



NEW TO USASK

NEW STUDENT GUIDE 2019-20



**UNIVERSITY OF
SASKATCHEWAN**

Welcome to the University of Saskatchewan (USask)! This guide serves as a supplement to our New Students website. Follow the diagram below and check off the steps as you go. All of the information you need is online at **students.usask.ca/new**.

NEXT STEPS



1 | Connect with us

- ☐ Become familiar with PAWS
- ☐ Check your USask email (and learn how to set it up on your phone)
- ☐ Download the iUsask and USAFE apps



2 | Choose your classes

- ☐ Learn which courses you need for your program
- ☐ Speak with an academic advisor
- ☐ Learn about where you can take classes
- ☐ Build your class schedule
- ☐ Find out when you can register
- ☐ Register for classes




3 | Watch for upcoming events

- ☐ U-Start
- ☐ Graduation Powwow
- ☐ Aboriginal Students' Centre New Student Welcome
- ☐ Welcome for international students
- ☐ St. Thomas More College Welcome
- ☐ Orientation



4 | Ease your transition

- ☐ Join a Learning Community
- ☐ Take a summer class
- ☐ Find direction with career coaching
- ☐ Register with Access and Equity Services



Access your USask email by logging into PAWS (paws.usask.ca), with your Network Services ID (NSID) and password. For assistance, contact the ICT Service Desk by telephone at 306-966-2222 or 1-800-966-4817 (toll free in Canada). It is essential that you check your email regularly to ensure you receive important communications from the university—it is the only way we communicate with you regularly.



5 | Consider housing, transit and meal plan options

- ☐ Apply to live in residence
- ☐ Explore other housing opportunities
- ☐ Explore transit routes to campus
- ☐ Consider a campus meal plan



6 | Plan your finances

- ☐ Develop a budget
- ☐ Estimate your tuition and fees
- ☐ Consider sources of funding



7 | Take care of student business early

- ☐ Apply for a study permit
- ☐ Send your final transcript(s)
- ☐ Get your student ID card
- ☐ Get your U-Pass transit sticker
- ☐ Apply for a parking permit
- ☐ Confirm your health coverage
- ☐ Buy your textbooks
- ☐ Buy a computer on campus and save



8 | Join the community

- ☐ Check out student associations and campus groups
- ☐ Join a Campus Rec intramural sports team
- ☐ Visit the campus' student centres

Choose your classes



Registering for classes is your next big step as a new university student. To help you learn about registration, we have step-by-step instructions and videos on usask.ca/registration. We recommend that all new students visit the website before registering for classes.

Learn which courses you need for your program

COURSE AND PROGRAM CATALOGUE

Use the Course and Program Catalogue to determine:

- the number of credit units you will need to earn your degree, diploma or certificate
- the required courses you will need to take
- the sequence in which courses should be taken to ensure prerequisite* requirements are met

*Prerequisites are courses for which you must earn credit before you can register in other related courses.

ACADEMIC ADVISORS

It is strongly recommended that you meet with an academic advisor from your college or department as you prepare to start your program, and regularly as you work toward your degree. Advisors can help you to understand your program requirements and can also help you to develop an educational plan that fits your abilities, interests, personal circumstances and goals.

Learn about where you can take classes

It is important that you register for classes at the campus you intend to study. While our Saskatoon campus is the main campus for our colleges and programs, many of USask's programs can be started at other locations across Saskatchewan as well as online. To learn more about off-campus sites and distance programs visit distanceeducation.usask.ca.

Search for classes and build your class schedule

Visit usask.ca/registration to search for classes or use the **Search for Classes** tool in the **Registration** channel in PAWS. Create your class schedule—and a backup schedule—before your registration access date. We have class schedule worksheets you can download on the website.

Find out when you can register for classes

Registration for Fall and Winter Terms opens in June. Your specific registration access date will be posted in the **Registration** channel in PAWS after it has been set, usually by mid-May. Your registration access date is the earliest day and time you will be able to register. Before your registration access date, check your registration status (in PAWS) to ensure there is no hold or other reason preventing you from registering for classes.

Register for classes

It is important to register for classes as early as you can. Having your class schedule (and some back-up options) prepared will give you the best chance of being able to register for the classes you want.

