

EIC Student Orientation Handbook



ENGLISH IN CANADA PROGRAM

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Classroom Language Policy

Students must speak English in class as much as possible. Speaking in English establishes a rich learning environment and is extremely important to achieving your goals related to English language learning.

Benefits of Speaking English in Class

- Using English in class will help students learn faster, as it provides opportunities for practice with their classmates and instructors.
- If students actively speak English in class, their instructors will be better able to assess their progress and give them helpful feedback.
- Using English in class will directly affect students' class performance and grades. Using English will help them improve their communicative, linguistic, and academic skills. This directly improves their performance during assessments and exams.
- Students who use English in class see improvements in their English vocabulary as well as in their confidence and fluency.
- Continuing to speak in English in class, even if students make a mistake or forget a word, challenges their brain. Their brain learns from these mistakes, and their English fluency and communication will improve.
- Using English language in class can help students develop intercultural relationships with students and instructors who speak other languages.
- Speaking in English in class creates an inclusive classroom atmosphere, which ensures that all students are involved in collaborative learning.

Attendance and Absenteeism

Attendance is recorded daily in the program. An 80% attendance is mandatory for the successful completion of the course. There is no excused absence unless authorized by the Program Director (an excused absence is authorized in extremely extenuating circumstances).

Note: In case of COVID-related sickness, the student will be asked to follow Public Health guidelines. Students might still be able to complete the course partially by completing all the asynchronous work on Brightspace by setting a completion date with the instructor.

Punctuality

Students are expected to be on time at the beginning of class, after breaks, and after lunch.

Student Behaviour

Students in the EIC Program are expected to abide by the Dalhousie Code of Student Conduct. It is important to read and understand the expectations of behavior described in this Code. Students are also responsible for following all **civil and criminal laws** in **Nova Scotia**, violations of which are explicitly violations of the code and can also result in penalty from Dalhousie University.

What is the Code of Student Conduct?

The Code of Student Conduct (the “Code”) is a document that outlines the non-academic behavioural expectations for students and the process for handling infractions of the Code when they arise. The Code is complemented by other policies that can impact students, including the following:

- The Sexualized Violence Policy
- The Statement on Prohibited Discrimination
- The Resident Code of Conduct
- Other University policies

Student Code of Conduct and Sexual Violence Policy

It is important that you understand what rules and expectations you must abide by at Dalhousie. The University takes responsibility to create and promote an environment that is characterized by understanding, respect, trust, openness and fairness that is free of discrimination, harassment and violence. All members of the University community are committed to upholding it. The Code of Student Conduct outlines specific rules you must follow and what will happen if you are found responsible for violating those rules. If you want to report any incident through the Code of Student Conduct, you can email sco@dal.ca.

Additionally, there is a The Sexualized Violence Policy that applies to all students, staff and faculty. Sexualized Violence refers to an act of violence, whether the act is physical or psychological in nature, that is characterized by an attempt to threaten, intimidate, coerce, or engage in any unwelcome behaviour of a sexual nature. If you wish to discuss an incident of sexualized violence, you can contact the Sexualized Violence Advisor at hres@dal.ca for confidential support and advice.

To be clear, you are expected to engage respectfully and appropriately with all members of the Dalhousie community, including your classmates, instructors, and staff. Abuse, harassment, violence, and discrimination are not tolerated and will be handled through the policies listed above or will be reported to the police. If you experience any of these behaviours, please tell someone that you trust and seek help from the University. You can talk to Dr. Ayesha Mushtaq (Ayesha.Mushtaq@dal.ca) in the EAP program or email the offices listed above.

There are also many supports and resources available to you through the Student Health and Wellness Centre, the International Centre, and I.M. Well, including doctors, counsellors, social workers, and phone/text supports.

If you have any questions about support resources, please contact Dr. Ayesha Mushtaq (Ayesha.Mushtaq@dal.ca).

