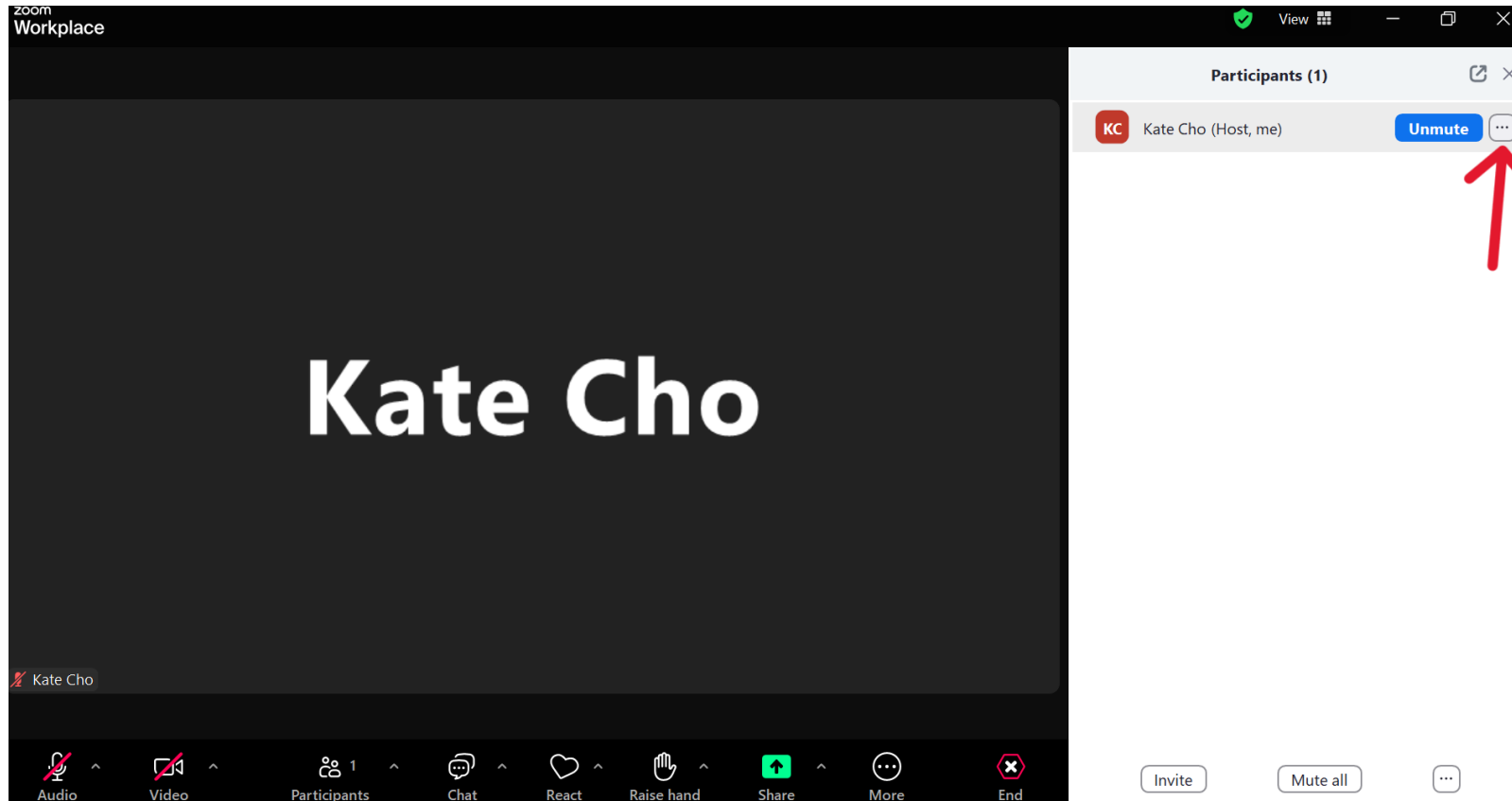
- This session will be recorded
- You'll get the slides and recording of the presentation within two weeks
- Please turn off your camera and mic during the presentation
- Please rename your Zoom name to "First name – Program name"
E.g. Kate – Real Estate
- Program names:

Advanced Accounting	Construction Standards	HSEC (Health, Safety, Environmental Compliance)
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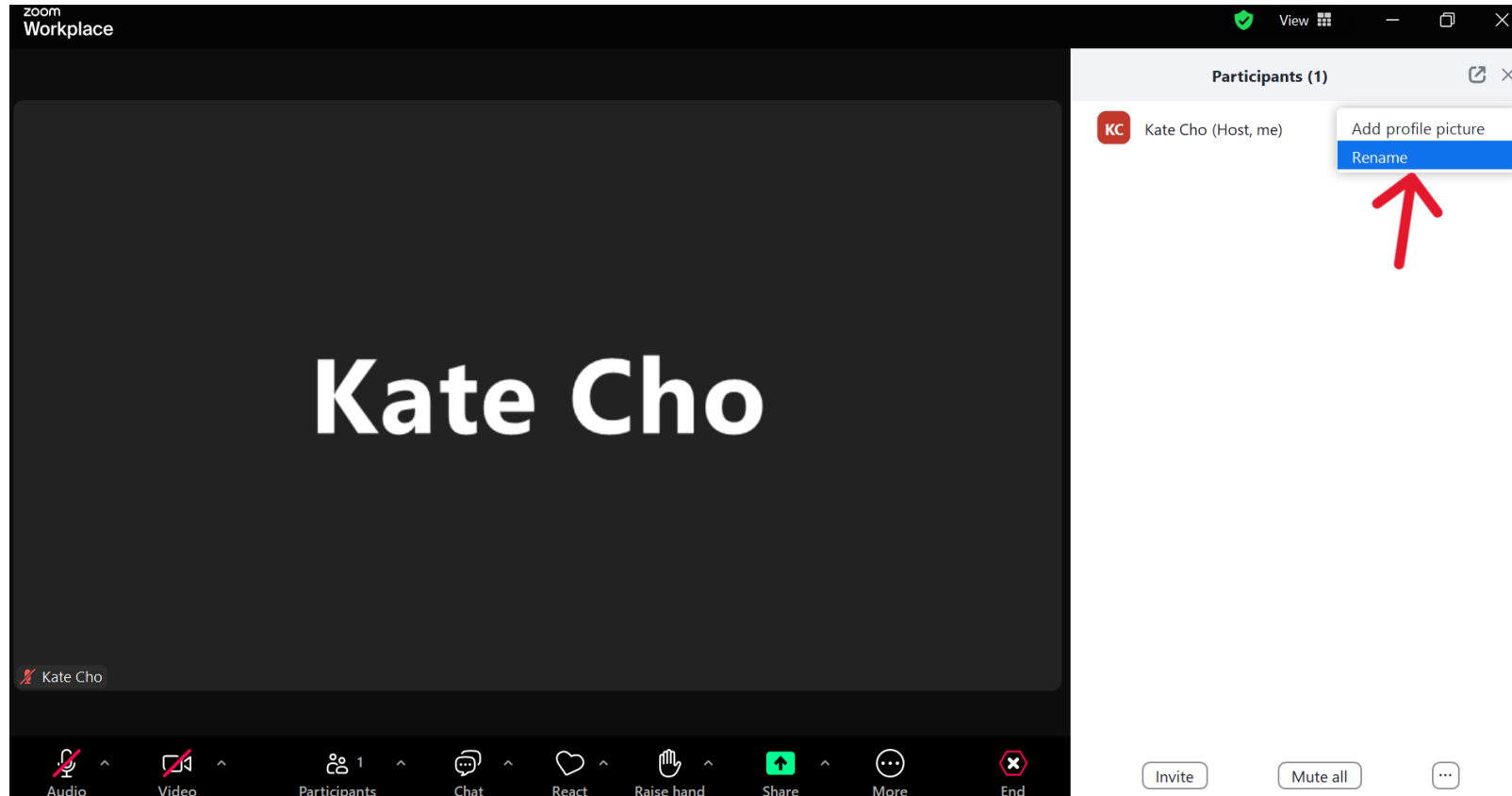