Watch for upcoming events



U-Start



Join a U-Start session in-person or online to learn:

- how to choose and register for classes
- how you can get a head start
- where to get help
- what you need to know before September

Choose your date/location at usask.ca/ustart.

Graduation Powwow



Each year we host a Graduation Powwow to celebrate graduating Aboriginal students from USask and from high schools across the province. Everyone is welcome to attend and admission is free.

Aboriginal Students' Centre New Student Welcome



This is a free event for new Métis, First Nations and Inuit students. Meet new people and learn about services for Aboriginal students.

Welcome for international students



This is a free event for new international students. Meet new people and learn about services for international students.

St. Thomas More College Welcome



St. Thomas More College Welcome is a free summer orientation day exclusively for new St. Thomas More College students. It's a great way to get a head start on your university experience!

Orientation

Orientation is your official welcome to USask. Taking place before classes begin in September for new Fall Term students, or January for new Winter Term students, Orientation is a must-attend event to kick your university experience off right.

FALL TERM



Orientation for all new students.

WINTER TERM



Orientation for all new students starting in Winter Term.

Ease your transition



Join a Learning Community

Learn how to adapt more quickly to university and benefit from the mentorship of successful upper-year students by registering in a Learning Community in your college. In a Learning Community, you will get to know a small group of other new students who will be taking some of the same courses as you—courses that you share an interest in, or courses that are part of your degree requirements.

Participating in a Learning Community is one of the best ways for you to take charge of your learning and develop skills to help you succeed in this new academic environment. It is also a great way to make new friends!



Sign-up for Learning Communities opens

AGRICULTURE AND BIORESOURCES

usask.ca/lc

ENGINEERING

usask.ca/lc

KINESIOLOGY

usask.ca/lc

ARTS AND SCIENCE and ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

artsandscience.usask.ca/undergraduate/about/learningcommunities.php

- First-year Learning Experience (FLEX)
- University Transition Program (UTRAN)
- Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways (ISAP)*

***Sign-up for ISAP opens on April 1.**

Students who join FLEX and would like to live in residence can also take part in a FLEX Living Learning Community. Contact our FLEX team at aslc@usask.ca for more information.

Students with questions about ISAP can contact tmc@artsandscience.usask.ca or **306-966-2004**.



First-year Education students register for classes and Learning Communities

EDUCATION

usask.ca/education/learning-communities

Education Learning Communities are part of the Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) degree program requirements. When course registration opens in June, students in Years 1 and 2 must register in 0-credit Education Learning Community (EDLC) classes in the Fall **and** Winter Terms. EDLCs are designed specifically to support students as they transition into the College of Education and the profession of teaching.



Second-year Education students register for classes and Learning Communities

Optional Learning Communities for Year 3 and 4 students are offered twice a term as mini conferences called the Art of Teaching. Art of Teaching mini conferences are open to students in all program routes in the College of Education. Dates and topics vary.

Requirements for students enrolled in ITEP, SUNTEP, off-campus and/or regional colleges may vary. Consult with an academic advisor for more information.

Get a head start on your degree with summer classes



☐ Take a summer class

Summer classes can help you get ahead in your degree program, focus on a tough subject or complete a prerequisite for another course. You can take almost any class you choose, including these options:

INTS 100 – Strategies for Academic Success

Strategies and skills to help students transition to university learning.



TO



ONLINE

MATH 102 – Precalculus Mathematics

Take the prerequisite you need, or get ahead in math and precalculus.



TO



Monday – Friday

4 – 5:20 pm

5:30 – 6:20 pm (Lab – M, W, F only)



TO



ONLINE

BIOL 121 – The Diversity of Life

Need biology for your degree? Beat the rush and take it over the summer.



TO



Monday – Friday

8:30 – 10:50 am

1:30 – 4:20 pm (Lab)

ARCH 111 – The Human Journey Introduction to Archaeology and Biological Anthropology

Learn the basic principles of archaeology and biological anthropology.



TO



Monday – Friday

11 am – 1:20 pm

Speak with an academic advisor in your college if you have questions about taking summer classes. If you would like to switch your start term to the summer, contact the Admissions Office by July 2, 2019 at admissions@usask.ca or **306-966-5788**.

