



Hi, - If you missed my last email, I'm Maria, the Orientation & Transitions Student Worker, and I'm reaching out to share information to help new and returning students prepare for the [upcoming term](#) at Camosun. Check out last week's newsletter on [Summer 2021-Newsletters](#).

Technology is essential for student life at Camosun, especially now that the majority of courses take place in virtual classrooms. Having the right technology to engage and succeed is important, so I encourage you to take the time to review the [Online Learning](#) webpage, where you can find the suggested technology specs to ensure you are ready to go when classes start. If you face financial barriers or pressures and don't have access to a computer or reliable internet to support your learning, the library has a limited supply of laptops and mobile hotspots for students to borrow. Complete the [online form](#) to be considered.

Where possible, Summer 2021 courses that can be delivered remotely will continue in that format, while courses with components that can only be delivered on-campus will be carried out in a manner that is safe for everyone. Online courses will be offered in one of these formats:

- **Online ASYNCHRONOUS** 📺 Courses without listed meeting times are still 'structured,' in that you'll have work to complete each week and the course starts and ends at a specific time (not self-paced). You'll need to assign yourself time each week to complete coursework.
- **Online SYNCHRONOUS** 📺 ⌚ Courses that list days/times each week under 'meeting information' will require you to log in to D2L at that time for instruction, discussion, or other course-related activities. If applicable, room provided for virtual remote learning.
- **Blended** 📺 ⌚ 🏠 These courses will have both online and on-campus/off-campus components; the on-campus/off-campus activity will be listed under 'meeting information', and instructors will provide information and expectations for the online element (which may be asynchronous or synchronous) prior to the start of class.
- **On-Campus** 🏠 Location listed as campus; scheduled dates/times/bldgs/rooms. Instructors may need to organize smaller groups of students to rotate on-campus attendance due to health and safety guidelines. Instructors will provide details in the first week of the semester.

To check out more information about myCamosun timetable definitions, [click here](#).

If you have questions on how your courses will be delivered, you can access myCamosun. This [help guide](#) could be useful to get familiar with our online student services portal.

If you are new to online learning or are interested in learning about the tools and applications used at Camosun, check out the [Remote & Online Learning Guide](#) and the [Getting Started for Students](#) tutorials for more resources on how to prepare for online learning.

Do you have questions about being a Camosun student? Our Orientation Chat is live every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 - 12:00 pm (look for the chat box at the bottom of the [Orientation](#) webpage). We will be there to answer your questions or point you to where you can find the information you need.

All the best,  
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