Note: Failure to be respectful towards fellow students/instructors/staff may be cause for a disciplinary action and result in the dismissal from the program. Please abide by the Dalhousie's Code of Student Conduct.

Electronic Devices

Phones and laptops are permitted in the classroom for study purposes (dictionaries access, etc.). Making phone calls, checking emails, gaming, and texting are not permitted during class time. When not in use, phones should be kept in students' bags with ringers on silent or the devices turned off. Instructors reserve the right to limit or forbid device use in the classroom.

Photocopying

Students do not have access to printers or photocopiers in the Mona Campbell Building. Photocopying and printing facilities are available at the Killam Library and Campus Copies in the Student Union Building (SUB).

Refreshments

To keep the classrooms clean, food should not be eaten during class time. Drinks are allowed in the regular classrooms. Students are to leave the tables, other workspaces, and floors clean by placing all recyclable material and garbage in the appropriate receptacles.

Scent-Free Environment

Dalhousie is a scent-free zone. Students are asked not to use scented products, such as strongly scented after-shave lotions, colognes, perfumes, hair products, hand creams or other beauty products. Many scent-free personal care products can be found at the local supermarket or pharmacy.

Sexual Harassment

Dalhousie University defines sexual harassment as “any sexually-oriented behavior of a deliberate or negligent nature which adversely affects the working or learning environment. It may involve conduct or comments that are unintentional as well as intentional.” The Dalhousie ELS Program has a zero-tolerance policy and will follow Dalhousie Code of Student Conduct in any matter regarding sexual assault.

If you need help

There are several resources at Dalhousie to assist you if have been, or are being, sexually harassed. If you live in residence, you can speak with your RA or Residence Life Manager. All students can contact Human Rights & Equity Services or social.worker@dal.ca. In an emergency, contact Dalhousie Security at **902-494-4109**.

Smoking

If students choose to smoke (tobacco, e-cigarettes, or vaporizers, etc.), they must go outside the building to designated smoking spots. Smoking is not permitted on university property. University property extends to the city-owned sidewalk in front of the Mona Campbell Building. Please note that it is illegal to smoke within 6 meters of entryways to buildings in Nova Scotia.

Dalhousie University Academic Integrity

At Dalhousie University, we are guided in all our work by the values of academic integrity: honesty, trust, fairness, responsibility, and respect. A student is required to demonstrate these values in all the work they do. The University provides policies and procedures that every member of the university community is required to follow to ensure academic integrity.

What does academic integrity mean?

At university we advance knowledge by building on the work of other people. Academic integrity means that we are honest and accurate in creating and communicating all academic products. Acknowledgement of other people’s work must be done in a way that does not leave

the reader in any doubt as to whose work it is. Academic integrity means trustworthy conduct such as not cheating on examinations and not misrepresenting information. It is the student's responsibility to seek assistance to ensure that these standards are met.

How can you achieve academic integrity?

We must all work together to prevent academic dishonesty because it is unfair to honest students. The following are some ways that a student can achieve academic integrity; some may not be applicable in all circumstances. (These examples should be considered only as a guide and not an exhaustive list.)

- Make sure you understand Dalhousie's policies on academic integrity (see http://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/academic-integrity/academic-policies.html).
- In addition to Dalhousie's policies, the ELS Program has a "**No-Help**" policy in place: Do not get assistance from any writing center, tutor, teacher, editor, friend, family member, student, digital service, or digital program (e.g., translator/assistive technology) to complete any assignments.
- Do not use translation programs, apps, or services to translate the work that you submit from another language into English.
- Do not cheat in examinations, write an exam for someone else, or have someone write an exam for you.
- Do not use electronic devices during in-class testing (unless otherwise stated by your instructor).
- Do not plagiarize or copy ideas from others, **intentionally or unintentionally**. When you use the ideas of other people (paraphrasing or quotation), clearly acknowledge or indicate the sources in your written or oral work using APA 7 style of referencing.
- Do not submit work that has been completed through collaboration with other students without permission from your instructor.
- Do not submit a previously completed assignment for a new class or in any other situation.
- AI-generated content is not a reliable source of information and factual knowledge for coursework. Please consult with your instructors about the use of AI-generated software before using it for your coursework and assignments.