Visit summer.usask.ca for more information.

KEY DATES

2019
APR

- 1** Sign-up for ISAP Learning Communities opens

2019
MAY

- 1** Sign-up for Learning Communities opens (excluding ISAP and Education)
Student parking online sale application for Fall and Winter Terms opens in PAWS
- 6** Check-in day for Spring/Summer in College Quarter and Seager Wheeler
- 8** Spring Term (May 8 – June 22), Quarter 1 (May 8 – May 29), and multi-term (May 8 – August 13) classes begin
- 15** Deadline to pay Spring Term tuition
- 20** Victoria Day – University closed
- 29** Quarter 1 classes end
- 30** Quarter 1 final examinations begin
Mid-term break for Spring Term and multi-term classes – no classes
- 31** Graduation Powwow – everyone welcome
Quarter 1 final examinations end
Mid-term break for Spring Term and multi-term classes – no classes

2019
JUN

- 3** Quarter 2 (June 3 – June 21) classes begin
- 15** Class registration for Fall Term (September) and Winter Term (January) opens for first-year students
Register for Year 1 Education Learning Communities
- 21** Spring Term and Quarter 2 classes end
- 24** Spring Term and Quarter 2 final examinations begin
Mid-term break begins for multi-term classes – no classes

2019
JUN

- 26** Spring Term and Quarter 2 final examinations end
Mid-term break ends for multi-term classes – no classes
- 27** Summer Term (June 28 – August 14) and Quarter 3 (June 28 – July 19) classes begin

2019
JUL

- 1** Canada Day – University closed
- 5** Deadline to pay Summer Term tuition
- 18** Quarter 3 classes end
- 19** Quarter 3 final examinations begin
Mid-term break for Summer Term and multi-term classes – no classes
- 22** Quarter 3 final examinations end
Mid-term break for Summer Term and multi-term classes – no classes
- 23** Quarter 4 (July 23 – August 13) classes begin

2019
AUG

- 1** Deadline for final high school, IB and/or AP transcripts to be received by the Admissions Office
- 5** Saskatchewan Day – University closed
- 6** Extended textbook return period for Fall Term begins
- 13** Summer Term, Quarter 4 and multi-term classes end
- 14** Summer Term, Quarter 4 and multi-term final examinations begin
- 16** Summer Term, Quarter 4 and multi-term final examinations end
- 23** Last day to submit a student parking online sale application for Fall and Winter Terms in PAWS
- 25** Student parking online sale results available in PAWS and allocated permits available for pick-up at the Parking and Transportation Services Office
- 29** Aboriginal Students' Centre New Student Welcome
- 30** Aboriginal Students' Centre New Student Welcome
Welcome for international students
St. Thomas More College Welcome
Move-in day for Voyageur Place, College Quarter and Seager Wheeler residents

2019

SEP

- 2** Labour Day – University closed
- 3** Orientation
- 4** First day of classes in Fall Term
- 6** Last day to pick up allocated parking permits at the Parking and Transportation Services Office
- 8** Second chance student parking online sale results available in PAWS
- 13** Last day to pick up allocated second chance student parking permits
- 17** Deadline for registration changes for Fall Term and multi-term classes with 100% tuition credit
- 20** Extended textbook return/exchange period for Fall Term ends
- 24** Last day to withdraw from Fall Term classes with 75% tuition credit
- 30** Tuition payment deadline for Fall Term classes

2019

OCT

- 1** Last day to withdraw from Fall Term classes with 50% tuition credit
Last day to withdraw from multi-term (September – April) classes with 75% tuition credit
- 14** Thanksgiving – University closed
- 16** Last day to withdraw from multi-term classes with 50% tuition credit

2019

NOV

- 11** Remembrance Day – University closed
- 11–15** Fall mid-term break
- 15** Last day to withdraw from Fall Term classes
- 19** Last day for students registered with AES to request exam accommodations for December final exams

2019

DEC

- 5** Last day of Fall Term classes
- 7** Fall Term final examinations begin
- 9** Extended textbook return/exchange period for Winter Term begins
- 23** Last day of Fall Term final examinations
- 25–31** University closed

