

Reach Out

News from the Registrar's Office (Kelowna)

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Verification of Enrolment

The Office of the Registrar is working with IT Services on a self-service application that allows students to download their verification of enrolment (VOE), previously called a confirmation of enrolment. The VOE will follow national standards laid out by the Association of Registrars of Universities and Colleges Canada (ARUCC).

Currently we are piloting the VOE for international students whereby we create the VOE, rather than the student. This is how we will find and correct any issues before we go live. We hope to have the self-serve option available to most students in the next few months.

Applied Bachelor of Arts Update

Applications are doing very well for the new Applied Bachelor of Arts: Community Research and Evaluation program with a lot of interest from current students.

Reminder: Any current student can request a transfer to the Applied Bachelor of Arts: Community Research and Evaluation without having to pay an application fee. Please

see, and direct students to, www.okanagan.bc.ca/aba, then Internal transfer for current OC students, which links to the request to transfer form and all the details a student needs to know.

Staff Updates

The Registrar's Office is pleased to announce Adrienne Cook as the successful candidate for the Graduating Student Coordinator position. Adrienne will fill this role while Charly Leach is on maternity leave.

Adrienne has worked in the Registrar's Office as a part of the registration team for the past two years. Her understanding of the student life cycle will be an asset in this new position.



It is with great pleasure that we welcome Piper Yacheson to the Recruitment and Events Assistant role in Penticton. Currently, Piper works in Accessibility Services at OC.

The Recruitment and Events Assistant position in Salmon Arm is currently posted and we are seeking applications.



Education Council News

Education Council did not meet in February 2021.

Below is a brief update on items approved at Education Council in March. Please view the Items Approved or Minutes for details.

March 2021

Program Revisions

Education Assistant Certificate

The computer fundamental admission requirement will be removed.

Proposed date of implementation is May 2021.

Diploma in Writing and Publishing

Changes will be made to the program outline to remove ENGL 220 and take out a note referring students to the Chair of the English Department about electives in year one.

Proposed date of implementation is May 2021.

Floral Design Certificate

Language about Flowers Canada offering examination accreditation will be removed as they no longer provide that.

Proposed date of implementation is May 2021.

Electronic Engineering Technology

Changes to the program outline will be made.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2021.

Sustainable Construction Management Technology

The program name will be changed to Sustainable Building Technology. Other changes include a program description update, addition of courses, deletion of courses, revision of courses, and changes to the program outline.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2021.

Program Deletion

Sustainable Studies Post-Diploma Certificate

New Courses

- INDG 295 - Special Topics in Indigenous Studies
- SOCW 295 - Special Topics in Social Work
- SBT 102 - Introduction to Design
- SBT 212 - Construction Drafting and BIM II
- SBT 214 - Biophilic Design
- SBT 218 - Building Systems and Energy Management
- SBT 230 - Construction Conflicts and Law

Course Revisions

- CRWR 219 - Intermediate Workshop in Creative Writing - Creative Non-Fiction
- ENGL 204 - Applied English Studies I
- ELEN 116 - Programming and Interfacing
- ELEN 153 - Introduction to the Internet of Things
- SCMT 112 - Construction Measurements and Drafting
- SCMT 113 - Quantity Surveying and Estimating I
- SCMT 114 - Sustainability and Ethics
- SCMT 115 - Construction Methods I
- SCMT 116 - Scheduling and Cost Control
- SCMT 120 - Procurement Process
- SCMT 124 - Sustainability and the Built Environment
- SCMT 125 - Construction Methods II
- SCMT 132 - Introduction to Sustainability Assessment Drafting
- SCMT 134 - Green Building Principles
- SCMT 144 - Sustainable Methods and Technologies

- SCMT 212 - Quantity Surveying and Estimating II
- SCMT 223 - Sustainable Materials
- SCMT 224 - Greening Existing Infrastructure
- SCMT 226 - Leadership and Innovation
- SCMT 228 - Renewable Energy Technologies
- SCMT 234 - Sustainable Design and Development
- SCMT 238 - Sustainable Business Case Drafting
- SCMT 244 - Regenerative Design
- SCMT 251 - Project Planning
- SCMT 252 - Project Delivery

