

FALL 2021

THE SCIENCE CONNECTION



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Welcome Back to the Faculty of Science

Welcome back to the Faculty of Science, upper years! Time really has flown by since the last time we were all together! In a few weeks, you will be starting another year here at UNB. We are excited to welcome you back to campus and in-person learning. Everyone knows that this is an unprecedented time, and we are proud of our students, staff and faculty for the perseverance that has been demonstrated. Our Science Peer Mentors are here to help you transition into this academic year as smoothly as possible. We have created this newsletter to inform you of all the changes that are happening within the Faculty of Science and how to make the most of this year!

2nd YEAR ORIENTATION

Hey, second years!
We haven't forgotten about you!

Worried about finding classes? No problem! Register to attend one of our tours specifically for upper-year students. Meet your past profs and some new ones. Have a session with your Peer Mentors to discuss second-year expectations, pace, any concerns you may have - bring your questions. Let's finish off the day with some in-person or virtual trivia to win some great prizes!

Your Peer Mentors



REGISTER/RSVP to take part in our second-year academic orientation!
<https://unbf-science-2-year-orientation-rsvp.eventbrite.ca>

**We can't wait to have you join us help us kick off this
year—it's sure to be a September to remember!**

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2021-2022

Follow the link below to access UNB's 2021-2022 Undergraduate Academic Calendar to find important dates regarding payment deadlines, start dates, holidays, reading weeks, exam weeks, and much more! A great tip is to write down the dates from the Academic Calendar that are important to you in your personal planner/calendar to keep track of these dates for future reference!



LINK HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.UNB.CA/SECRETARIAT/STUDENTS/UNDERGRADUATE-DATES2122.HTML](https://www.unb.ca/secretariat/students/undergraduate-dates2122.html)

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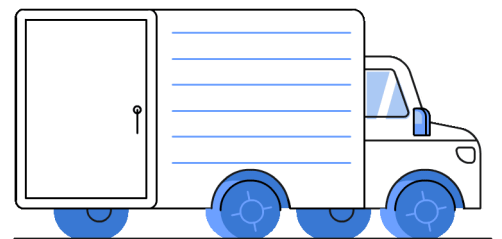
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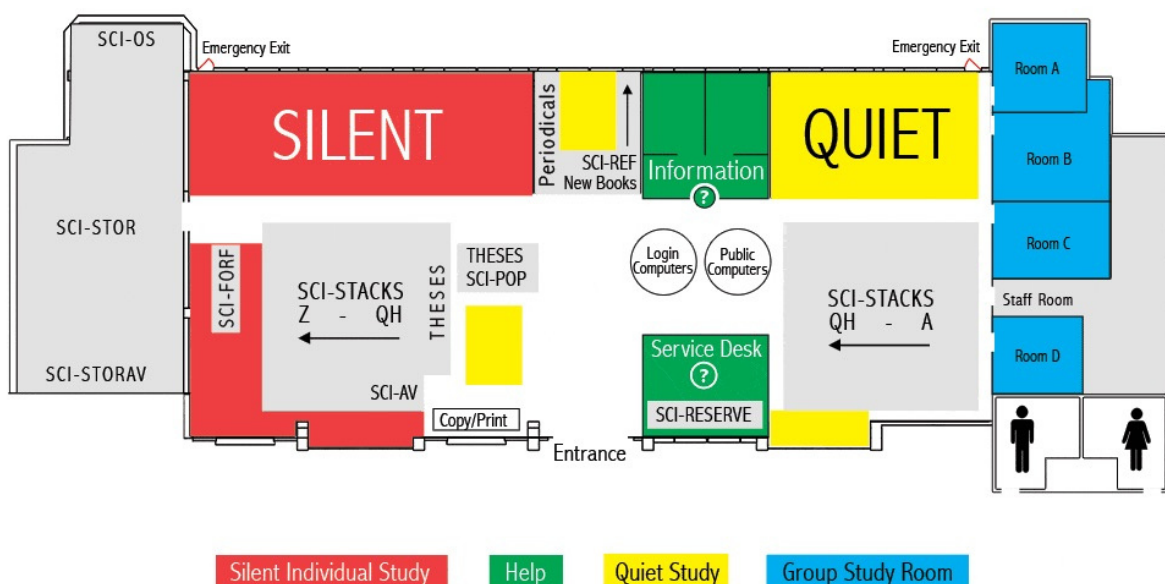
The UNB Campus Bookstore will be reopening on August 23rd at 29 Dineen Drive, and you will be able to purchase textbooks there if you wish! The UNBSU Book Buy & Sell will be happening again this fall during the week of September 13th to 17th. Additionally, you can look for textbooks in the UNBSU Used Textbooks Facebook group.