- ELS students are prohibited from submitting AI-generated content as their own work; this is a violation of the Academic Integrity Policy. Please consult your instructor if you have any questions regarding the use of AI software.

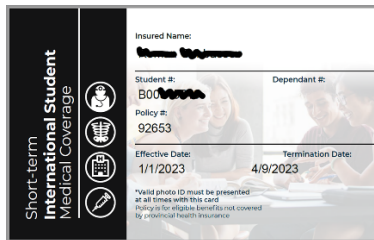
Health Insurance

Students who are living in Canada and hold a Study Permit are required by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to always carry valid health insurance.

Students will be automatically enrolled in a health insurance plan. You will make the payment for this and receive your insurance card during the first week of classes.

If your health insurance is being sponsored by a government or scholarship provider, or if you have coverage under the Nova Scotia provincial health plan (MSI), a copy of the policy or MSI card must be provided to the Administrative Officer during the first week of classes to opt out of the health insurance provided by Dalhousie. Complete the opt-out form and return it to the Administrative Officer upon arrival. <http://www.studyinsured.com/>

Students should always carry their policy number and/or their insurance card. Here is what the insurance card looks like:



Example of Insurance Card

It is important that students understand what is covered by their insurance and what is not. Students should read their insurance policy carefully. Some insurance policy material is available in languages other than English. You can find general information about your insurance and download information about your insurance policy in other languages from this page. <https://studentvip.ca/dalels>

It is also important for students to understand how the health system works and when to see Dalhousie Student Health, when to go to walk-in clinics, family doctors, and when to go to the hospital or emergency room.

For any Health Insurance related questions, please contact Ayesha.Mushtaq@dal.ca

- This page will help you find a doctor near you (you will need your insurance card to do this). See “Provider Search Tool.”

Dalhousie Health and Wellness Services

https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/health-and-wellness.html

Here are some useful points:

Location

2nd floor, LeMarchant Place
1246 LeMarchant Street
Halifax, NS, B3H 4R2

Phone: 902-494-2171

Fax: 902-494-6872

General enquiries: livewell@dal.ca



Medical & walk-in counselling hours of operation (Click to access website)

Dalhousie Student Health & Wellness Centre (Halifax - Studley Campus)

The Student Health & Wellness Centre (SHWC) is located on **Studley Campus** in Halifax. The Centre provides students with certified quality primary and mental health care services to promote and enhance your health and wellbeing.

Main services include:

- Medical services
- Counselling, including same-day and ongoing
- Social work
- Peer support
- Health promotion expertise

Hours of operation:

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Fridays: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Getting here



2nd Floor LeMarchant Place
1246 LeMarchant Street
Halifax, NS B3P 1K5

***Note:** We recommend calling **902-494-2171** before stopping by.

Walk-in counselling sessions are booked in person at the Student Health & Wellness Centre on a first-come, first-served basis. Students with pre-booked medical appointments should arrive

at the Student Health & Wellness Centre 15 minutes before the scheduled appointment time to ensure there is enough time to register and receive the full appointment time with a healthcare professional. Students with pre-booked appointments with psychologists can proceed directly to the counselling offices.

Special Needs and Accommodation

Students may request accommodation as a result of barriers experienced related to disability, religious obligation, or any characteristic protected under Canadian human rights legislation. To learn more about these characteristics, visit <https://humanrights.novascotia.ca/content/know-your-human-rights>. In an effort to create an environment that maximizes the success of all students, we encourage you to make us aware of any barriers that may inhibit your learning. It is your responsibility to self-identify and make a request for accommodation. Please feel free to ask any time about concerns or questions you may have about assignments, activities, or examinations.