2020

JAN

- 1** New Year's Day – University closed
- 2** Move-in day for new Winter Term residents
Winter Orientation
- 6** First day of Winter Term classes
- 17** Deadline for registration changes for Winter Term classes with 100% tuition credit
Extended textbook return/exchange period for Winter Term ends
- 24** Last day to withdraw from Winter Term classes with 75% tuition credit
- 31** Last day to withdraw from Winter Term classes with 50% tuition credit
Tuition payment deadline for Winter Term classes

2020

FEB

- 12** Registration for Spring and Summer classes opens
- 15** Last day to withdraw from multi-term (September – April) classes
- 17** Family Day – University closed
- 17–21** Winter mid-term break

2020

MAR

- 15** Last day to withdraw from Winter Term classes
- 19** Last day for students registered with AES to request exam accommodations for April final exams

2020

APR

- 7** Last day of Winter Term and multi-term (September – April) classes
- 9** Winter Term and multi-term (September – April) final examinations begin, including night-class examinations
- 10** Good Friday – University closed
- 29** Last day of Winter Term and multi-term (September – April) final examinations

EXPLORE CAMPUS

1 Administration Building

Student Central in the Administration Building is a great place to start if you have questions about finances, registration, academic life or just about anything else.

When planning to make a tuition payment, online banking is the fastest, easiest and most secure way to make a payment and will help you avoid long lines, but our cashiers in **Student Finance and Awards** are here to help if you have any questions.

2 Parking and Transportation Services Office

The **Parking and Transportation Services Office** is found in the Animal Science Building. This is where you can pick up your parking permit if you are allocated one following the student parking online sale in August. Students who live in residence do not apply to the student parking online sale but can purchase a permit here once they have a signed residence agreement.

3 Marquis Hall

- Enjoy all you can dine at the **Marquis Culinary Centre** with your campus meal plan or as a visitor.
- Find your textbooks and school supplies and get geared up with USask clothing at the **Shop usask Bookstore**.
- Looking to find a job or get a jump start on planning your career? The **Student Employment and Career Centre** can help with that.
- Get your student ID card at the **Campus ID Office**. For most of the year, you'll find us at the Shop usask Bookstore, but we relocate to the concourse in Upper Place Riel between mid-August and mid-September.

