

Communities and Public Law
PPAS 2200-M 3.0
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Course Information

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135 McLaughlin College--Tuesday 3:00 to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Course Time & Days: Tuesdays 11:30am-2:30pm

Class Location: DB 1016

Course eClass site: refer to eClass

Land Acknowledgment

York University recognizes that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University. York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. It is now home to many First Nation, Inuit, and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region ([LA&PS Land Acknowledgement](#)).

As a student in this class, you may wish to add, or reflect, to this land acknowledgement by situating it within your course learning context and share this video about [Understanding the Land Acknowledgement](#).

In addition, to find out more about the Indigenous Nations and Communities on whose territory your home is situated, visit: <https://www.whose.land/en/>. Here, you can learn more about land acknowledgements and the treaties and agreements signed across Canada. **NOTE: Please review prior to the first class.**

Course Overview

Course Description

Introduces students to the Canadian legal system and the major components of public law. More specifically it examines the relationship between communities and the fundamental principles underpinning administrative law, constitutional law, and criminal law.

Students will learn about major contemporary issues in Canadian public law, including federalism and the division of powers, the role of the Courts, judicial activism and judicial interpretation of the Constitution, the criminal law and its often-unequal application to different communities, the importance of administrative tribunals and recent challenges to the

Constitution. We will also discuss the nature of the legal profession and the role it plays in helping to address access to justice issues that continue to exist within specific communities.

Course Learning Objectives

At the end of the course, students will:

- Have a foundational understanding of the basic principles and components of public law, their historical and theoretical origins and their purpose and significance in the Canadian context;
- Have the knowledge and skills needed to critically analyze the ways in which public law affects the life of individuals, groups, and communities in Canada;
- Be able to identify and explain notions of justice and fairness from a Canadian legal perspective;
- Be able to identify problem areas in the interactions of public law and communities in Canada and try to come up with solutions to improve rights and justice for disadvantaged communities and groups;
- Be able to critically dissect key constitutional principles, including: the rule of law, democracy, federalism, minority rights and judicial independence;
- Understand the basics of how to read legislation and caselaw, including knowing how to explain what precedent and stare decisis are; and,
- Have an invaluable background in public law that will be an asset if seeking to undertake further studies in this area.

Course Format and Organization

This course will be held in-person and will be in seminar format. Each class session will include lecture format, visual components, and group discussions. Expect to read 20+ pages a week. Readings must be prepared for the class according to the course schedule to effectively understand the lectures and course content. Attendance is strongly recommended for this seminar course.

Technical Requirements

This course is an **in-person** class that meets once a week. Material and assignments will be engaged in eClass. Please review this syllabus to determine how the class meets, and how office hours and any presentations (if applicable) will be conducted.

Here are some useful links for student computing information, resources, and help:

- [Student Guide to eClass](#)
- [Zoom@YorkU Best Practices](#)
- [Zoom@YorkU User Reference Guide](#)
- [University Information Technology \(UIT\) Student Services](#)
- [Student Guide to eLearning at York University](#)

To determine Internet connection and speed, there are online tests, such as [Speedtest](#), that can be run. If you need technical assistance, please consult the [University Information Technology \(UIT\) Student Services](#) web page. For more specific assistance, please write to askit@yorku.ca.

Participation:

As an in-person class, **attendance and participation is mandatory**. This course will be a blend of lecture and discussion-based pedagogies. As an Indigenous professor, I will be teaching from Indigenous circle protocols (which you will be taught and given space to learn). Your participation grade will reflect your attendance and engagement in class.

Student Conduct

Students, course instructors and staff have a joint responsibility to create and maintain a welcoming and inclusive learning environment. All students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Whether online or in-person, students and course instructors are expected to cultivate and sustain a professional relationship characterized by mutual respect and courtesy. In all classrooms, any disruptive and/or harassing behaviour will not be tolerated. If you experience an inappropriate online incident that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, please contact me immediately so I can work to resolve the issue.

Please respect the privacy of your peers and instructors. Never share private information about your peers and instructors without their permission. Remember, no aspect of your courses should be recorded or distributed without everyone's consent.