Any request for accommodation must be made reasonably in advance of the course or program in relation to which accommodation is being sought so that a decision can be made. Students who require accommodation should contact Ayesha.Mushtaq@dal.ca before the course starts or at the beginning of the course to liaise with the Dalhousie University Advising and Access Services Centre (AASC) as necessary and connect the student to the AASC. The AASC will consider a request for accommodation made by a third party (physician, family member, caregiver, advocate or other representative) only where the student has provided prior written consent.

A request for accommodation must include the reasons for the accommodation, supporting documentation, the accommodation being requested and suggestions as to how the accommodation can be achieved, copies of medical reports (if applicable) to substantiate the request and where the request relates to a learning disability, a report describing the nature of the disability.

Please note that some classrooms at Dalhousie University may contain specialized accessible furniture and equipment. It is important that these items remain in the classroom, untouched, so that students who require their usage will be able to fully participate in the class.

Refund Policy

A refund is given under the following circumstances:

1. Refused entry to Canada by border services
2. Cancellation in writing prior to departure from home country

Please note that there is NO refund once the course begins.

Important Administrative Information for New Students

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1) Dalhousie Student Number / “B00” number.

- a. What it looks like: B00 plus six numbers. Ex: B00234678
- b. Where to get it: If you have applied to Dalhousie, it is written on your acceptance or confirmation letter.
- c. When you need it: When dealing with Dalhousie admissions and administration.

2) DalCard

- a. What it is: Your official student identification (ID) card.
- b. Where to get it: the [DalCard Office](#), Howe Hall. Bring your B00 number and your passport.
- c. When you need it: To prove you’re a Dalhousie student. Use it for borrowing library books, accessing Dalplex, writing exams, getting student discounts (-10% at supermarkets on Tuesdays, etc.).

3) NetID

- a. What it looks like: two letters from your first name plus six numbers. Example: **ab123456**
- b. Where to get it: Once you have your B00 number, go to <https://password.dal.ca/> and click on “Activate or Look up NetID.” Follow the instructions. You will be asked to choose a very complicated password during this process. You will also be asked to set up [Multi-Factor Authentication \(MFA\)](#).
- c. When you need it: To access Dalhousie e-mail, WiFi, OpenDal Brightspace (Dal’s on-line learning system), campus computers, student records online, etc.

4) Dalhousie E-mail

- a. What it looks like: As a Dal student, you now have a new e-mail address that you can use in addition to your Hotmail/Gmail, etc. It is simply your NetID plus @dal.ca. Example:
jn135090@dal.ca
- b. How to access it: Go to <http://my.dal.ca> and sign in with your NetID and password to read and send e-mails. (If you are new to Dal, you may need to [Claim Your Account](#) first.)
- c. When you need it: Start checking this address every day. It’s the official means of communication between Dalhousie University and you.

- d. Another option: You can also set up something called a “Personalized Email Address.” It is another email address that will come to the same inbox as the one consisting of your NetID. Most people set it up so it is their first name and last name. Ex: **david.packer@dal.ca** It’s much easier to use and remember than your e-mail containing your NetID.
- e. How to set up a Personalized Email: Log into my.dal.ca, and select “Find a Service” at the top of the page. Look for “Personalized Email Address.” Log in with your NetID and password. Follow the instructions to set up this second e-mail address. More details can be found here: <https://blogs.dal.ca/mcs/2014/01/personalize-your-dalhousie-email-address/>
- f. How to check your Personalized Email address: Both Dalhousie e-mail addresses go to the same Inbox at <http://my.dal.ca>

5) Dalhousie WiFi

- a. What to look for: With your wireless device, look for the Dalhousie network.
- b. How to sign in: If it asks you to sign in, enter your NetID and password.
- c. If you have problems: On cell phones, it is generally very easy to get onto Dal’s WiFi. On your laptop, if you have problems, visit <https://wireless.dal.ca/> for more detailed instructions and software to install to change your computer’s settings.