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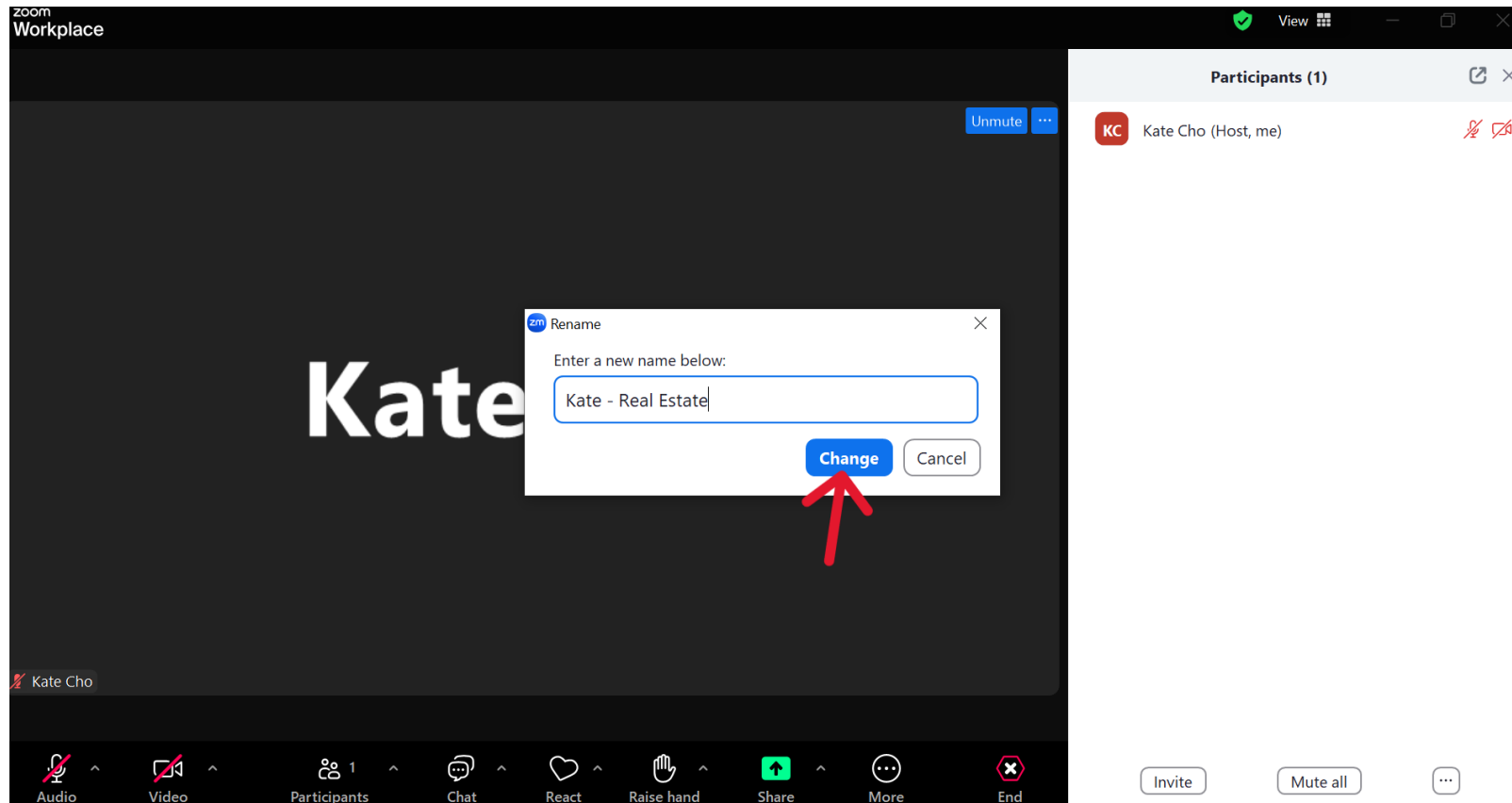
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Introduction to Langara