Academic Integrity

As a student at York University, you have a responsibility to not only understand, but also play an important part in upholding the integrity of the academic experience. The Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies at York University expects that you will act in all academic matters, even in the face of adversity, with honesty, trust, fairness, courage, respect, and responsibility.

How can you demonstrate academic integrity in the completion of your course?

Respect the ideas of others: Your course work should represent your own knowledge and ideas. You should not falsely claim credit for ideas that are not your own, by presenting another's work as yours. If you are quoting, paraphrasing, or summarizing another person's work to support your own ideas, identify the work and the author through proper citation practices. For more information about how to cite properly, use the Student Papers and Academic Research Kit (SPARK). You can improve your writing, research, and personal learning abilities through the Learning Commons.

Respect your peers: Know when you are allowed to collaborate. Ask your instructor about what group work entails when it comes to the sharing of work. In assignments, don't steal or take credit for others answers or give answers to your peers (including through WhatsApp and other social media and communication channels). Cheating and aiding in a breach of academic honesty are both against York University's academic honesty policy.

Respect your course instructor: Do not submit the same piece of work for more than one course without your instructor's permission.

Respect yourself: When you act with integrity, you know that your work is yours and yours alone. You do not allow others to impersonate you on tests and exams. You do not buy or otherwise obtain term papers or assignments. You do the work. As a result, you know that you earned the grades that you receive, so you can be proud of your York degree. By acting with integrity in your course work, you are also practicing a valuable professional skill that is important in all workplaces.

Take responsibility: If you have acted in an academically dishonest way, you can demonstrate courage and take responsibility for your mistake. You can admit your mistake to your course instructor as soon as possible.

Students who engage in academic dishonesty can be subject to disciplinary action under the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty. Your lack of familiarity with the Senate Policy and Guidelines on Academic Honesty does not constitute a defence against their application.

Course Evaluation

Assessment	Due Date	Weight %	Course Learning Outcome
Attendance & Participation:	Ongoing	15%	You must regularly attend lectures and participate in circle discussions.
Human Rights 101 and reflection	February 13 th	25%	See below
Letter to the Editor of a National Newspaper:	March 12 th	25%	See below
Group Assignment Briefing Note (for all groups)	March 26 th	35%	See below
Group Presentations	March 26 th or April 2 nd		
		100%	

Please see this link for your resource for your reference about citations in APA format - https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html. **You are expected to use APA as a citation format in your submissions.**

Assessment Descriptions

Evaluation:

Attendance & Participation: 15 %

You must regularly attend lectures and participate in circle discussions.

Human Rights 101 and reflection: 25%

You are required to access the Ontario Human Rights Commissions FREE Training on [Human Rights 101](#) and complete each section of the 30 minute training. At completion of the training modules, you will get a certificate.

Within the submission, as an attachment or within the assignment, please submit a screenshot of your certificate (please enter your name).

Along with your certificate, please submit a short-written reflection (250 words maximum APA formatted paper). In the written submission, the expectation is you will share **two** things that you **learned** and **one** thing that **challenged** your assumptions. **DUE DATE: February 13th**

Letter to the Editor of a National Newspaper: 25%

You are required to investigate a current **social issue** in the geopolitical nation-state now known as Canada (please provide a link or direct reference to the information you accessed to learn about the issue – I acknowledge that Elders and Knowledge Keepers are direct references if you have a reciprocal and pre-existing relationships). **Explain to the editor** why you think Canada can do better than we (as society/Nation) are doing with respect to the issue or issues of the nature you have described. Your letter must therefore include a description of the issue, **specific reference to the laws and policies that can be used** to tackle that issue, and a proposal for a way forward.

Your letter should be no longer than 2 pages and no shorter than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page. (Please double space with 12-point font in a word document submitted to eClass). We will discuss more in class. **DUE DATE: MARCH 12th**

Group Assignment—Briefing Note and Snacks 35%

As a first step, groups will meet to determine an area of interest based on the list of topics (see below). In your random group of 5 (possibly less depending on the final class numbers) each member of your group will choose a topic of political significance to you that will contribute to the overall group choice. Ideas or examples of topics (see below) can come from the list of ten topics. Each student will find an article or resource (your own individual research) that is aligned with your own political ideologies to share with the group. In reading each other's articles and working together your group will write **one** 300-500 or maximum of two double-spaced pages, word **briefing note** (examples will be provided), including a recommended option, and authored collaboratively by all group members (we will talk more about this in class).

