



WELCOME TO
**NEW STUDENT
ORIENTATION DAY**
FALL 2014

**WE
ARE** ESSENTIAL
TO ALBERTA



YOUR
JOURNEY
STARTS
HERE...



WELCOME TO NAIT!

As Canada's leading polytechnic, we promise to provide you with essential skills for a rewarding career. We're excited to have you join us at today's orientation and we hope this is just one of many opportunities to engage with you during your time here at NAIT.

This is your orientation package for 2014. It contains all the information you need such as maps, FAQs and information on the breakout sessions. Please read through carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

Today you will be introduced to our staff and your fellow students. It will be a busy day, but we hope you enjoy every minute.

Sincerely,

Your Student Engagement Team



FALL ORIENTATION 2014 AGENDA

8:15 - 8:45 AM	REGISTRATION TOUR SIGN UP MORNING SNACK	NORTH LOBBY
	U-PASS AND ID CARD PICK UP	SOUTH LOBBY
8:45 - 9:45 AM	WELCOME AND ORIENTATION PRESENTATION	GYM
	PRESENTATION: APPRENTICE STUDENTS ONLY	X107
9:45 - 10:00 AM	BREAK	
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS 10:00 - 10:25 AM 10:35 - 11:00 AM 11:10 - 11:35 AM 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	E, J & X WING CLASSROOMS
	INFORMATION DISPLAYS	E WING J, H, G HALLWAYS
	BOOKSTORE	X-WING
	U-PASS AND ID CARD PICK UP	SOUTH LOBBY
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ORIENTATION BREAKOUT SESSIONS

THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS ARE OFFERED DURING THREE TIME SLOTS AS FOLLOWS: 10:00 - 10:25 AM / 10:35 - 11:00 AM / 11:10 - 11:35 AM

X105

HANDLING STRESS

College can be exciting but also stressful. Learn tips to put you on the right path and begin your journey successfully. For those times you may encounter a bump, you'll be given the information to know where and how to access support, services and counselling. You'll also get some practical stress reduction ideas.

X111

ATHLETICS

This session will provide you with all you need to know about NAIT's 12 varsity sports teams, intramural programs, facilities and top-notch recreational programming.

X107

USING MOODLE & ADOBE CONNECT

Learn how to access educational technologies, collaborate with instructors and peers and explore ways of using them to support your academic success.

E221

APPS USEFUL FOR LIFE AND SCHOOL

Learn about free and low-cost apps for your smartphone that can assist you throughout your academic career.

E225

LIBRARY & PROJECT FACTORY: BEST KEPT SECRETS

Get the edge and discover essential resources and services available. Find information on plagiarism and citations. Get tips to help with your assignments, access equipment and help you succeed at NAIT.

E202

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EDMONTON

An overview of things to do for fun in Edmonton, from festivals to local attractions, for a variety of budgets.

E102

STAY ON TRACK WITH LEARNING STRATEGIES

Learning strategies are techniques designed to enhance your learning ability. You will learn tools that can help make you more effective with your academics. Some examples include learning how to use a weekly planner, a daytimer, creating flash cards, project timelines and SMART goal setting.

E117

SHOW ME MY MONEY 101

This session will offer you a one-stop shop regarding Scholarship, Bursary, Loan and Grant information to help support your financial needs while attending school—a dollars and cents approach to funding basics.

E120

NAITSA: YOUR STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Discover the benefits of your NAITSA membership and find out how to start or get involved with clubs on campus.

J208

NEED HELP NAVIGATING NAIT?

NAIT has a number of resources to help you on your academic journey via the MyNAIT Portal online. Go there to view important eLetters, get payment and tax receipts, see your class schedule, arrange for a locker rental, get timely program information, campus updates and much more!

ORIENTATION BREAKOUT SESSIONS

THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS ARE OFFERED BETWEEN
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM

X105

STAFF QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Informal session where you can ask a panel of NAIT staff members about student services and processes.

X111

INSTRUCTOR QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Informal session where you can ask a panel of NAIT Instructors about expectations in the classroom, exams and projects.

X107

STUDENT QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Informal session where you can ask a panel of NAIT students about life on campus.

E102

YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP: RETAIL SERVICES

Your source for textbooks and supplies. Learn how to find out what you need and the quickest and most convenient ways to get it. We'll tell you about other available services, products and deals for students.

E117

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MONTHLY BUDGET

Simple budgeting tips for stretching your dollars.

E120

GET YOUR EAT ON

Learn about convenient and delicious food options on campus as well as new initiatives for healthy sustainable food choices.