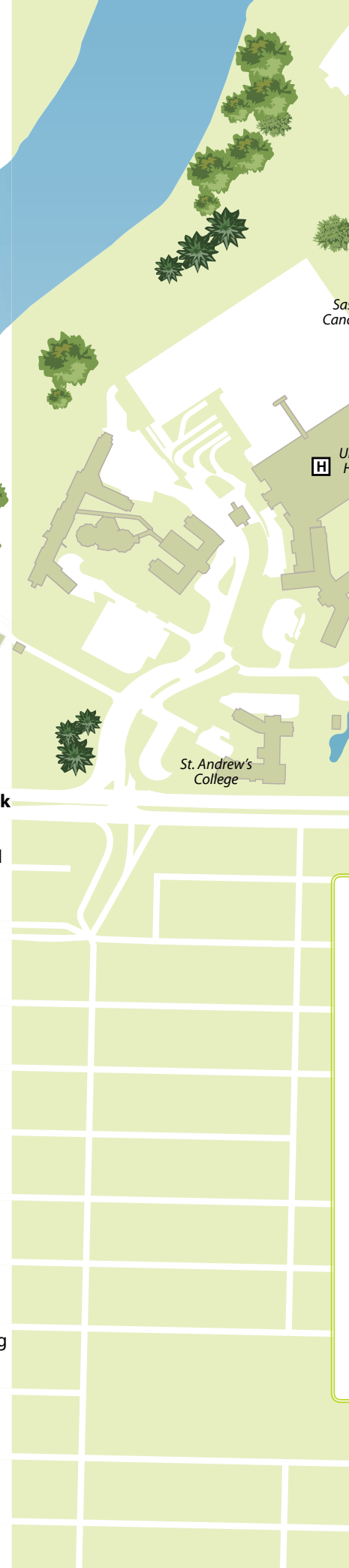
4 Place Riel

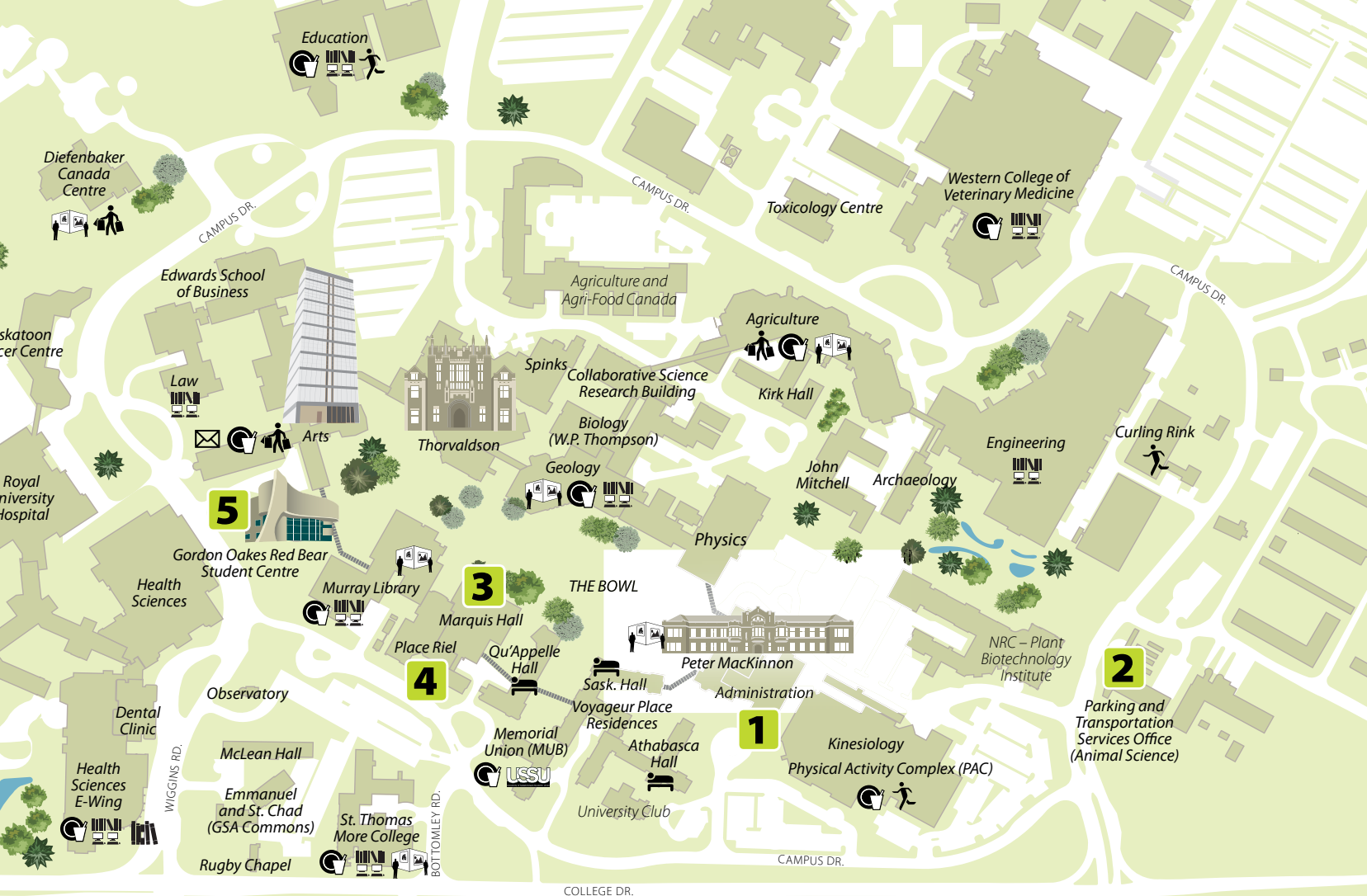
The **Place Riel Student Centre** is one of the main hubs of student life on campus. Go to Place Riel to:

- Get your U-Pass at the **USSU Information Centre**.
- Visit the **Student Health and Dental Plan Office** if you have questions about your coverage.
- Visit the **International Student and Study Abroad Centre** to meet students from around the world, learn about opportunities to study abroad or access services for international students.
- Visit the **Student Wellness Centre** for urgent and non-urgent physical and mental health care.

