

# Camosun International Student Newsletter

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*Halloween, a Celtic celebration, is observed annually on the night of October 31st. It represents the light and dark halves of the year, when mortals and souls mingle with one another. If you decide to go trick-or-treating and wear a costume, enjoy this fun-filled, spooky night!*

Dear students,

Hope Fall 2023 term is going well for you, and you're enjoying the changing colors of the season! 🍂🎓

As we approach the colder months, it's time to start thinking about your course registration for the Winter 2024 Semester. In this edition of our newsletter, we've put together a comprehensive guide to help you prepare for the upcoming winter course registration, which starts from October 30th to November 2nd. We want to make sure you're fully equipped to secure the courses you need and ensure a smooth registration process.

Your course search begins on October 12, and we strongly recommend registering as early as possible on your assigned date to maximize your chances of getting the courses you want. Remember, your education journey is a step towards your dreams, and we're here to support you every step of the way.

**Winter 2024 registration starts from October 30th to November 2nd (you will be assigned a registration period)**, so mark your calendars and stay tuned for important updates.

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## Global Cultural Highlights

In this edition of our newsletter, we're excited to spotlight some of the upcoming cultural events. With students from around the globe, we're fortunate to be part of a rich tapestry of traditions and celebrations. If you have other cultural events or celebrations to share with us, please let us know. We'd love to hear about them! Wishing everyone a joyous and culturally enriched October!

### Happy Diwali! (India)

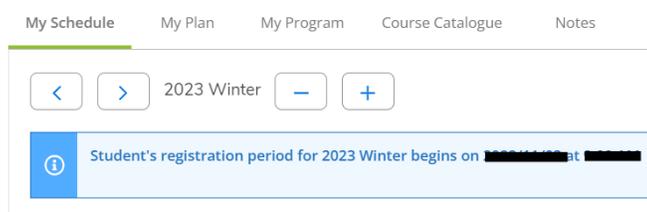
This Festival of Lights is a significant Hindu celebration symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. Families come together to light oil lamps, exchange gifts, and savor a variety of delicious sweets. This year, Diwali falls on November 12th, and our Indian students are eagerly anticipating this joyful occasion. If you know of local Diwali events, we'd love to join in the festivities!



## Getting Ready for Registration for Winter 2023 Semester

### Reviewing the Registration Process

Please check your specific registration date and time, which may vary based on your program and credits. To find this information, log in to [myCamosun](#), select My Schedule > 2024 Winter tab.



Once registration starts on your assigned date and time, it will remain open until [the add/drop deadline](#) for that specific course.

We also would like to encourage you to check our online information [here](#) and follow the “Before you Register” instructions. Then, simply log into [myCamosun](#) and select Student Planning to get started.

Make sure you complete the following steps before your registration date:

1. Ensure your [myCamosun](#) account has a balance of at least \$175 or pay a non-refundable registration deposit.
2. Clear any outstanding fees to avoid registration issues.
3. [Plan your schedule](#) by viewing available courses starting October 12.
4. Understand [Registration Changes](#) and learn [how to register, waitlist, or drop courses](#).
5. **Pay all fees by December 11, 2023, Fee deadline is BEFORE classes start.** Students who have not paid all fees by this date **will be taken out of all classes**. If you have funding on the way, and you have proof and detailed explanation, you can apply for [Tuition and Fee Deferral](#). Please use [this form](#) to submit your application.

### Not sure what courses to take? We've got you covered!

Look at the My Program information under Student Planning at [myCamosun](#).

[Visit the Academic Calendar](#) to check out the course descriptions.

Talk to an [International Student Academic Advisor](#)

### Troubleshooting common registration issues

Here are common issues that prevent students from registering. Make sure you have those issues resolved before the registration date.

- There is no registration deposit of \$175 in your account.
- You have outstanding fees.
- You try to register for more than one section of the same course.
- You try to register before the date and time that is assigned to you.
- The section of a course you want to register for is full. In this case, you can search for a section that still has seats available or put yourself on the [waitlist](#).
- You try to register for a section of a course that is restricted to a specific program other than yours. You will not be able to register for this section.
- You try to register for a section of a course that has reserved seats for a specific program until a specific date. You will need to wait for the reserves to be lifted. If there is space at that time, you can register.
- You have not signed and accepted the student agreements. All students must carefully read and sign the student agreements on their [myCamosun](#). account. [Here](#) is a short video explaining how to do this.

## How to check if a course is Restricted or Reserved

Some sections are restricted or reserved, and you may not be able to register for those sections.

1. Go to **My Schedule > Calendar** to check the course you plan to register for.
2. Click the course name, then you will see the **Section Details**. If the section is restricted to a specific program or reserved until a specific date for open registration, you can find it in **Additional Information** in the **Section Details**.

## Not planning to attend Camosun in Winter 2024?

Winter term is not a scheduled break for most Camosun programs. As an international student, you must enroll in full-time classes to be eligible to work off-campus and for the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP). If you won't be able to attend in Winter 2024, please let us know by emailing us at [international\\_advisors@camosun.ca](mailto:international_advisors@camosun.ca).

## Don't miss out on our Registration Workshops!

Camosun International will host three Registration Workshops for our students. Academic Advisors will introduce how to plan and register for courses on myCamosun.

- Tuesday, Oct. 24, 11:30 to 13:30 pm, in-person, WT-224, Wilna Thomas Building, [Lansdowne Campus](#)
- Wednesday, Oct. 25, 11:30 to 13:30 pm, online (we will be in touch with more details soon!)
- Thursday, Oct. 26, 11:30 to 13:30 pm, in-person, LACC-124, Liz Ashton Building, [Interurban Campus](#)

Previous Newsletters can be viewed at our [website](#). Or scan our QR code below.



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