

The Guide

Welcome to **Canadian Mennonite University**

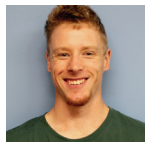
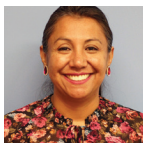
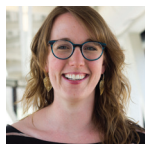
2022/23



Welcome to CMU

Welcome to CMU! We are so excited that you have decided to join our learning community for the 2022/23 academic year. We hope that this year will bring many opportunities to learn and grow individually and as a community, and this orientation guide is exactly what

you need to get started! In these pages you will find the schedule for Welcome Week as well as explanations of all the events, resources, and opportunities that are available for you so dive on in! We are so excited you are here!



The Student Life Team

This team is here to help you succeed at university and be the healthiest version of yourself. Make sure to meet them and know they are a great resource for you. You can book meetings or contact them at cmu.ca/studentlifestaff.

Charlie Peronto – Dean of Student Life

Sandra Loeppky – Coordinator of International Student and Accessibility Programs

Danielle Morton – Coordinator of Commuter Programs

Kim Rempel Smith – Spiritual Life Coordinator

Lisa Richard – Coordinator of Student Advising

Mackenzie Nicolle – Residence Director

Cara Isaak – Director of Athletics

Sarah Klassen Bartel – Financial and Student Services Advisor

Joshua Ewert – Coordinator of Sports Info and Communications

Diana Sanchez – Student Life Program Assistant

Bryant Neufeldt – Senior Residence Assistant

Grace Bruinooge – Senior Commuter Assistant

Cotte (Cedric) Gode – Senior International Assistant

Scan to learn more about
the Student Life team



Undergrad Orientation

MONDAY, September 5

1:30–2:00 Welcome to CMU! (south lawn)

2:00–5:00 Student Workshops

Academic Learning at CMU

Work Better, Not Harder:
Academic Skills for New
Students

Designing Your CMU Life:
How to get the most out of
your university experience

How We Be: Living and
Learning in Community

5:00–5:30 Closing Session (south lawn)

5:30–6:30 Supper for ALL New Undergrad
Students (Dining Hall)

7:30 Residence Student Orientation
(D30)

Parent/Guardian Orientation

1:30–2:00 Welcome to CMU! (south lawn)

2:00–2:30 Q&A Session with
Administrators and Faculty
(south lawn)

2:30–3:30 Optional Campus Tour
(south lawn)

Student Workshops

Academic Learning at CMU

With Kenton Lobe and Katrina Lengsavath

What's so different about learning at university than at high school? How do I learn alongside people I disagree with? What does academic integrity even mean? Join Kenton Lobe (Teaching Assistant

Professor) and Katrina Lengsavath (Student Council VP Communications) as they explore these topics and more!

Work Better, Not Harder: Academic Skills for New Students

With Dr. Anna Nekola and Dawson Doucet

There are so many different ways to learn and study and write, and sometimes, it is hard to know where or how to begin. Dr. Anna Nekola (Associate Professor of Music and Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning) and Dawson Doucet (Commuter Assistant and PAL Coordinator) are here to help! This workshop will cover all sorts of skills and tips on how to get started as a university student so that you can, in fact, work better, not just harder.

Designing Your CMU Life: How to get the most out of your university experience

With Renee Willms and Kayden Brown

Built to help you reframe how you think about university, this workshop will address assumptions about what university is for and how you can move through your degree purposefully. Join Renee Willms (Interim Director of the CCV and Practicum) and Kayden Brown (fourth year psychology student) on how to get off to the right start!

How We Be: Living and Learning in Community

With Charlie Peronto and Nicholas Pauls Harder

In this workshop, Charlie Peronto (Dean of Student Life) and Nicholas Pauls Harder (Student Council President) will walk through the different aspects of learning and living together at CMU.



Orientation Day

TUESDAY, September 6

10:00–11:00 Opening Convocation
(north lawn)

The official start of the academic year!

11:00–12:00 First Year Undergrad Faculty
Adviser Sessions (Check your
email for location)

Graduate Student Orientation
Session I (Meet in folio café)

On-Campus Student
Employment Orientation
(Conference Room, south)
*For those who already have a
job on campus.*

*For those wanting a job, go to
cmu.ca/studentemployment.*

12:00–1:30 FREE Community BBQ
(Dining Hall, south)

1:00–3:00 Student Groups and Activities
Fair (south lawn)

1:00–4:00 Drop-in Academic Advising
(A06/A07)

Drop-in Student Aid and
Payment Plan Advising (A12)

1:30–2:30 Graduate Student Orientation
Session II

3:00 Library Orientation
(Marpeck Commons)

3:00 Campus Tour
(Meet in folio cafe)

5:00 Open Tryout:
Men's Basketball
(Loewen Athletic Centre)

Faculty Advisor Sessions

Every first-year student at CMU participates in a faculty advisor cohort which will meet throughout the year. Faculty advisors act as guides and collaborators as you make the transition into academia and begin to think about the larger picture of your CMU experience. Your first chance to get to meet everyone in your cohort is Tuesday morning!