In the **last two classes**, each group will present **not only the groups briefing note** but **also the group process** (this process is intended to mirror an inter-ministerial committee) that your group engaged in to arrive at a **consensus** for the **non-partisan** document. If the group decides to present a slide deck (not submitted in eClass) no more than 10 slides can be presented.

Individually (as part of your groups' presentation), you can **talk about** how your own political views informed the articles/resource that you contributed. Please talk about the experience, including the opportunities and challenges of communities and law.

The written document will be graded out of 10% of overall grade **DUE DATE: MARCH 26th**.

The group presentation will be graded out of 20% of overall grade (all group members need to be given time to speak and will receive the same grade). **DUE DATE: MARCH 26th or APRIL 2nd**

Snacks on the week that you are NOT presenting will be 5% of your over all grades. (We will discuss the pedagogy and social justice issues around this together.) No NUTS or SHELLFISH. **If you have an anaphylactic allergy, please inform me before reading week.**

EXAMPLES of TOPICS:

1. Species at Risk and Endangered Species,
2. First Nation(s) operated schools,
3. First Nations drinking water on reserves,
4. The status of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP),
5. Changes to the *Marriage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, to include the recognition of Indigenous self-governance,
6. Strong Mayor Powers (expansion relative to First Nation and Indigenous Communities),
7. Ontario's Green Belt (from a Provincial and impacted Municipality or First Nation viewpoint),
8. The *Privacy Act*, R.S.O.1985, as it relates to social media (TikTok),
9. Administration of Justice following COVID-19, or
10. A topic of your choice that your group decides BUT needs to be approved in advanced by the Professor.

Submitting Assignments

Digital submission to eClass on the due dates noted previously. Assignments for this course must be received within the timeframe specified for the assignment and are to be handed in via eClass.

Explicit Course Policy on Student Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI):

Students are not permitted to use generative artificial intelligence (AI) in this course. Submitting any work created through the use of generative AI tools will be considered a violation of York University's *Senate Policy on Academic Honesty*. If you do not know whether an online resource or tool can be used in this course, please contact your instructor for guidance. For more information, please review [AI Technology & Academic Integrity: Information for Students](#).

Late Work Policy

Students requiring extensions beyond the due date for assignments must prepare an email request for extension at least **three days** before assignment is due. There is no need to explain reason that the extension is needed. These requests will be given a **one-week extension that is granted without questions**. If there is any further request for extension, students **must meet with the instructor prior to the first extended due date**. For an extended length, beyond the first extension, documentation may be required in accordance with the University policy.

Grading

The grading scheme for this course conforms to the 9-point system used in undergraduate programs at York University. For a full description of the York grading system, visit the York University [Academic Calendar](#).

GRADE	GRADE POINT	PERCENT RANGE	DESCRIPTION
A+	9	90-100	Exceptional
A	8	80-89	Excellent
B+	7	75-79	Very Good
B	6	70-74	Good
C+	5	65-69	Competent
C	4	60-64	Fairly Competent
D+	3	55-59	Passing
D	2	50-54	Marginally Passing
E	1	(marginally below 50%)	Marginally Failing
F	0	(below 50%)	Failing

How to Use Citations

- [SPARK Student Papers & Academic Research Kit](#)
- [Chicago Style Overview, YorkU Libraries](#)
- [MLA Style Overview, YorkU Libraries](#)
- [APA Style Overview, YorkU Libraries](#)
- [Drop-in Research Support, YorkU Libraries](#)
- [Writing Centre](#)

Course Schedule: Weekly Readings and Activities

Required Course Materials

Textbook (available for purchase from the York University Bookstore)

- John Fairlie “A Brief Introduction to Law in Canada, Second Edition” (2021)
Emond Publishing.

In addition to the Fairlie text, I will make other readings available through the internet free of charge. I will either provide a link in the course outline (below) or upload a file for you to access.

