

KPU International Advising Newsletter – August 2026

Get the latest information from KPU International Advising!



Hello, international students of KPU! As the Summer 2026 semester winds down, we'd like to congratulate you on all the effort and dedication you've shown throughout the term. We know this time of year can be especially busy with final exams, assignments, and projects, so remember to take care of yourself and celebrate the progress you've made along the way. Every assignment submitted, project completed, and goal reached is something worth celebrating!

To new international students joining KPU in the upcoming Fall 2026 semester, welcome! We hope you're feeling excited and ready to begin a new chapter. From meeting new friends and exploring campus to discovering opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, there is so much to look forward to. We can't wait to see you here at KPU!



Checklist for new KPU international students

Are you excited to begin your first semester? Starting a new academic journey is an exciting milestone, but it's completely normal to feel a little overwhelmed, too. Don't worry as you won't be navigating this experience alone. Our International Advising Unit and the KPU community are here to support you every step of the way!

To help you get started on the right foot, be sure to review the [New International Student Checklist](#), which contains important information and key steps to complete before your first semester begins, including registering for orientation, updating your personal information, submitting your study permit, applying for your KPU student card, connecting with advisors, and exploring the many resources available to support your success. Completing these essentials will help ensure a smooth and confident transition to KPU!

The class you want is full? Here's what to do

The class you want for Fall 2026 is already full? Don't panic!

Popular courses can fill up quickly, but that doesn't always mean you've missed your chance. As registration continues, many students may adjust their schedules, drop courses, or switch sections, which can open up available seats. In some cases, additional course sections may also be added to help meet student demand.

For now, make sure to add yourself to the [waitlist](#) for any course you're hoping to take. This gives you the best chance of securing a seat if one becomes available.

Looking for more strategies when the class you want for Fall 2026 is full? Check out our [video](#) and [handout](#) for helpful tips!



Get ahead with 'KPU100: Introduction to KPU' course

'KPU100: Introduction to KPU' is a free and non-credit course designed to help new KPU students build essential knowledge, skills, and strategies needed for academic success.

Through a combination of interactive activities and self-paced learning, you'll have the opportunity to connect with faculty and fellow students, explore key resources, and receive supportive feedback and guidance along the way. It's a great way to build confidence, make connections, and prepare for your first semester at KPU. New international students are strongly encouraged to register!

Online KPU 100 cohorts for Fall 2026 will run from [August 17 to 21, 2026](#). [Register now](#) to secure your spot!

August 2026 Drop-ins with International Student Advisors

KPU International Advising Unit will be offering **drop-in advising sessions** at 1:30 – 4:00 PM on Wednesday, **August 26** (In-person at Cedar 1145, KPU Surrey), and Friday, **August 28** (Online). Simply join either one of the sessions and speak with an [International Student Advisor](#) for assistance with your academic and immigration-related questions and support with your student journey. For details on how to access the sessions, please visit our [webpage](#).

Note:

- Drop-ins are intended for quick and simple inquiries. If you think more time with an Advisor is needed, please book an **appointment** with us through [Advisor Connect](#).
- All international students should consult with an International Student Advisor for all your **immigration-related** queries.
- If you are in a Bachelor's program and have completed more than 45 credits, or you are in a Post-Baccalaureate or Graduate Diploma program, please see a [Degree Advisor](#) for your **academic-related** questions.



Pathways to Permanent Residency

Thinking About Permanent Residency After Graduation? 🍁

International students at KPU bring valuable skills and experiences that may align with Canada's immigration goals. After graduating and gaining eligible work experience, you may have opportunities to apply for Permanent Residency through various federal and provincial immigration pathways.

To learn more, visit our [Pathways to Permanent Residency for International Students](#) webpage to explore helpful resources and get started. While we strive to keep the information current, we encourage you to refer directly to the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) website for the most current information.

August 2026 events and activities

Looking for a fun way to enjoy your summer? Don't miss the [KPOP & Food Festival](#) at Surrey Civic Plaza on Saturday, August 29, 2026! Experience the excitement of K-pop culture with live performances, explore a variety of delicious Korean and Asian foods, and browse unique products from local Korean and Asian small businesses. Whether you're a K-pop fan, a foodie, or simply looking for a vibrant community event to enjoy with friends, there's something for everyone.

And the fun doesn't end there! August is filled with many other exciting festivals, outdoor activities, cultural events, and community celebrations happening across Metro Vancouver. Check out more August events and activities [here](#)!



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