Are you unable to attend classes on campus this year? We've got you covered!

Please check out the UNB Bookstore at <https://www.bkstr.com/newbrunswickstore/home>. You can put in your student ID or courses and find out which textbooks and course materials are listed for the course. For Canadian students, on-line purchases will be shipped and delivered to you by Purolator. For our international students, please contact the bookstore for support/options to purchase required materials through carriers like Amazon to ensure you get your textbooks in a timely fashion.







Campus Spaces

The health and safety of students is the top priority for UNB as the fall semester begins and we welcome our UNB community back to campus!

This year, we want to welcome all new and returning students to our campus spaces which will resemble a traditional UNB experience with in-person classes, activities and events taking place on our campus.

- Non-medical face masks will continue to be required in the presence of others, in common areas, and in shared spaces.
- In classrooms where the new one-metre guideline has been implemented, masks must be kept on at all times, even when seated.
- Everyone must maintain a 2-metre physical distance in all indoor public spaces which includes hallways, elevators, lobbies, classrooms, washrooms, and other common use areas.
- Hand sanitizing or hand washing is recommended when entering or leaving the space and before/after any location or activity change.
- Classrooms and labs may return to full capacity.
- Lounges and common spaces will re-open.
- Capacity limits will be removed from elevators and washrooms.
- Directional markers will remain in place for the fall term.
- Personal protective equipment and plexiglass barriers installed in classrooms and offices will remain in place for the beginning of the fall term.
- Food services on campus will be evaluated and adjusted as we transition to the fall term.



NEW!

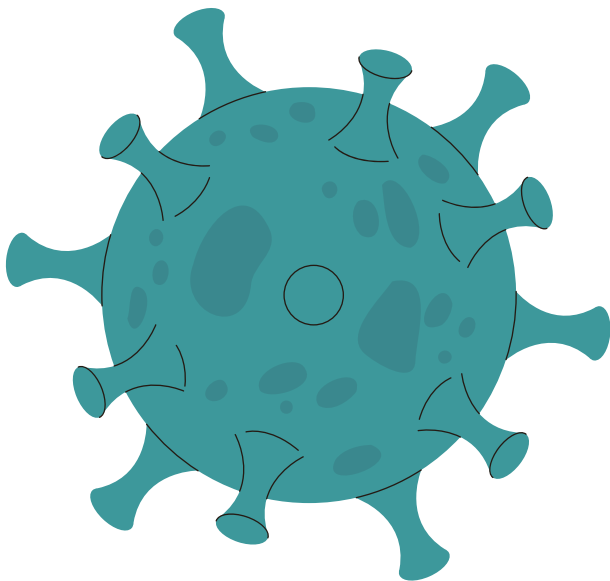
SCIENCE PODCAST

Although this upcoming school year is going to look a bit different than most, different surely doesn't mean bad! Your Peer Mentors are working hard to ensure the sense of connection and curiosity are stronger than ever in the Science Faculty. Therefore, we are launching the first ever ***Science Faculty Peer Mentor Podcast***! Tune in to hear from **fellow students**, **your favourite professors**, **inspiring alumni**, and **special guests**! You'll be able to download the podcast and listen on the go to hear about all the great things UNB and science have to offer! Stay on the lookout for more details soon.