6) DalSafe Text Alerts

- a. What is it: DalSafe text alerts is a service that will send a notice to your cell phone if the university is closed because of bad weather or an emergency.
- b. How to set it up: Go to <http://www.dal.ca/dalsafe> and follow the instructions to set up DalAlert text messaging.

Setting Up Your NetID (Visual Instructions)

***Useful links:**

- IT services for new students: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/its/new.html>
- How to set up your Dal email: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/its.html>
- Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA): <https://www.dal.ca/dept/its/new/multi-factor-authentication.html>
- Microsoft Authenticator Application for Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA): <https://www.dal.ca/dept/its/new/multi-factor-authentication/microsoft-authenticator-application-for-multi-factor-authenticat.html>

Step1:

Claim your account with your Banner ID: <https://myaccount.dal.ca/>

(Your Banner ID will be in your acceptance or confirmation letter.)

New to Dal? Claim Your Account

Your **Dalhousie NetID** provides access to DalOnline, MyDal, Microsoft 365 Email, Brightspace, computer labs, and many other services.

Submitting this form will initiate the one-time process that will activate your account. Complete details about the process will be displayed after submitting.

Dalhousie ID *

B00000000

[Help finding your Dalhousie ID.](#)

Date of Birth *

yyyy-mm-dd



Password Reset Email *

me@example.com

Enter an email that isn't from Dalhousie for this account claim process and future password resets.

Confirm Email *

me@example.com

Please review [Dalhousie's Acceptable Use Policy](#) and confirm that you agree to the terms set forth.

☒ I agree to the Dalhousie Acceptable Use Policy.

Submit

Step 2:

Your account activation will start, and you will see this page and receive the same email:

 **DALHOUSIE** UNIVERSITY My Account Log in

Account Activation Started

We just sent an email to [me@example.com](#) confirming that the activation process has started.

It may take up to 1 hour before your account and services are activated. You will receive a second email when your services are ready. The second email will contain:

- Your Dalhousie NetID username
- A temporary password, valid only for 24 hours
- The link to login and set your own password & [multi-factor authentication \(MFA\) options](#)

If you don't receive the follow-up email after an hour, please contact support@dal.ca or visit one of our [Help Desk locations](#).



Account Activation Started

Your Dalhousie NetID and related services are in the process of being activated.

This process may take up to 1 hour. You will receive a second email when your account and services are ready. The second email will contain:

- Your Dalhousie NetID username
- A temporary password, valid only for 24 hours
- The link to login and set your own password & [multi-factor authentication \(MFA\) options](#)

If you don't receive the follow-up email after an hour, please contact support@dal.ca or visit one of our [Help Desk locations](#).

Welcome to Dalhousie!

Step 3:

You will receive an email confirming your account is ready:

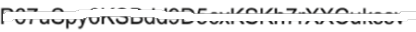


Your Account is Ready

Dear 

Your Dalhousie NetID is now ready. Please use the following to login:

Username: 

Temporary Password: 

Login: <https://myaccount.microsoft.com/>

Important:

- The temporary password will only be valid for 24 hours. You will be prompted to set a password of your choosing upon logging in for the first time. If your temporary password expires, you can still gain access to your account through Self-Service Password Reset at: <https://aka.ms/sspr>
- Passwords at Dalhousie must be a minimum of 16 characters and must not be easily guessable (for example cannot include your own name, cannot be simple patterns like "123456", etc.).
- You will be prompted to register [multi-factor authentications \(MFA\) options](#) upon your first login. All accounts at Dalhousie must use MFA.

If you have any trouble with this process, please contact support@dal.ca or visit one of our [Help Desk locations](#).

Welcome to Dalhousie!

Step 4:

You can begin the Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) setup: <http://aka.ms/mfasetup>

Download the app on your phone and click "Next":

Keep your account secure

Microsoft Authenticator



Start by getting the app

On your phone, install the Microsoft Authenticator app. [Download now](#)

After you install the Microsoft Authenticator app on your device, choose "Next".