Course Schedule - Weekly Topics & Readings

Week/Module Dates	Readings and Activities	Assessment Due Dates
<p>WEEK 1 Tuesday, January 09, 2024</p> <p>Introduction to the Course & Objectives; Thinking about Communities.</p>	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Circle Protocol • Course syllabus <p>1. Think about what it means to you to be a member of a community. 2. What communities are you part of? 3. How do those different communities intersect with one another to help form and inform your identity?</p> <p>To be watched in class and discussed: Sharing Circle Teaching https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/skoden/chapter/circle-teaching/</p> <p>We will also discuss who's territory your home is situated (see link above)?</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>WEEK 2 Tuesday, January 16, 2024</p>	<p>Required: Fairlie: Chapter 1, "What is Law?"</p> <p>Fairlie Chapter 2, "Common Law, Civil Law, and Indigenous Legal Systems"</p> <p>Laws braided into belts: three Haudenosaunee Wampum Belts you should know - Biinaagami</p> <p>To be watched in class and discussed: https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/skoden/chapter/about-truth/</p> <p>Teaching on the Seven Grandparents</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>WEEK 3 Tuesday, January 23, 2024</p> <p>Introduction (cont.) – Different Legal Systems; Reading & understanding the law.</p>	<p>Required: Fairlie Chapter 3, “From the Reception of English and French Law into Canada to the Charter”</p> <p>Bradburn, J. (2023) Citizens Plus (the Red Paper), The Canadian Encyclopedia. https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/citizens-plus-the-red-paper</p> <p>Recommended: Fairlie Chapter 4, “The Legislature and the Executive: The First and Second Branches of Government” Including appendix 4.1 on pg. 122. The Canadian Constitution, 1982 or The Canadian Constitution or Constitutional Documents these are also available in your textbook beginning at page 351.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>WEEK 4 Tuesday, January 30, 2024</p> <p>Thinking about Communities & Intersectionality (e.g., Race, Class, Ethnicity, Sexual Identity and Disability)</p>	<p>Fairlie, Chapter 5, “The Judiciary: Third Branch of Government”</p> <p>Valente v. The Queen</p> <p>Ref re Remuneration of Judges of the Prov. Court of PEI</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>WEEK 5 Tuesday, February 06, 2024</p> <p>Thinking about Communities & Intersectionality (e.g., Race, Class, Ethnicity, Sexual Identity and Disability)</p>	<p>Required: Fairlie Chapter 6, “Civil Liberties”</p> <p>Repeal of Section 67</p> <p>McColl, M. A., Bond, R., Shannon, D. W., & Shortt, C. (2016). People with Disabilities and the Charter: Disability Rights at the Supreme Court of Canada Under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. <i>Canadian Journal of Disability Studies</i>, 5(1), 183–210, online: https://cjds.uwaterloo.ca/index.php/cjds/article/view/251</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>WEEK 6 Tuesday, February 13, 2024</p> <p>The Charter of Rights and Freedoms Charter Challenges – Diversity, Inclusivity & Access</p>	<p>Human Rights Certificate and Reflection Due in eClass</p> <p>Required: Fairlie, Chapter 7, including the excerpt in box 7.7 (Aboriginal Title)</p> <p>R. v. Oakes</p> <p>[CBC News]. (2023, June 12). <i>20 years after the first same-sex marriage in Canada, are LGBTQ rights at risk? About That</i> [Video]. Youtube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuYG1ruu04o</p> <p>[Celeste Cuthbertson]. (2019, March 14). <i>Matrimonial Property Law on Reserve</i> [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41oZw5pMNPM</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Reading Week is:</p>	<p>February 17-23, 2024 - NO CLASSES</p>	
<p>WEEK 7 Tuesday, February 27, 2024</p> <p>Administrative Law</p>	<p>Required: Fairlie Chapter 9 “Administrative Law”</p> <p>Canada (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration) v. Vavilov, 2019 SCC 65, [2019] 4 S.C.R. 653</p> <p>Canada (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness) v. Chhina, 2019 SCC 29, [2019] 2 S.C.R. 467</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>WEEK 8 Tuesday, March 05, 2024</p> <p>Indigenous Peoples in Canada</p>	<p>Required: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People: https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP_E_web.pdf</p> <p>Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, Calls to Action: https://web.archive.org/web/20200506065356/http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf</p> <p>National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, "Calls to Justice", https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/ (this website opens to the final report— scroll down and open the 231 Calls to Justice as a WORD document)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>WEEK 9 Tuesday, March 12, 2024</p> <p>Criminal Law</p>	<p>Letter to the Editor of a National Newspaper: DUE</p> <p>Required: Fairlie Chapter 10, "Criminal Law"</p> <p>R. v. Gladue</p> <p>R v. Ipeelee</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>WEEK 10 Tuesday, March 19, 2024</p> <p>Access to Justice</p>	<p>Required: Fairlie Chapter 12, "Access to Justice and Law Reform"</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>WEEK 11 Tuesday, March 26, 2024</p>	<p>Presentation of Briefing Notes - DUE Snacks</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>WEEK 12 Tuesday, April 02, 2024</p>	<p>Presentation of Briefing Notes - DUE Snacks</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Course Policies