E221

NOVANAIT

Find out about entrepreneurial resources you can access to start a new student-led venture; applied-research experiences that you can participate in with various programs and faculties; or the innovative industry-led, multi-disciplinary Capstone projects to further enhance your educational career at NAIT. There's something to be gained for students in all programs. Come find out now why NAIT is essential.

FAQs

Q1: WHERE CAN I GET A TOUR OF CAMPUS?

A: Campus tours will be offered on August 25, 27 and 28, 2014 during the NAIT New Student Orientation. Additionally, campus tours are offered by select program areas on the first day of classes.

Q2: WHO DO I CONTACT ON CAMPUS IN AN EMERGENCY?

A: NAIT Security is available 24 hours a day at 780.471.7477. When using a campus phone, you can simply dial 7477.

Q3: WHEN AND WHERE DO I GET MY BOOK LIST AND TEXTBOOKS?

A: Program areas provide students with their book list. The majority of programs provide the NAIT bookstore with a copy, which can also be found online under "textbook info." The bookstore recommends going to class before buying books unless you have received a book list from the program. Books should not be purchased any earlier than two weeks before classes start. If books get changed or need to be returned, there is a refund policy. To avoid lineups at the bookstore, you can order books online. Visit onlinestore.nait.ca for more details.

Q4: HOW DO I ACCESS STUDENT HEALTH AND DENTAL CARE?

A: All full and part-time students are automatically assessed a \$114.00 fee, per semester, for health and dental care. Students with existing coverage can opt out. To do this, go to the Student Benefits Office (E125) with proof of current coverage and fill out a waiver form, or visit mystudentplan.ca to opt out online (Deadline September 26, 2014). Students who elect to keep the coverage, are automatically activated around six-to-eight weeks after their start date. To learn more about the student health plan, please drop by the Student Benefits Office (E125), visit mystudentplan.ca or call 780.471.7730.

Q5: WHERE DO I GET ACADEMIC OR PERSONAL HELP ON CAMPUS?

A: The NAIT Academic Success Centre (W111PB) offers academic and personal counselling nait.ca/counselling and services for students with disabilities nait.ca/ssd. Find out more online or call 780.387.6133 for more details. The Tutorial Learning Centre (A133) offers drop-in tutoring for math, physics, and chemistry; peer writing assistance is also available in the Centre on a drop-in and appointment basis. Visit nait.ca/tutoring for more information. For help in other areas, students can hire a peer tutor through the Peer Tutor Registry in the student portal. Student Engagement also offers free study skills workshops. Look for posters around campus.

Q6: HOW DO I GET A LOCKER?

A: Throughout the academic year, locker rental will be subject to availability and is issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Students in full-time, apprenticeship and part-time programs are able to rent a locker through the MyNAIT portal. Rates are \$33.60 for a full locker and \$16.80 for a half locker per semester. Visit nait.ca/lockerrental for additional details and rental procedures.

Q7: WHAT IS THE U-PASS?

A: U-Pass (or Universal Transit Pass) is a mandatory transit fee for post-secondary students, granting unlimited regular access to Edmonton Transit (ETS), Strathcona County Transit (SCT) and St. Albert Transit (STAT). All qualified students are charged a \$155.00 U-Pass fee each semester and are issued a U-Pass sticker for their student ID card. All students are included in this program with the exception of apprentices, distance learners and some students on practicum. During peak intake times (Aug 20 – Sept 12, 2014), students can pick up their U-Pass sticker weekdays at the South Lobby kiosk (O Building): Mon-Thurs. 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM and Fri. 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. For more information on the U-Pass program, please visit nait.ca/services/upass/.

FAQs

Q8: HOW DO I ARRANGE PARKING ON CAMPUS?

A: Parking is limited at NAIT. It is recommended that students purchase parking permits early. Public transit is a great alternative to parking and is easily accessible to and from NAIT, especially using your U-Pass. Stay tuned for the new NAIT LRT line coming soon! For more information about parking, please visit mynait.nait.ca/parking.htm

Q9: HOW CAN I GET TECHNICAL SUPPORT AT NAIT?

A: If you're looking for general information or have an inquiry related to Admission and Registration, the Cash Office, Continuing Education, Financial Assistance, International Education, or the MyNAIT Portal & E-Learning , please contact us.

Phone: 780.471.NAIT (780.471.6248)

Toll Free: 1.877.333.NAIT (1.877.333.6248)

Email: AskNAIT@nait.ca

Hours:

Monday to Friday: 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

After hours we are available for technical assistance only:

Monday to Friday: 5:30 - 10:00 PM

Weekends: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Q10: WHERE DO I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT HOUSING?