[I want to use a different authenticator app](#)

Next

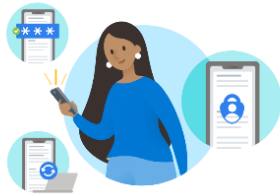
[I want to set up a different method](#)

Step 5:

Open the app, if prompted, allow notifications. Then, add an account, select Work or School, select scan QR code:

10:44 5G 66

Skip



Secure Your Digital Life

 Sign in with Microsoft

When you are signed in with Microsoft, all stored passwords, addresses, and other autofill info will be available on this device.

 Add work or school account

 Scan a QR code

Restore from backup

10:48 LTE 65

< Add account

WHAT KIND OF ACCOUNT ARE YOU ADDING?

-  Personal account >
-  Work or school account >
-  Other (Google, Facebook, etc.) >

Add work or school account

Sign in

Scan QR code

(1) When you are signed in with your personal account, all

Cancel

Go back to the computer, and click “Next”:

Keep your account secure

Microsoft Authenticator



Set up your account

If prompted, allow notifications. Then add an account, and select “Work or school”.

Back

Next

[I want to set up a different method](#)

Step 6:

Use your phone to scan the QR code on the computer, and select “Next”:

Keep your account secure

Microsoft Authenticator

Scan the QR code

Use the Microsoft Authenticator app to scan the QR code. This will connect the Microsoft Authenticator app with your account.

After you scan the QR code, choose “Next”.



Can't scan image?