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information:

- [Student Rights & Responsibilities](#)
- [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#)

Please also review the following course policies:

Turnitin (Not required for this course. This is being provided for information purposes only.)

To promote academic integrity in this course, students will normally be required to submit their written assignments to Turnitin (via the course's eClass site) for a review of textual similarities and the detection of possible plagiarism. In so doing, students will allow their material to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used only for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin service are described on the Turnitin.com website. York students may opt out of using Turnitin. If you wish to opt out, you should contact your instructor as soon as possible.

Accessibility

While all individuals are expected to satisfy the requirements of their program of study and to aspire to achieve excellence, the University recognizes that persons with disabilities may require reasonable accommodation to enable them to perform at their best. The University encourages students with disabilities to register with [Student Accessibility Services](#) to discuss their accommodation needs as early as possible in the term to establish the recommended academic accommodations that will be communicated to Course Directors through their Letter of Accommodation (LOA).

Please let your instructor know as early as possible in the term if you anticipate requiring academic accommodation so that we can discuss how to consider your accommodation needs within the context of this course. Sufficient notice is needed so that reasonable steps for accommodation can be discussed. Accommodations for tests/exams normally require three (3) weeks (or 21 days) before the scheduled test/exam to arrange.

Religious Observance Accommodation

York University is committed to respecting the religious beliefs and practices of all members of the community, and making reasonable and appropriate [accommodations to adherents for observances of special significance](#). Should any of the dates specified in this syllabus for course examinations, tests, or deadlines conflict with a date of religious significance, please contact the instructor within the first three (3) weeks of class. If the date falls within the formal examination periods, you must complete and submit a [Religious Accommodation for Examination Form](#) at least three (3) weeks before the start of the exam period.

Intellectual Property

Course materials are designed for use as part of this particular course at York University and are the intellectual property of the instructor unless otherwise stated. Third-party copyrighted

materials (such as book chapters, journal articles, music, videos, etc.) have either been licensed for use in this course or fall under an exception or limitation in Canadian copyright law. Students may not publish, post on an Internet site, sell, or otherwise distribute any course materials or work without the instructor's express permission. Course materials should only be used by students enrolled in this course.

Copying this material for distribution (e.g., uploading material to a commercial third-party website) may lead to a charge of misconduct according to York's [Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#), the [Senate Policy on Academic Honesty](#), and/or legal consequences for copyright violations.

Student Conduct in the Learning Environment

York University is committed to fostering teaching and learning environments that are free of disruptive and/or harassing behaviour, are physically safe, and conducive to effective teaching and learning. Students and instructors are expected to maintain a professional relationship characterized by courtesy, civility, and mutual respect and to refrain from actions disruptive to such a relationship. Individuals who fail to adhere to such standards and who violate University or public law may be subject to disciplinary action by the University.

For more information, see the policies on [Disruptive and/or Harassing Behaviour in Academic Situations](#), the [Student Conduct and Responsibilities](#), and the [Code of Student Rights & Responsibilities](#).