Student Groups Fair

There are so many ways to get involved in various activities at CMU and the Student Groups and Activities Fair is the perfect place to learn how! Along with lots of games and entertainment, you can get more information about:

Student Council

Graduate Student Council

Student Small Groups

International Student Council

Commuter Council and Mentors

CMQ (2SLGBTQ+ student group)

Indigenous Student Association

Music Student Association

Science Student Association

Peer Assisted Learning (PAL)

Music Ensembles

And so much more!





First day of classes!

WEDNESDAY, September 7

Check your student portal for class locations.

9:00–4:00 Drop-in Academic Advising (A06/A07)
Drop-in Student Aid and Payment Plan Advising (A12)

9:30–4:00 Music Ensemble Info Booth (Chapel Lounge, south)

12:00–1:00 FREE Commuter Pancake Lunch (Conference Room, south)

9:30–10:30 Wednesday Night Worship (D30)

Classes continue

THURSDAY, September 8

Check your student portal for class locations.

9:00–4:00 Drop-in Academic Advising (A06/A07)
Drop-in Student Aid and Payment Plan Advising (A12)

9:30–4:00 Music Ensemble Info Booth (Chapel Lounge, south)

12:00–12:45 International Student Health Insurance Information Session (online: check your email for link)

2:00–3:00 FREE Ice Cream treats (Marpeck Mezzanine)

5:15 Open Tryout Women's Volleyball (Loewen Athletic Centre)

5:30 Open Tryout Women's Soccer (Soccer Field, south)

8:45–10:00 Student Council Coffee House (Great Hall, north)

Pancake Lunch

The Commuter Council hosts monthly events to facilitate connections between students who live off campus, and to enjoy good food! Stop by for a stack of delicious pancakes (GF/DF options available) and make some new friends.

Wednesday Night Worship

A low-key weekly worship time led by students and hosted by the Student Council Faith in Life Committee.

Student Council Coffee House

Join the Student Council Arts and Entertainment Committee as they host an amazing evening of performances with plenty of snacks and good company. Want to perform a piece or skit? Check The CMU Daily News for how to sign up to participate.

International Student Health Insurance

International student health insurance is provided by guard.me which you can receive more information about through the module in the Online International Student Pre-Orientation course and at the information session!

Music Ensemble Info Booth

Want to make music with others and get academic credit? Visit the booth to find out which ensemble is the right fit for you. For more information on each ensemble, go to cmu.ca/ensembles.

*Note: Entrance Auditions are NOT required for CMU Music Ensembles for 2022/23. However, at the conductor's discretion, each ensemble may engage in an individual voice/instrument placement process at the beginning of the semester.

Classes continue

FRIDAY, September 9

Check your student portal for class locations.
Fee payments due—pay online or at south reception.

9:00–4:00 Drop-in Academic Advising (A06/A07)
Drop-in Student Aid and Payment Plan Advising (A12)

9:30–4:00 Music Ensemble Info Booth (Chapel Lounge, south)

11:30–(Approx) 3:00 Community Gathering: Tipi Raising and Teachings (TBD)

12:00–12:45 Student-Athlete Orientation (Loewen Athletic Centre)

6:30–10:00 Progressive Snack

SATURDAY, September 10

2:00–4:00 Spikeball and other lawn games (south lawn)

3:00 Walk to Sargent Sundae (meet outside Poettcker Hall)

SUNDAY, September 11

1:00 and 3:15 Men's and Women's Soccer Home Openers
CMU Blazers vs St. Boniface Rouges (Ralph Cantafio Soccer Complex, 900 Waverly St.)

Community Gatherings: Chapels and Forums

Chapels are designed to be opportunities for students, staff, and faculty to join together in ecumenical worship through prayer, scripture, song, and story. Tuesday Contemplative and Friday Community chapels happen from 11:30-12:00 in the Chapel (south) each week.

Thursday forums are 11:30–12:15 in the Great Hall (north) and are a time for the community to engage in dialogue on relevant topics and issues.

Join us for a special event on **Friday, September 9** as Mervin McKay leads the community in the raising of the CMU tipi.

Progressive Snack

A CMU tradition of faculty and staff hosting groups of students for an evening snack. Sign up at cmu.ca/orientation and join in a great evening of meeting people, eating delicious food, and feeling right at home.

Paying Fees

Fall tuition and fees are due **Friday, September 9**. To view your billing statement, log in to your CMU student portal and click on "Billing". A monthly late fee will be charged on any outstanding balances after **September 10**. For more information, including how to pay online, see the Student Payment Policy at cmu.ca/tuition.