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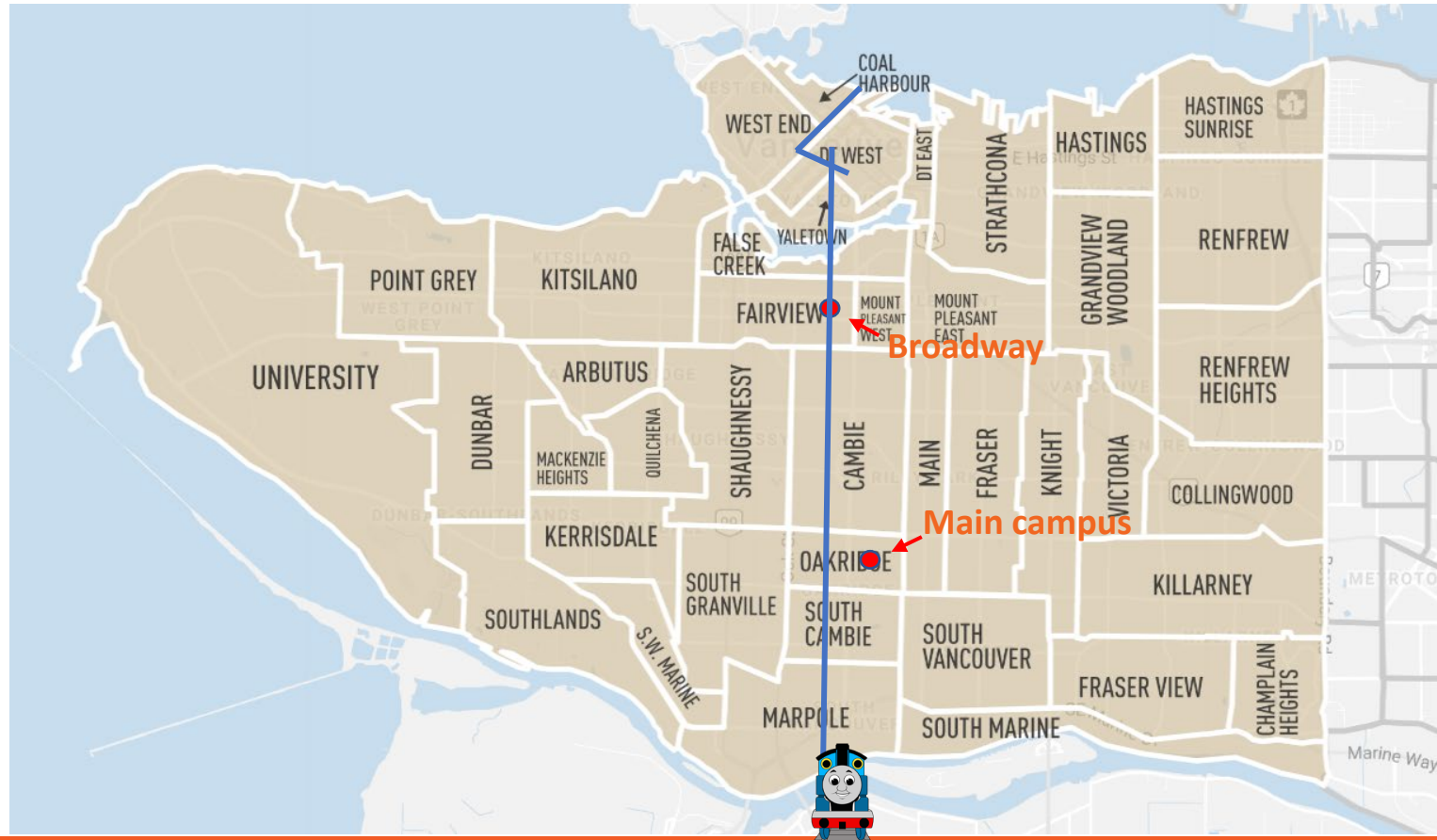
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Langara College