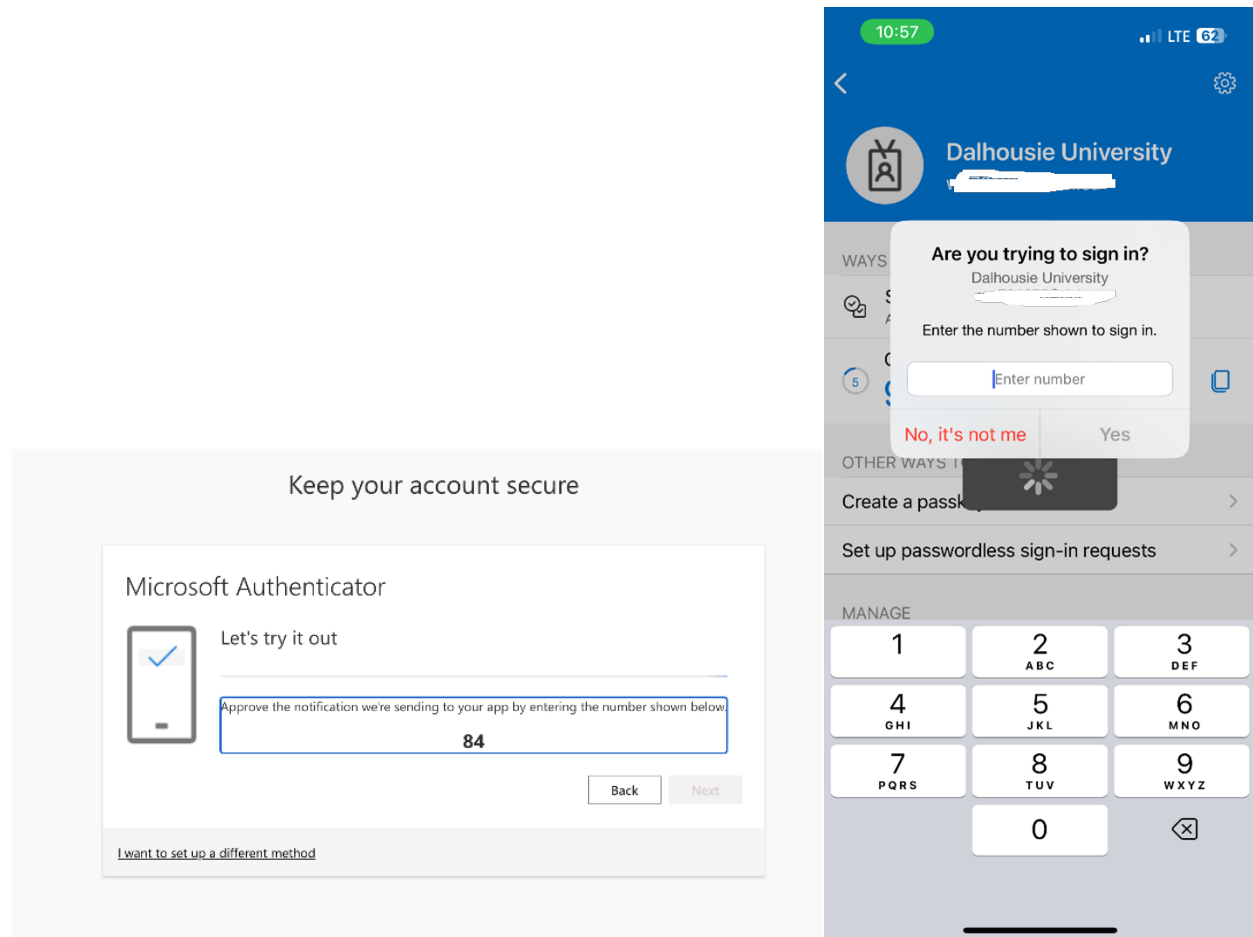
Back

Next

[I want to set up a different method](#)

Step 7:

Enter the test number on your phone, and select “Next”:



Step 8:

Go back to your computer and click “Next”:

Keep your account secure

Microsoft Authenticator



✓ Notification approved

Next

[I want to set up a different method](#)

Keep your account secure

Success!

Great job! You have successfully set up your security info. Choose "Done" to continue signing in.

Default sign-in method:



Microsoft Authenticator

Done

Step 9:

Go to <http://aka.ms/mfasetup>, sign in, and change your password.

For Chinese students who are unable to download the app because of their phone version, you can search for mini-programs on WeChat that offer the same functionality.



Important Resources

Program Contacts	On-Campus Services	Off-Campus Resources
<u>ELS Director</u> Dr. Ayesha Mushtaq ayesha.mushtaq@dal.ca <u>Student Engagement Coordinator</u> TBA <u>Administrative Officers:</u> Mingyi Wang, Program Manager Mingyi.Wang@dal.ca Zhenyu Meng, Program Assistant Zhenyu.Meng@dal.ca <u>Registration & General Inquiries:</u> Anna Kimoto Anna.Kimoto@dal.ca ELS@dal.ca	Dalhousie Campus Security / Tiger Patrol Dalhousie Student Health and Wellness 902-494-2171 Dalhousie ELS Dept. Home Page Dalhousie University Home page International Admissions Faculty of Graduate Studies (Admissions for Master's and Doctoral Programs) Dalhousie Campus Maps Dalhousie International Centre Dalhousie Student Union (Student societies, special events and	Halifax Police, Fire and Ambulance emergency: 911 Halifax Police (non-emergency): 490-5016 or 5020 Avalon Sexual Assault Centre: 425-0122 Halifax Municipal Services and Information 311 Halifax Transit Discover Halifax Nova Scotia Tourism Click on the link below for more Off Campus Living information. Off Campus Living

	much more!) Dalhousie Athletics & Recreation (Dalplex, Sports Centre) Dalhousie Arts Centre Dalhousie Multifaith Services Prayer Facilities and Quiet Rooms on Studley Campus • LeMarchant Place (Room 2302. Bathrooms have footbaths.) • Killam Library (Room 3105) • SUB Multifaith Centre (4th floor, Room 407. Friday prayers in Room 307 at 1:00) • SUB (Basement, Wellness Room)	
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Life in Halifax Resources