Netiquette for eClass and Online Learning

Students and instructors have a joint responsibility to create and maintain a welcoming and inclusive learning environment. All students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the [Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#). Please review and familiarize yourself with behaviours that support "netiquette" in virtual classrooms by consulting the [Guide to Netiquette](#) and [Student Guide to eLearning](#).

Student Notice of Recording for Online Teaching and Learning

Activities for this course involve recording, in partial fulfillment of the course learning outcomes. Images, audio, text/chat messaging that have been recorded may be used and/or made available by the University to students enrolled in the course and those supporting the course for the purpose of materials review, for assessment, etc. Recordings will be managed according to the University's Common Record Schedule and will be securely destroyed when no longer needed by the University. Your personal information is protected in accordance with York University's [Guidelines on Access of Information and Protection of Privacy](#) and the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#). Access to online materials, including recordings or live meetings, is subject to York University's [Senate Policy on Computing and Information Technology Facilities](#).

The University will use reasonable means to protect the security and confidentiality of the recorded information, but cannot provide a guarantee of such due to factors beyond the University's control, such as recordings being forwarded, copied, intercepted, circulated,

disclosed, or stored without the University's knowledge or permission, or the introduction of malware into computer system which could potentially damage or disrupt the computer, networks, and security settings. The University is not responsible for connectivity/technical difficulties or loss of data associated with your hardware, software, or Internet connection.

By engaging in course activities that involve recording, you are consenting to the use of your appearance, image, text/chat messaging, and voice and/or likeness in the manner and under the conditions specified herein. In the case of a live stream recording, if you choose not to have your image or audio recorded, you may disable the audio and video functionality. If you choose to participate using a pseudonym instead of your real name, you must disclose the pseudonym to your instructor in advance to facilitate class participation.

You are not permitted to disclose the link to/URL of an event or an event session recording or copies of recording to anyone, for any reason. Recordings are available only to authorized individuals who have been directly provided the above instructions/link for their use. Recordings for personal use, required to facilitate your learning and preparation of personal course/lecture notes, may not be shared with others without the permission of the instructor or event coordinator, and may not be published, posted, linked to, or otherwise made available online, including on social media feeds, even if those feeds are private.

Health and Safety

All York students and instructors share responsibility for the safety and well-being of the community while on York's campuses. Please continue to check [YUBetter Together](#) for the latest information on health and safety.

Student Support and Resources

To help you succeed academically, York University offers a wide range of resources and services. Everything from writing workshops and peer mentorship to wellness support and career guidance is available to fulfill our LA&PS students' needs. Explore the links below to access these on-campus resources:

- [Academic Advising](#) is available to provide students support and guidance in making academic decisions and goals.
- [Student Accessibility Services](#) are available for support and accessibility accommodation when required.
- [Student Counselling, Health & Wellbeing](#) offers workshops, resources, and counselling to support your academic success.
- [Peer-Assisted Study Sessions \(PASS\) Program](#) provides student study sessions for students to collaborate and enhance their understanding of course content in certain courses.
- [Student Numeracy Assistance Centre at Keele \(SNACK\)](#) supports students in courses involving math, stats, and Excel.
- [The Writing Centre](#) provides multiple avenues of writing-based support including drop-in sessions, one-to-one appointments, a Multilingual Studio, and an Accessibility Specialist.
- [ESL Open Learning Centre \(OLC\)](#) supports students with building proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking English.

- [Learning Skills Services](#) provides tips for time management, effective study and learning habits, keeping up with coursework, and other learning-related supports.
- [Learning Commons](#) provides links to supports for time management, writing, study skills, preparing for exams, and other learning-related resources.
- [Roadmap to Student Success](#) provides students with timely and targeted resources to help them achieve academic, personal, and professional success.
- [Office of Student Community Relations \(OSCR\)](#) is responsible for administering the [Code of Student Rights & Responsibilities](#) and provides critical incident support.
- [goSAFE](#) is staffed by York students and can accompany York community members to and from any on-campus location, such as the Village Shuttle pick-up hub, parking lots, bus stops, or residences.

For a full list of academic, wellness, and campus resources visit [Student Support & Resources](#).