- Started in 1965 as part of Vancouver Community College.
- In 1970, we opened our 49th Avenue campus.
- On April 1, 1994, Langara College was established as an independent public college.
- Today, Langara is one of BC's leading undergraduate institutions providing University Studies, Career Studies, and Continuing Studies programs, and courses.

Langara Campuses

- Main campus
 - 100 West 49th Ave
- 601 West Broadway
- More information about [locations](#)



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Main Campus



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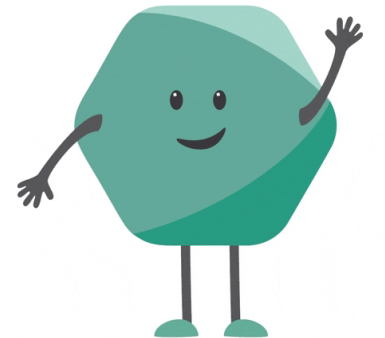
What can I help you with?



I'm Kate Cho (she/her)

International Student Coordinator, Continuing Studies

- Immigration – study permit, visa, work eligibility, Post-Graduation Work Permit
- Medical insurance, social insurance number, and cultural adjustment
- Langara support service & student engagement referrals
- And more!



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Got other questions?

Fee payment, account information updates, transcript, student forms and letters (letter of enrolment)?

- You can visit or email CSRO at csgeneral@langara.ca

Program or course-related questions?

- You can contact your Program Coordinator

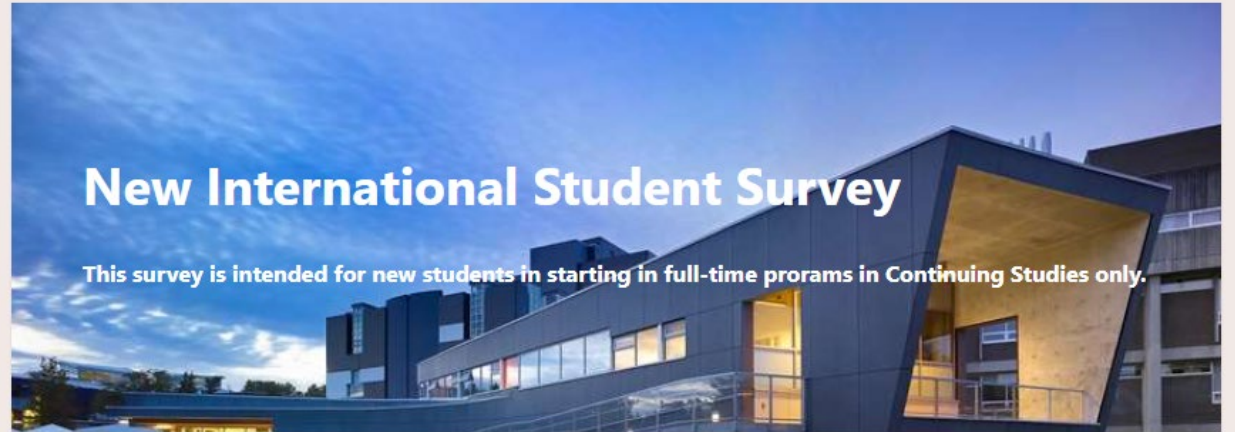
Program emails

If you have an academic question – e.g. course schedule, course location, program-related question, course material, etc?

Programs	Program emails
Advanced Accounting	csaccounting@langara.ca
Construction Standards, Real Property, and Real Estate	real-estate@langara.ca
Digital Music Production (DMP)	csmusic@langara.ca
Health, Safety and Environmental Compliance (HSEC)	hsec@langara.ca
Registered Massage Therapy (RMT)	rmt@langara.ca
Supply Chain and Logistics (SCL)	supplychain@langara.ca
2D and 3D Animation	csanimation@langara.ca

Reminder!

- If you have not submitted the New Student Survey yet, please do so asap.
- If the status on your study permit application has changed, please submit a new a survey.
- Please note that you have a unique link to your own student survey. Make sure not to share your link with other students.



Student Information

1. Student ID:

2. Student First Name:

3. Student Last Name:

CS International Student Orientation

<https://sites.langara.ca/global/resources/student-resources/continuing-studies-orientation>

International Student Orientation

Students beginning their studies at Langara in May 2025 are invited to attend the Continuing Studies International Student Orientation. In this session, students will learn more about Langara, Langara's services, how to adjust to Vancouver and Canada, immigration-related matters (e.g. study permit, work eligibility), medical insurance plans, and much more. Note that event pre-registration is mandatory.

- **Date & Time:** May 2, 2025, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM (please arrive by 10:15 AM to sign in)
- **Location:** In-person at T-Gallery (T240) on the Main Campus (100 West 49th Ave, Vancouver)
[Campus map](#) »
- [REGISTER HERE](#) »

i-Guide Mentorship Program

- One-semester program for first-semester students
- Get paired with an experienced Langara student
- Mentors provide guidance, advice, and support
- Learn about essentials such as transit, banking, shopping, and more
- Email communication coming in late March
- <https://sites.langara.ca/global/students/community>



Prepare for Arrival

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CONTINUING STUDIES AND LEAP STUDENTS

This is intended for students in a [Continuing Studies program](#) or [LEAP](#) only.

