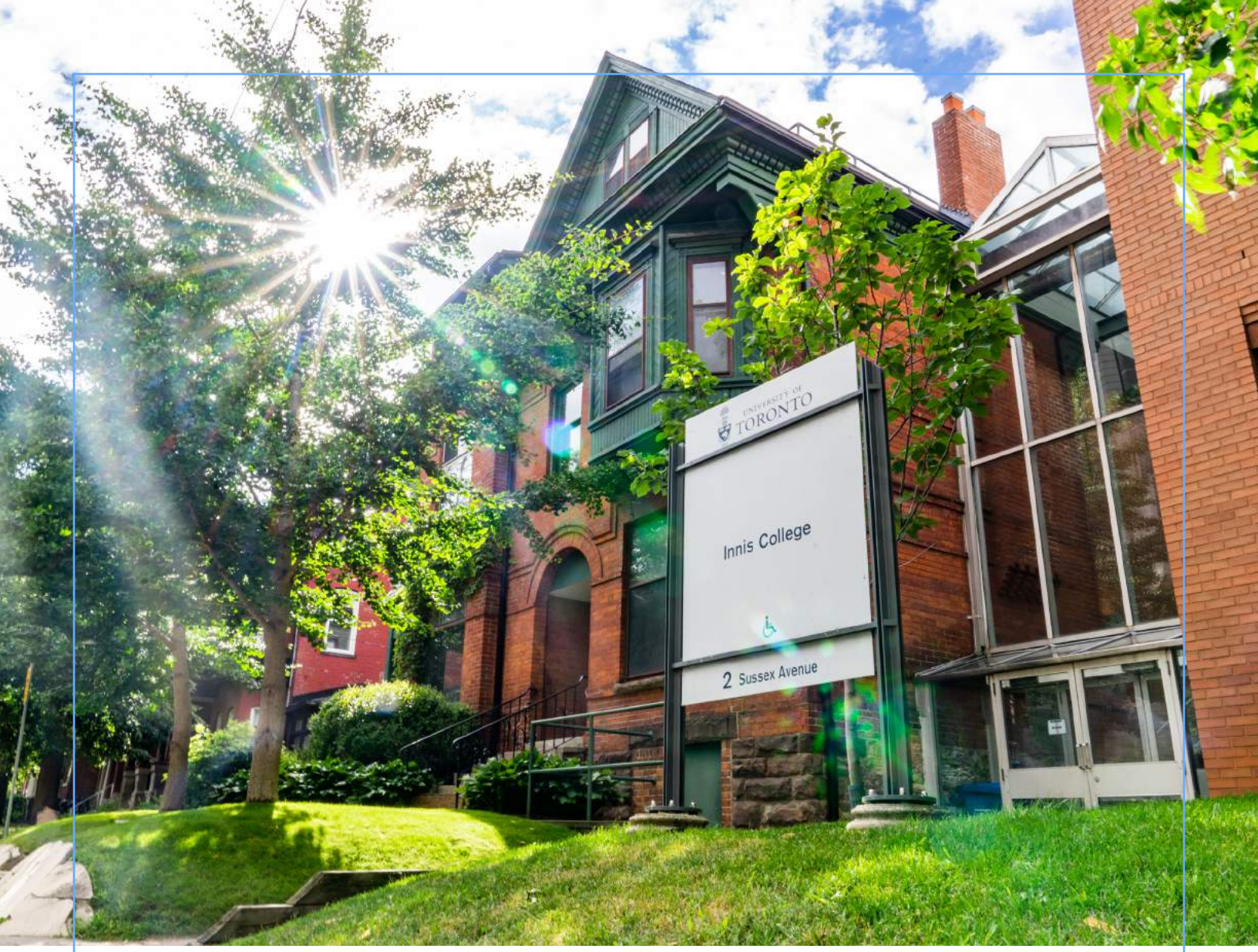

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to all incoming Innis College students

On behalf of the staff and faculty at Innis, let me welcome you to our College – a small, friendly, tight-knit community where student voices matter.

You may not realize it right now, but you are the student leaders of tomorrow. One of you is a future President of the Innis College Student Society (ICSS). Another is going to become the editor of our newspaper, the Innis Herald. Two of you will be organizing orientation, just as the current Orientation Coordinators are doing this year. And many, many more of you will be contributing to the College community in all sorts of ways, every one of them essential to maintaining Innis's strong tradition of student involvement. All of us are here to help you realize your goals and ambitions, be they academic success, leadership roles, or personal growth. (Ideally, they will involve some combination of all three.)

As Principal, my role is to ensure that the student experience at the College is a pleasurable and fulfilling one. I represent the College to the rest of the university, but I also support its values and vision by making students feel welcome and valued here.

In a nutshell, the College's mission is as follows: 1. To value every student's voice, and to ensure strong student involvement in College governance and decision-making; 2. To enhance student experience in a manner that is respectful and encouraging, offering students support for growth and fulfilment; 3. To provide community to every Innis student, whether that student lives in the residence or commutes to the university.

We are very much looking forward to having you become part of the Innis community. We want nothing more than for you to succeed. Ideally, Innis will become a significant partner in your university journey and help you to get where you want to go, or to figure out where that is.

- Charlie Keil, Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR

The small, collaborative team in the Registrar's Office is your reliable first stop for information and advice on all matters related to your academic studies.