Course Deletions

- SCMT 110 - Surveying in Construction
- SCMT 148 - Statics and Strength of Materials I
- SCMT 206 - Lean Construction
- SCMT 216 - Conflicts in Construction
- SCMT 248 - Construction Law

WFH Fatigue

After almost a year of working from home, many of us are still wondering, why do I feel so exhausted after an online video call? Check out this great piece from CBC about what's being termed "Zoom fatigue": <https://youtu.be/avs8cPQYssA>



March 2021

- 12 Last day to: withdraw from a course, change registration status
- 14 Daylight Savings time starts

April 2021

- 2-5 Easter Weekend (College closed)
- 16 Last day of classes for academic programs
- 16-27 Final exams - DE classes
- 19-28 Final exams
- 20 Fee payment deadline Summer Session I & II and DE

Recruitment News

Experience OC, an annual Okanagan College recruitment event has been recreated as a virtual series of events this year.

Experience OC sessions give prospective students a chance to see what classes are like as a student, where professors or instructors may provide an interactive or experiential lecture or activity. Those attending will have an opportunity to meet and interact with our instructors, get their questions answered, and hear about the exciting education, training and career paths that await. With this year's event being completely virtual, anyone can Experience OC from anywhere in the world!

Info sessions will be specific to a program or area of study, providing more insight on admissions requirements, careers and usually the program Chair answers any questions students may have.

Both types of sessions can be accessed at okanagan.bc.ca/infosessions.

Elections

The call for nominations is open for multiple positions of the Board of Governors and Education Council.

Board of Governors (2)

- 1 Support staff
- 1 Faculty member

Education Council (4)

- 1 Regional Faculty – Shuswap-Revelstoke
- 1 Regional Faculty – North Okanagan
- 1 Regional Faculty – Central Okanagan
- 1 Regional Faculty – South Okanagan Similkameen

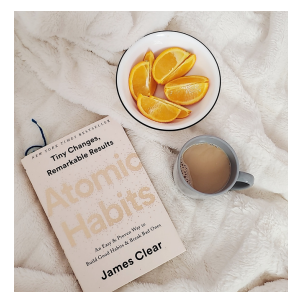
Important Dates:

- Call for Nominations: March 10 – 24, 2021 at 4 p.m., forms and additional information will be available on March 10 in myOkanagan (Elections page)
- Post List of Candidates: March 24, 2021 4:30 p.m.
- Elections: April 10 - 14, 2021 in myOkanagan

Staycation Fun

During the mid-semester break, students were invited to participate in a staycation event. Students posted photos on social media sharing ways they were experiencing a staycation based on themes and ideas suggested by the College.

Check out a few photos from the week.



Good to Know Short URLs

Searching for something quickly on the RO pages and elsewhere? Follow this guide for quick and easy URLs, also called web aliases, to use. Simply type `okanagan.bc.ca` in the address bar and add the web alias at the end.

- Registrar's Office home `/registrar`
- Calendar `/calendar`
- Program search `/programs`
- Experience OC and Info Sessions `/experienceoc` or `/infosessions`
- Jump Start `/jumpstart`
- Recruitment (e.g. campus tours, Student for a Day) `/visit`
- Apply to OC `/apply`
- Admissions `/admissions`
- Meeting admission requirements through testing `/testing`
- Transfer credit `/transfercredit`
- International `/international`
- Important dates (schedules) `/dates`
- Registration `/registration`
- ClassFinder (academic) `/classfinder`
- Scheduling `/exams`
- Summer Sessions `/summer`
- Education Advising `/advising`
- Tuition and fees (including fee payment deadlines) `/tuition` or `/feepayment`
- Financial Aid and Awards `/awards` or `/financialaid`
- Office of the Registrar forms (e.g. change of address, request for transfer credit, consent to release information) `/forms`
- Orientation `/orientation`
- Events `/events`
- Aboriginal Services `/aboriginal`
- Library `/library`
- Student housing `/housing`
- Graduation `/graduation`
- Education Council `/educationcouncil`
- Covid 19 information and updates `/covid`