Upon arrival, you will need to apply for [Medical Services Plan \(MSP\)](#) as it is mandatory in the province of British Columbia (BC) for international students to have medical insurance. Since BC MSP does not begin until 3 months after your arrival, you will need to purchase private insurance for those first 3 months. Once your travel arrangements are made, buy the insurance to begin on your first day in BC, for 3 months. To begin, click on the “Apply for Insurance” icon below.

If you are in a Regular Studies program, please refer to the Returning Regular Studies Students or Early Arrivals pages to purchase your insurance or for more information. Do not purchase insurance from this page.



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Accommodation

Housing Resources – Langara Global

- Off-campus Housing
- Types of Housing
- Housing listings
- Renting Tips and Safety
- Your Rights & Responsibilities

Homestay

- Email: homestay@langara.ca
- Phone: 604.323.5696



Other options

1. AirBnB: www.airbnb.ca
2. Student.com: www.student.com/ca/vancouver
3. University Living: www.universityliving.com
4. Point2Homes: www.point2homes.com/CA/Apartments-For-Rent/BC/Greater-Vancouver.html
5. Rentsline: www.rentsline.com
6. Amberstudent: <https://amberstudent.com/places/search/vancouver-1911021542675>

Prepare for arrival

How early you can arrive before start studying?

- There is no set time frame for you to arrive in Canada before you begin your studies.
- You should give yourself a reasonable amount of time to prepare before you start studying.
- To help you get ready, check out the Pre-Arrival resources on sites.langara.ca/global/students/#pre-arrival-2



Arriving in Canada

When you arrive in Canada, you'll meet a border services officer (CBSA) who will make sure you meet general requirements for entry. They will check your travel documents and ask for your reason to be in Canada. Be honest and ask if an interpreter is available if you don't understand the questions.

- ☐ **If you are coming with an eTA:** it is electronically linked to your passport and it is usually valid for 5 years or until your passport expires, whichever comes first
- ☐ **If you are coming with a visa:** it is an official document that sticks onto your passport
- ☐ **If you are coming with a Letter of Introduction:** the officer will issue you a study permit, with conditions on the permit if applicable.

Documentation

Primary documents:

- ✓ Valid Passport
- ✓ Temporary Resident Visa or eTA
- ✓ Letter of Introduction from IRCC
- ✓ Original copy of your LOA – Letter of Acceptance from Langara (print from your email)