1. Weather and what to wear in Halifax: Click [HERE](#).
2. Shopping, groceries, and bookstores: Click [HERE](#).
3. Food: Click [HERE](#).
4. Socio-cultural experiences in Halifax: Click for [Festivals & Events](#), [Arts & Cultural](#), [Entertainment & Music](#), and [Day trips](#).
5. Commute and transit: Click [HERE](#).
6. Places of worship: Click [HERE](#).
7. Information on childcare: Click [HERE](#) (for more information and about ELS parental leave, please see ELS Director).
8. Banking Programs for Newcomers: Click [HERE](#).
9. Dalhousie Legal Aid Services: Click [HERE](#).
10. Social worker services: Click [HERE](#).
11. Information Technology Services & IT Help Support: Click [HERE](#).

***EduNova** has put together resources for getting to know more about living and studying in NS: Click [HERE](#).

Activity Calendars: What's going on at Dalhousie and Halifax

ELS Programs: ELS Department often hosts social and academic outings. These happen every term and vary in nature. All events are posted on your Brightspace announcements and communicated via instructors.

Here's a list of other events available to you.

Dalhousie Events Calendar

To learn more about events happening on campus, please check out our events' calendars:

Dalhousie events (includes Academic events, Career services, Concerts and performances, Conferences, Meetings and information sessions, Fitness and recreation, General, Health & Wellness, Lectures and panels, Social events and celebrations. Society and clubs and Sporting events: <https://events.dal.ca/week/audience/Current%20students%7COpen%20to%20all>

Dalhousie International Centre also hosts a number of social events – please check their Instagram: @dalinternational

Dalhousie Student Union Calendar

Check out events happening at Dal and Dal Student Union: <https://www.dsu.ca/event-calendar>

Halifax Events' Calendar through Public Library:

<https://halifax.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?audiences=59a985e944d357e82f6f8b21>

Important Immigration Advisory Resources

It is important to go to authentic and reliable resources when seeking advice on immigration. Dalhousie offers certified immigration advisors who can help and support you with your issues regarding visa, immigration status, study permit or family immigration. Please click [HERE](#) for more information on how to connect with an advisor.

For general inquiries on staying in Canada, click [HERE](#).

Informal Conversation and Socialization Opportunities in Halifax

Students are encouraged to find opportunities to practice English outside of class time. Below are some opportunities for English practice.

On-Campus:

Dalhousie International Centre: LeMarchant Place, 1246 LeMarchant St, Suite 1200

The International Centre is a wonderful resource. They organize an informal ESL conversation group which meets on campus once a week. They also organize many trips and social events

around Halifax and Nova Scotia. Find details online at https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/international-centre.html or on their [Facebook page](#), where you can look for an upcoming “Language Spot” in their Events listings.

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) Societies

The Dalhousie Student Union has more than 300 clubs and student groups (<https://www.dsu.ca/join-a-society>), with everything from sports teams to the Engineering Students’ society, to the manga club to the on-campus radio station. A society fair is held every September and January in the Student Union building where you can go and meet people from the different societies and find out more about them.

ELS Conversation Club

The ELS Conversation club is facilitated by Dalhousie students who will help you practice and learn conversational English through a wide range of speaking activities. It is a great opportunity to make new friends, play games, learn about living in Canada and studying at Dalhousie, all the while learning and practicing English!

This is a weekly club and Day/time is posted on Brightspace every term.

Off Campus:

Halifax Public Libraries (<http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/>)

The network of libraries has many resources our students and their families can access, including readings, workshops, kids’ events, film screenings, as well as an ESL book collection. Please note that although the libraries have free English tutoring, it is only available to people with permanent residency or refugee status. There are, however, English conversation groups, at a variety of levels, at all the library branches.

Halifax Events’ Calendar through Public Library:

<https://halifax.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?audiences=59a985e944d357e82f6f8b21>