The CMU Blazers have men's and women's soccer, volleyball, basketball, and futsal teams. Wanna play? Check the schedule for open tryout times. Wanna watch? Show your love by attending the soccer home opener on **Sunday, September 11**.

#weareallblazers
@cmu_blazers



Student Resources/Supports



Health and Wellness: CMU strives to support the holistic well-being of all members of the community by promoting health and wellness through a variety of on-campus and off-campus resources and supports. This includes offering FREE counselling to CMU students from qualified counsellors. Go to cmu.ca/counselling and fill out the “Counselling Request Form” to get connected with a counselor.

Academic Supports: We recognize that university can be difficult and sometimes a little help is needed. PAL (Peer Assisted Learning; walk-in tutoring, free of charge), academic tutors (by appointment, free of charge), and peer tutors (by appointment, small hourly fee). To explore your options or to book an appointment with a tutor, please contact Gina Loewen at gloewen@cmu.ca.

How to change a course: You can change a course through your student portal or by filling out a Course Change Form at cmu.ca/coursechange. Remember to check the Registration Guide for all relevant dates.

Communication: Make sure to check your CMU student email regularly to catch The CMU Daily News and other important communication from the institution.

Computers and Printing: Computers and printers are available for students’ use in the computer lab (B10), as well as in the library (Marpeck Commons). You will need to use your CMU network username and password to access these computers. An additional printing station is available in the Student Life department behind south reception. Supply your own paper at printing stations and the rest is free!

Wi-Fi and IT Help:

Wi-Fi network in admin buildings: “CMU Wireless” Password: Wireless@CMU!

Wi-Fi in Residence buildings: “CMU Res” or “CMU-Residence” Password: Res@CMU!

To reset forgotten passwords, email helpdesk@cmu.ca or see south side reception.

For more helpful information about what resources and supports are available to you, check out the Pre-Orientation Course at moodle.cmu.ca or go to cmu.ca/students.



Fall 2022 Important Dates

September 9: Payment due for fall semester tuition and fees

September 16: Last day of class change and registration period for fall classes

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—CMU closed

October 10: Thanksgiving Day—CMU closed

November 7–11: Fall Reading Week—no classes

November 11: Remembrance Day
CMU closed

November 15: Last day for voluntary withdrawal from fall semester classes without academic penalty

December 8: Last day of fall semester classes

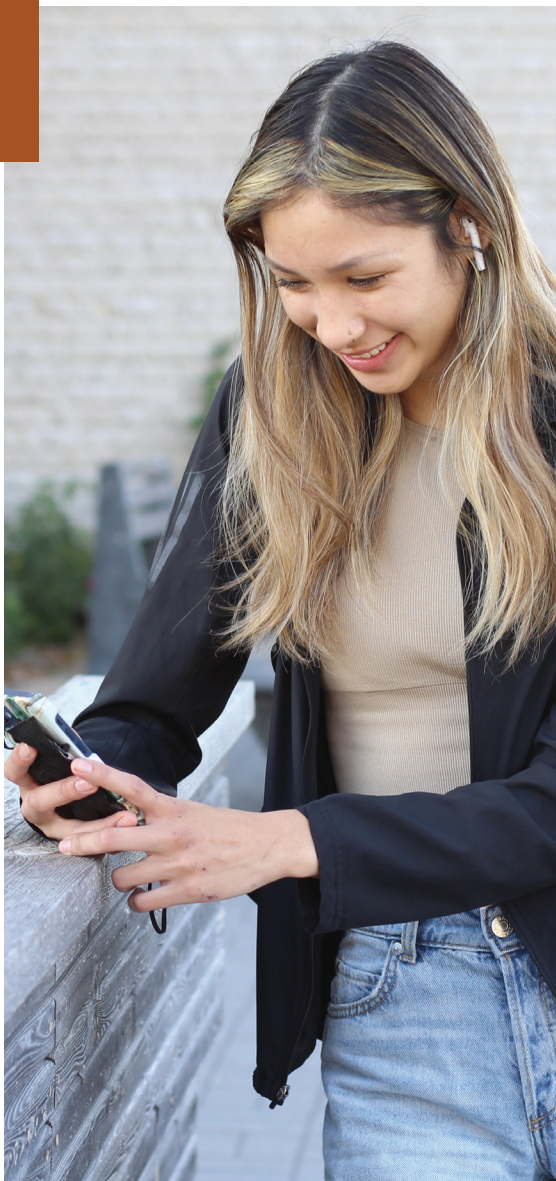
December 9: Reading Day

December 10–21: Examination days (including Saturdays December 10 and 17)

December 21: End of fall semester

December 22: Residence closes for fall semester

December 24–January 2:
CMU closed



Scan to view the
CMU Campus Map