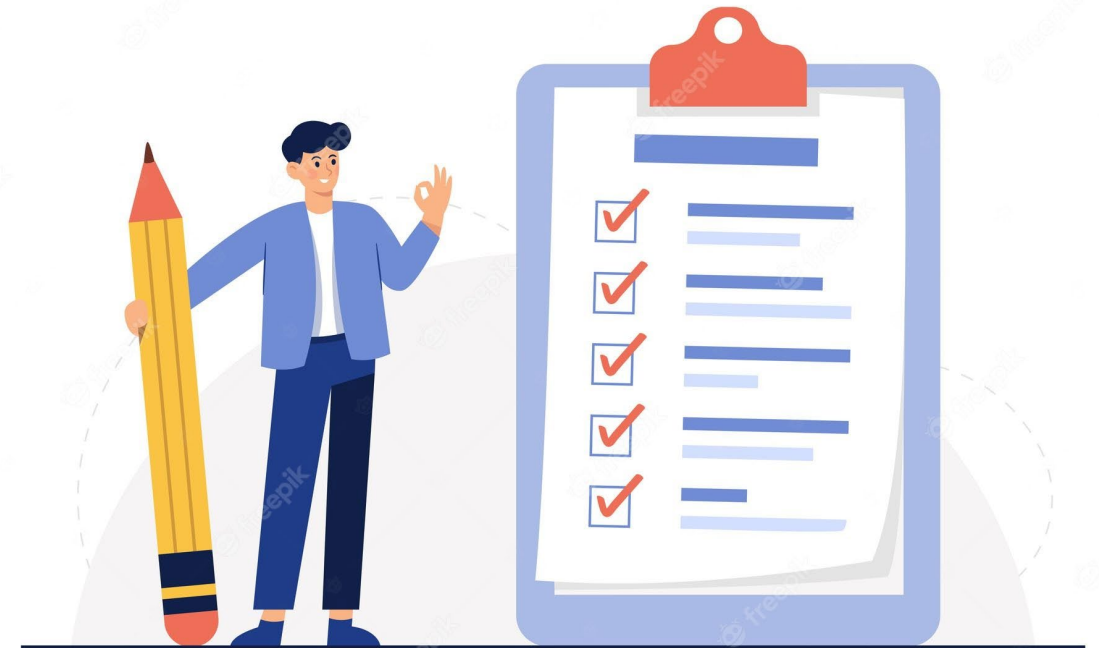


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Documentation

Secondary documents:

- ✓ Course registration information
- ✓ Flight booking tickets
- ✓ Accommodation information
- ✓ Important contacts
- ✓ Driver's license
- ✓ Proof of immunization, if any
- ✓ Photocopies of important documents, such as: birth certificate, previous education documents, family member documents, etc.



Documentation

Other things the officer may ask:

- ✓ Where you will stay
- ✓ Will leave Canada by the end of your visit
- ✓ Evidence of Funds
- ✓ Have ties with home country
- ✓ Be in good health and have health insurance
- ✓ Have no criminal or immigration convictions



Study Permit Compliance

Study permit

Student visa

As a study permit holder, you must:

- Ensure that your study permit is valid for the entire length of your program.
- You may apply to extend your study permit.
 - Extending your study permit at least 3-4 months before it expires
- If your passport will expire while you are in Canada, apply to extend it or get a new one at least 6 months before it expires.



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Post-Arrival

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Social Insurance Number (SIN)

- It is a 9 digit number that you need to work in Canada or to have access to government programs and benefits
- Apply [online](#) or visit a Service Canada office



Banking and money management

- There are many bank institutions in Canada
- Many of them have special offers and accounts for International Students
- Budgeting is important as there are a number of fixed costs – tuition, accommodation, commute (car or public transit), food, cell phone, medical insurance, necessities, etc.



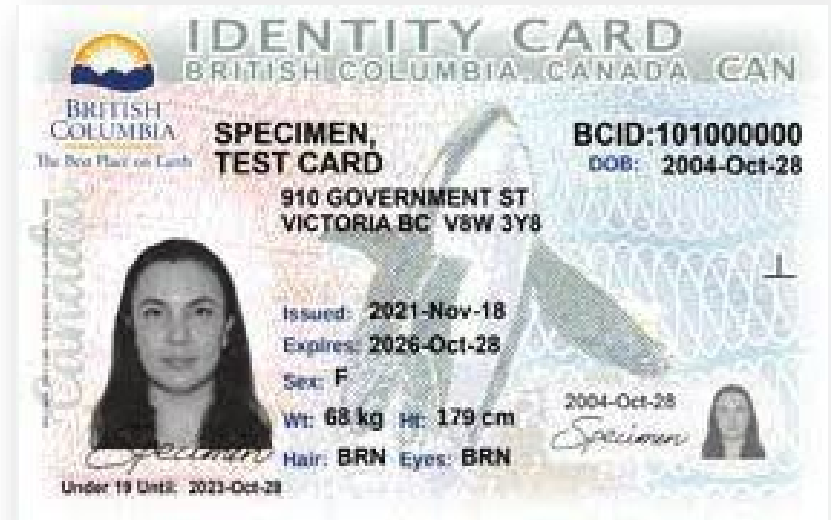
Translink – Compass Card

- Public transit system in Metro Vancouver
- Need **Compass Card** to take the bus or subway
- More information at translink.ca



BC Identity Card (BCID)

- Official government photo identification card
- More information at [ICBC.com](https://www.icbc.com)
- Fee: \$35



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Question & Answer

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Breakout rooms

- You will have about 10 minutes to connect with other students.
- There will be a 1 minute countdown before you return to the main room.

Thank you!

Any questions?

If you have an immigration question, you can contact myself – **Kate Cho** (kcho@langara.ca)

Virtual drop-in session: Wednesdays 2-3pm PT via [Zoom](#)

If you have a program-related question, you can contact your **Program Coordinator**

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