COVID UPDATES

UNB has recently announced that we will be implementing a mandatory vaccine and testing policy. Students, faculty, and staff will be required to be fully vaccinated with two doses of an approved vaccine. Those who are unvaccinated will be required to participate in regular COVID-19 testing.

More detailed information on the implementation of this policy, including dates for first and second doses and testing requirements, will be provided next week after further consultation with New Brunswick Public Health.



In the meantime, we strongly encourage all students, faculty and staff to be vaccinated as soon as possible and to maintain copies of their vaccination status. New Brunswick Public Health has various clinics available for anyone needing their first or second dose.

Please watch our social media and your UNB email for more details as they become available.

RESIDENCE

Deciding what to bring and not to bring to university can be a tough decision, especially with moving away from home! Below is a list of the basic necessities that are essential for university and will definitely come in handy throughout the school year.

Fan: the fall can be quite hot in Fredericton, and the residences tend to heat up fairly quickly, so a fan is definitely essential to keep you and your room cool, especially during the first few months of school!

Calendar/Planner: the school year is an extremely busy time, so one of the best ways to stay organized and keep track of assignments/midterms is to write it down on a planner or calendar (could also be an online/digital). As a science student, this will ensure you that you do not miss important deadlines, as schoolwork can pile up quite quickly with a busy course load!

School supplies: binders, notebooks, looseleaf, sticky notes, highlighters, scientific calculators and pens are all very handy to have with you. Also, make sure to pack pencils and erasers, as you will need them if your tests are written on scantrons.

Backpack: essential for storing school supplies and keeping track of everything you need during the school day. Make sure that it is comfortable as you will most likely be carrying it around everywhere (since your classes will most likely be in different buildings!)

Laptop and chargers: a laptop is always handy for school assignments, studying, and taking notes in class. Do not forget your chargers as well!

Reusable water bottle: UNB has filtered water fountains all around campus, so bringing a reusable water bottle will not only help the environment but also save you some money as well!

First Aid Kit: bandaids, rubbing alcohol, ibuprofen, cough drops, etc. are all important to bring with you to university!

Earplugs/headphones: headphones are great for studying in the library or during quiet hours in residence! Earplugs are also handy when it comes time for sleeping!

Mini fridge/microwave: great for storing snacks in case you get hungry during hours when the meal hall is not open!

Sheets, pillows, comforters and mattress toppers: make sure to make your bed as comfortable as possible since it will affect how you sleep (which may also affect your performance in school) and doubles as a couch!

Bed lifts: great for creating extra storage under your bed. Trust me, these will come in handy!

Decorations: a few personal items to decorate your room can help make you feel more at home. Just make sure not to go overboard as the rooms in the residence are small!

RESIDENCE

Shower caddy/Flips flips/Bathrobe: useful for carrying and storing everything you need for the shower! Since you will be sharing showers with the rest of your house mates, a pair of flip-flops and a bathrobe can always come in handy!

Towels/face cloths and toiletries: residence does not supply them, so it is important to bring your own! The list will be different for everyone, but a few important things are a toothbrush/toothpaste/floss, deodorant, a hair brush, contacts and solutions, etc.

Laundry basket, detergent and drying rack: you can add money on your Ucard to use the washer and dryer so you do not need to bring change. A drying rack always comes in handy for hanging clothes to dry in your room as well!

Rain/winter gear: the weather can be extremely unpredictable so make sure you come prepared as you will most likely be doing a lot of walking on campus!

Clothes hangers, 3M Adhesive and Closet organizers: since your dorm room will be tiny, any additional items for organization can go a long way!

Important cards and documents: make sure to bring a debit/credit card, medicare card, social insurance card, a valid ID/driver's license, and other important cards/forms you will need to pay tuition or fill out any other financial forms. Additionally, any travel documents or proof of vaccination should be brought as well!

Power bar: useful for your dorm, especially if you have several things you need to plug into your room such as a fan, microwave, mini-fridge, TV, etc.

