

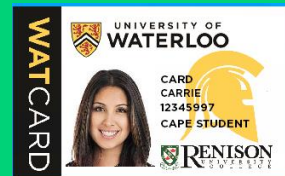
GENERAL ENGLISH AT RENISON

FEBRUARY 2024 ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Submit your Photo for your WatCard

- Your WatCard is your official University of Waterloo student card. On **Monday, February 12** you will receive an email from "WatCard" to register for your student card.
- To receive your WatCard, you need to upload a photo of yourself for the card. This should be a recent, colour photo of your face. You can take a photo using your mobile phone. In addition to your photo, you will also need to submit a picture of government-issued photo identification, such as your passport, to confirm your name. The picture must clearly show the full photo page of your passport, including your name.
- If you do not receive this email by February 13, please email eli@uwaterloo.ca. Include your first name and last name in your email.



WatIAM Registration

- You will be emailed instructions by Michele Parrott (Administrative Assistant, Renison English Language Institute) to register for WatIAM. This is the official Waterloo Identity & Access Management system.
- WatIAM will allow you to access Wi-Fi on campus and is required for your student card.
- You must register for your WatIAM account before arriving in Canada.







TIME	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
7:30am – 8:30am	Pre-Arrival Information Session, Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join us virtually on Zoom to learn about what to expect when you arrive in Canada! • Peer Leader Yoshiaki will answer questions about travel, homestay, packing, and programming • Yoshiaki will also share his experiences as a past GEAR student and what homestay was like for him! • Visit uwaterloo.ca/renison-seah/events to join the session. • Remember, the session is from 7:30am to 8:30am Eastern Time (the time zone for Waterloo). If you live in a different time zone, use a time zone conversion tool to find the correct start time for your location.
TIME	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
9:00am – 9:45am	Welcome Reception, Renison Cafeteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the staff and instructors at Renison and as well as your new classmates. • Enjoy free coffee and pastries and get to know your new friends!
9:45am – 11:45am	Language Test, Room 3106 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Michele Parrott, Administrative Assistant, from the Renison English Language Institute. • Michele will administer your language test. This test helps us determine your language needs.
11:45am – 1:00pm	Lunch and Meet Your Peer Leaders, Renison Cafeteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relax and enjoy a free pizza lunch with your Peer Leaders. Participate in a fun activity to get to know your Peer Leaders and classmates. • Learn about the fun events and activities you will participate in this term. • Discover the many ways you can communicate with your peer leaders and classmates.


























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TIME	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20	
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Campus Tour, Meet in the Renison Cafeteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience the University of Waterloo campus and learn about the many interesting and useful places you can visit. • We will be outdoors, so please dress for the weather! 	
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Program Orientation, Room 3106 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Hill, your Short-term Programs Manager, will explain your class schedule and how to access the Canvas learning system website. • Allison Marlowe, Student Experience Coordinator, and A.J. Dixon, Student Advisor, will share helpful resources and important information. 	
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Homestay Orientation, Room 3106 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join Laura Mutton, Administrative Assistant, and A.J. Dixon, Student Advisor, to learn what you need to know about living with your homestay family. • This session will include tips to have a positive homestay experience. 	
TIME	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21	
9:00am - 4:00pm	First Full Day of Classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See your class schedule for room numbers and class times. • Good luck with your studies! 	



MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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 WELCOME TO CANADA! HAPPY FAMILY DAY!		 ORIENTATION DAY! » PROGRAM ORIENTATION » HOMESTAY ORIENTATION » CAMPUS TOUR		 FAIRVIEW PARK MALL BUS TRIP » 4:00PM - 7:30PM » FREE TO ATTEND » MEET IN THE ATRIUM AT 4:00PM		 LIFE IN CANADA WORKSHOP » 4:00PM - 5:00PM » REN 1918		 GAMES DAY » 3:30PM - 5:00PM » RENISON CAFETERIA		 ST. JACOBS FARMERS' MARKET BUS TRIP » 12:00PM - 3:30PM » \$10 TO ATTEND » MEET IN THE ATRIUM AT 12:00PM	
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 FACULTY OF ENGINEERING TOUR » 3:00PM - 4:30PM » MEET IN THE ATRIUM		 LET'S GO TO JAPAN! » 4:00PM - 5:30PM » REN ATRIUM		 SPEED FRIENDING » 4:00PM - 5:00PM » RENISON ATRIUM		 HOMESTAY CHECK-IN WITH LAURA » 1:00PM - 2:00PM » REN 2918		 CURLING AT KW GRANITE CLUB » 12:00PM - 2:30PM » \$35 TO ATTEND » MEET IN THE ATRIUM AT 11:30AM TO WALK TO THE KW GRANITE CLUB		 NIAGARA FALLS BUS TRIP » 8:15AM - 9:00PM » \$30 TO ATTEND » MEET IN THE ATRIUM AT 8:15AM	
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 ENGLISH SKILLS PRACTICE: TV AND CONVERSATIONS » 4:00PM - 5:00PM » REN 1918		 ENTREPRENEURSHIP TALK WITH WALLIS » 4:00PM - 5:00PM » REN 3106A		 TRUE CANADIAN TRIVIA AND SNACKS » 4:00PM - 5:00PM » REN 1918		 CONVERSATION LUNCH » 12:30PM - 1:30PM » RENISON CAFETERIA		 KITCHENER RANGERS HOCKEY GAME BUS TRIP » 5:45PM - 10:00PM » \$35 TO ATTEND » MEET IN THE ATRIUM AT 5:45PM		 TORONTO BUS TRIP » 8:15AM - 8:00PM » \$30 TO ATTEND » MEET IN THE ATRIUM AT 8:15AM	
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 CONVERSATION LUNCH » 12:30PM - 1:30PM » RENISON CAFETERIA		 CANADIAN ROAD TRIP » 4:00PM - 5:00PM » REN 3106A				 MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT GAMES » 4:00PM - 5:30PM » RENISON ATRIUM		 GRADUATION CEREMONY » 3:00PM - 4:30PM » RENISON CAFETERIA		 RETURN HOME SAFE TRAVELS!	