

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ORIENTATION TO ONLINE LEARNING & WELCOME Spring 2026

Purpose: Welcome all new international **ONLINE** students to Whatcom; provide advice on having a successful start; answer questions from students, prepare for this Orientation by watching the provided videos.

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DATE / TIME	AGENDA	DESCRIPTION
March 18 5:00pm (PDT)	Introduction to IP Staff	STUDENT SUPPORT Meet the International Programs staff and learn how they support international students at Whatcom.
	Student support at Whatcom	Learn about resources to support students outside of International Programs: The Learning Center (tutoring); Student Life and Activities (leadership and activities); the Library (academic support and resources), Cultural Center.
	Tips for Success in the American Classroom	Learn important information about expectations for students and instructors in the American classroom. Get an overview of International Programs Advising Services.
	Overview of technology for students	TECHNOLOGY AT WHATCOM Learn about the variety of programs and portals that students use in and out of the classroom (<i>MyWCC</i> = student email; <i>ctcLink</i> = self-service student portal; <i>Canvas</i> = online learning in the classroom).
	Preparing for classes to start	NEXT STEPS BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN Check email regularly. Tuition payment and deadlines. Purchasing books and materials.
	Question & Answer Session	Open session for questions by students.

WEEK Zero

Start checking out the Canvas shells for your classes by April 2. Many instructors activate their class information the week before classes start. It's called Week Zero and will slowly introduce you into the subject and the instructor's expectations and recommendations.

April 7th, 2026– FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

Winter 2026 classes will begin for all students (online and in-person students) on Wednesday, January 7th.