A: The NAITSA Office (E131) provides a Shared Accommodation Bulletin Board on campus where students can advertise for a roommate. We also recommend an online main housing registry with hundreds of rental options at rentingspaces.ca. Also, MacEwan will open up their residence to NAIT students if there is room. Call 780.633.8000 for details or apply at residence.macewan.ca.

Q11: WHERE DO I FIND OUT ABOUT EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT NAIT?

A: Visit nait.ca/studentemployment for career search information and tips as well as upcoming employment events. NAITSA also posts job and volunteer opportunities at nait.ca and the Nugget newspaper advertises job and volunteer opportunities regularly.

Q12: DO I NEED TO HAVE TOP GRADES TO GET A STUDENT AWARD?

A: No, not necessarily. There are four different kinds of awards at NAIT: scholarships, prizes, awards and bursaries. These awards provide an opportunity for all students. Awards are given on the basis of academic performance or merit, community involvement, athletic ability, satisfactory academic standing, financial need and any other conditions stated in the terms of eligibility. To apply, visit the Scholarships and Bursaries Office (O101) and pick up a Scholarships and Bursaries Handbook or visit nait.ca/scholarships.

Q13: HOW DO I GET INVOLVED IN ATHLETICS OR INTRAMURALS?

A: If you are interested in playing for one of our athletic teams, visit the Ooks website at nait.ca/athletics and fill out a recruitment form. To get involved in intramurals at NAIT, visit nait.ca/recreation for details. Different sports have different start dates and registration deadlines but most start in early to mid-September.

Q14: WHERE IS THE LOST AND FOUND?

A: Lost and Found is located with Protective Services (D104).
For more information visit nait.ca/lostandfound or call 780.471.7477.

Still have questions?

Email asknait@nait.ca for more information.

MAIN CAMPUS MAP



BUILDING INDEX

S	Activities Centre
O	Central Building
G	Centre for Chemical Studies
C	Genovus Centre for Power Engineering Technology
H	Electronics Wing
L	Engineering Technologies Annex
C	Gateway Mechanical Services Centre for Building Environment Technology
W	hp Centre for Information and Communications Technology
PE	Human Resources Building
A	Industrial Building
V	Industrial Technical Building
T	JR Shaw School of Business
J	J-Wing
U	Learning Resources Centre
F	Medical Wing
QA	Parkade
QB	Parkade
Y	Petro-Canada Centre for Millwright Technology
N	Sandvik Coromant Centre for Machinist Technology
D	Services Building
B	Shell Manufacturing Centre
X	South Learning Centre
Y	Spartan Centre for Instrumentation Technology
E	Technical Building

OFFICES AND SERVICES

- Apprenticeship Offices, **O-115**
- Athletics and Recreation, **S-105, E-134**
- Cash Office, **O-114 (South Lobby)**
- Computer Training Centre, **W-111**
- Continuing Education, **W-111**
- Encana Aboriginal Student Centre, **E-121**
- Financial Aid Office, **O-111 (South Lobby)**
- Health Services, **O-119 (South Lobby)**
- International Student Centre, **E-124**
- McNally Library, **U-310**
- NAITSA Computer Commons, **W-203**
- NAITSA (NAIT Students' Association) **E-131**
- Office of the Registrar, **O-115 (South Lobby)**
- Parking Office, **O-112 (South Lobby)**
- Project Faculty, **U-210**
- Security, **D-104**
- Services for Students with Disabilities, **W-111PB**
- Student Advisory Centre, **W-101**
- Student Awards, **O-101**
- Student Counselling Centre, **W-111**
- Student Recruitment Office, **O-117 (South Lobby)**
- Techstore/Bookstore, **X-114**
- Tutorial Centre, **A-133**

LOCATIONS

Edmonton

- Main Campus, 11762 - 106 Street NW
- Patricia Campus, 12204 - 149 Street
- Souch Campus, 7110 Gateway Boulevard
- St. Albert, 506B, St. Albert Road
- NAIT Distribution Centre, 11311 - 120 Street

Calgary

- NAIT Calgary, 816 - 55 Avenue NE

Main Campus

LEGEND

- Information
- Hourly Parking
- Bus Stop
- Parking for persons with disabilities
- Motorcycle Parking
- Bicycle Compound
- Student Permit Parking
- Daily Parking
- PWA** Pedway A
- PWB** Pedway B
- PWC** Pedway C
- PWD** Pedway D



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