Lanyard: a great way to keep track of the multiple keys you will receive for residence! If you lose your keys, there is an expensive fee to replace them, so keeping them all in one place is important!

Formal clothing: you will need formal clothes for any house dinners, formals, or conferences you may attend during the school year!

Desk lamp: comes in handy for studying in your room, especially at night!

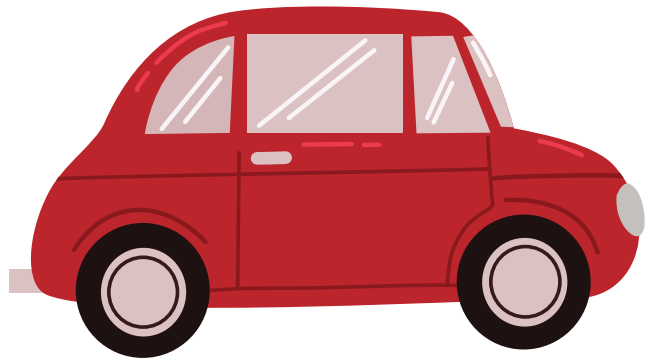
Cleaning supplies: dorms are tiny and can become dirty pretty quickly! Some essential cleaning supplies include surface cleaner, a duster, and Swiffer!

Mask and sanitizer: Even with New Brunswick moving to green phase, unexpected circumstances may arise, and the rest of Atlantic Canada may not follow the same rules as New Brunswick. It's always good to be prepared to abide by changing regulations and prioritize our own safety as well as that of our peers and colleagues!

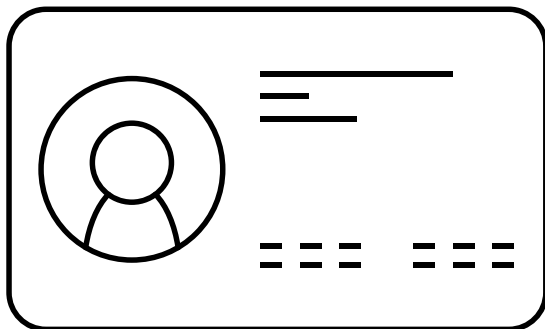
PARKING PASSES

This year, UNB is requiring all parking passes to be ordered online. Your pass will then be mailed to you! For more information on parking passes, visit <https://www.unb.ca/fredericton/security/parking/parking-pass.html>

For most students, the 8-month parking pass option is recommended.



UCARDS



At UNB, your UCard is more than just your ID - it is your cash card, door key, and more! Check out <https://www.unb.ca/ucard/> for information on UCards.

NEW! Your UCard is now available on iPhone, Apple Watch and Android phones! All information on our new mobile app can also be found on the link above.



TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND

Time Management: Managing your time wisely will save you the headache later on! Having a planner and organizing your time in your day for school work, extracurriculars, and down-time will go a long way.

Advising: Meet with your academic advisor before registering for/ dropping courses to ensure you have the correct courses for your program and that all of the requirements for graduation will be met! Contact Angela Regier, our Science Student Services Coordinator, at aregier@unb.ca. who is always willing to help point you in the right direction!

Catch Up Right Away: if you miss a class, do not worry, this is not the end of the world... As long as you take the time to catch up on what you missed! It is important to take responsibility and learn the material you miss before you fall behind.

Reach Out to Professors: Your professors are a great resource and want to help and see you succeed! Do not be afraid to initiate a meeting with your professor if you feel like you are falling behind, or need extra help understanding the material!

Resources: Familiarize yourself with all of the free resources available! The Math Learning Centre, the Student Accessibility Centre, the Writing and Study Skills Centre, Counselling Services, and the CC Jones Health Clinic are all valuable resources that offer support and make your life much easier when you need help.

Relax: The school year gets busy quickly and it is easy to get caught up in the stress of midterms, assignments, reports, and exams. Although studying is important, it is equally important to take time to yourself and to unwind to avoid burn-out! Your mental and physical health are very important for success in the long run!

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