5 Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre

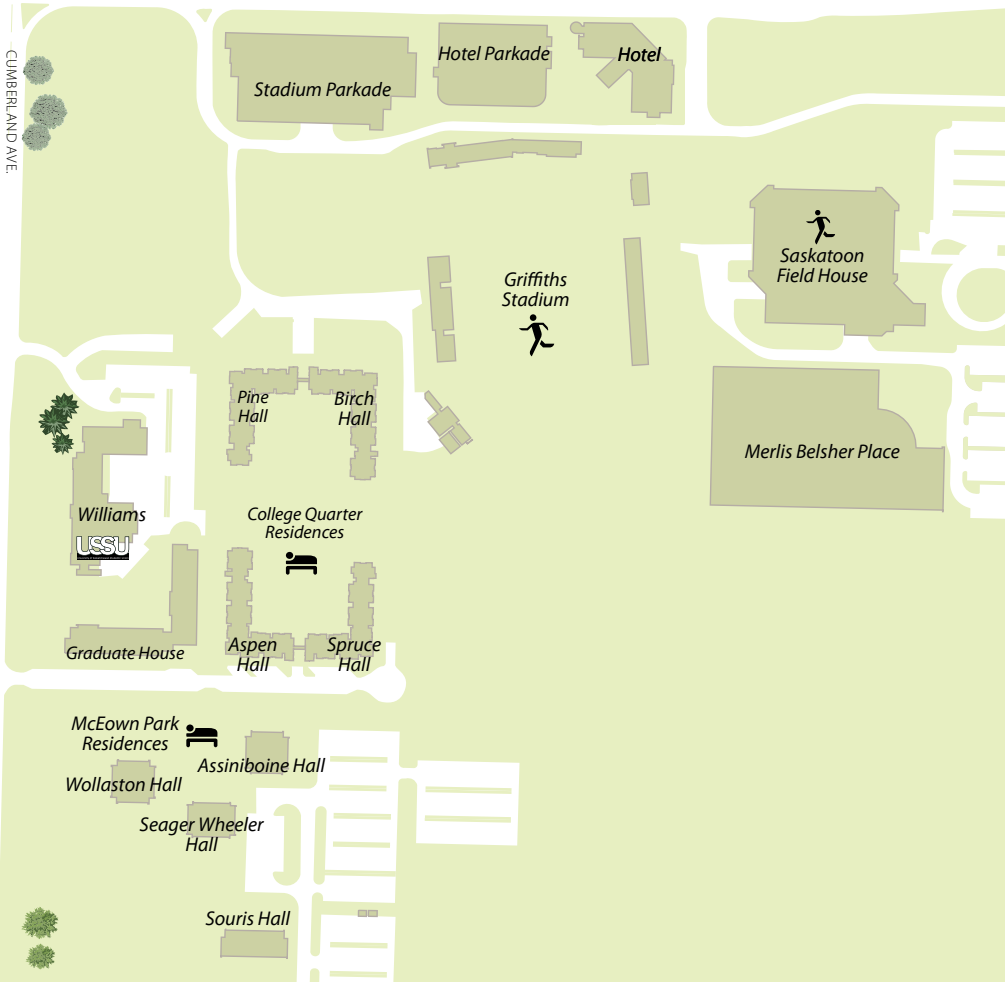
Come meet the team at the **Aboriginal Students' Centre** or just stop in to check out this welcoming space that's open to everyone.





INDEX OF SYMBOLS

- Buildings
- Underground pedestrian tunnel
- Information centre
- ATM
- Bookstore
- Food
- Healthcare
- Hospital
- Library
- Museum/Gallery
- Pharmacy
- Post office
- Residence
- Retail services
- Sport/Fitness facility
- Student service
- Transit hub
- USSU
- USSU Centre



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STUDENT CENTRAL

Administration Building
306-966-1212
Toll free in Canada: 1-877-650-1212
askus@usask.ca

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND STUDY ABROAD CENTRE

Lower Place Riel, Room 80
306-966-4925
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ABORIGINAL STUDENTS' CENTRE

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