The Registrar's Office focuses on providing one-to-one advising for all Innis students. Our appointments often focus on these topics:

- course and program selection
- academic interests and aptitudes
- academic difficulties and solutions
- personal motivation for study
- scholarships, awards and financial aid matters
- research on further professional or graduate study and careers

We work in an atmosphere of comfort, trust and confidentiality. We can also refer you to support services around the University should you require further assistance.

Being an effective student means knowing both your responsibilities and your options.

We are here to help. We are in Room 117 at 2 Sussex Avenue. You can also reach us here:

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

I'm thrilled to be among the first to welcome you to Innis College – a truly fantastic place to learn, connect, and grow! My name is Steve Masse and I have the great privilege of being your Dean of Students.

My team and I in the Office of Student Life (OSL) are responsible for overseeing the many student life activities at the College. These include a wide array of orientation, mentorship, leadership, and other co-curricular programs and initiatives designed to help you meet new friends, learn something new, and have a little fun outside of the classroom.

We're also available to you for support at any point throughout your journey at U of T. We know the university is a big place and you may not always know where to turn. Make our office your first stop and let us help you explore your options and find the best way forward.

I'm truly looking forward to meeting you this year, so please don't be a stranger. My office is located on the main floor of the residence and I'd love for you to come by and say hello! I can promise you coffee or tea and maybe even a visit with my pups, Beau and Lulu.

Once again, welcome to Innis! We're so happy you're here.

- Steve Masse, Dean of Students

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

What is OSL, Resources and Services?

The Innis College Office of Student Life (Innis OSL) is located at 111 Saint George Street on the first floor of Innis Residence, and is available to all students, commuters and residents. Located there is the Office of the Dean of Students, the local hub for Student Life and Residence Life programming and supports.

The goal of the Innis OSL is to holistically enrich the lives of Innis students at the University of Toronto. Through experiential workshops and programming, students have access to opportunities to become globally aware and educated citizens (eg. Innis Cultural Connections Program), experience mentorship programs from 1st year through to graduation (Innis InSight and Innis College Alumni Mentorship Program), and become highly engaged student leaders. Our offices partner with the Innis Registrar and on-campus departments to provide locally available services to Innis students including the services of Learning Strategists, Accessibility Advisors, Career Peers & Advisors, International Experience Advisors, and access to an on-location counsellor from Health and Wellness.

The OSL staff are here to support you in all areas of your life – transition and change is exciting and can be overwhelming/tumultuous. The OSL can direct you to the place to get the best resources for you and the situation you're in – examples include looking for leadership opportunities, looking for international/global resources and connections, feeling lost/in crisis and needing support and resources, looking for academic success resources and support. Our networks and experience are available for YOU to get connected and feel supported.

Opportunities Available and How to Get Involved

The Office of Student Life hosts multiple work-study positions for upper year students in the areas of communications and community development. These students run programs and events for all students of Innis college. How can you as a first year get involved? Attend these programs! Sign up to receive an InSight Mentor who will help you navigate your first year as a University of Toronto and Innis College student. Take part in the Innis Cultural Connections Program where you will gain friends and connections from across the globe at U of T, and enhance your skills in communication and cultural awareness. Gain skills and have them counted on your Co-curricular record in equity, diversity and inclusion, social innovation, global citizenship, health and wellness, career exploration – all by participating in carefully created opportunities made for you!

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Innis College Student Society

The Innis College Student Society is an organization of elected and appointed members that aims to represent the interests of students at Innis College. We manage student services, host events, and pursue initiatives that benefit student life outside of the classroom at Innis. The governing body of just over 2200 students, the ICSS is proud to have a strong history of political activism, community building, and good spirits.

Consisting of Social, Equity and Outreach, Sustainability, Athletics, and Clubs and Merchandise portfolios and First year, Graduating, International, and Off-Campus representatives, the ICSS is involved in diverse avenues of the student experience. We support Innis teams in soccer, basketball, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, inner tube water polo, ice hockey, and flag football through our intramural sports programming. A variety of social events are hosted throughout the year including city outings, the annual formal, banquets, and pub nights. The ICSS works with university organizations to facilitate academic and wellbeing programming including resource seminars, exam de-stressers, and therapy dogs. We support the arts and advocacy through programming including the benefit concert for mental health, the movember shave-off, and art gala.

The ICSS office is located in room 107 in 2 Sussex Ave. The Commuter Lounge is right across from our offices, and provides a space for commuter students to relax, socialize, and study between classes.

INNIS RESIDENCE COUNCIL

The Innis Residence Council is a democratic student organization that oversees the entire residence. The mission of the Innis Residence Council is to advocate for, and foster community between, all students of Innis Residence in an upstanding and transparent manner. The IRC provides support and encourages unity among residents by organizing residence-wide events, such as: monthly House Olympics; social outings; and trips around Innis and Toronto.

The IRC also gives students the opportunity to be involved as student leaders with a number of positions appointed and elected throughout the year. For example, the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer are elected and Senior House Representatives and First Year Representatives are appointed.

Several committees exist under the IRC, working to improve the residence experience for the residents. These committees include the GAME Committee, Fit Club, International Committee and Environmental Committee.

INNIS COLLEGE COUNCIL

Innis College Council (ICC) is the primary governing body at the College. The 40 ICC members—20 students, 20 staff/faculty/alumni—are responsible for oversight on all College decision-making, ensuring that decisions reflect the values and needs of our diverse Innis community. ICC is made up of several working committees that directly impact a range of College matters: from student awards, to building renovations; from course descriptions to community engagement.

Innis College Council is the first and only governing body at U of T with parity representation. Students are active in 50% of all discussions and decisions. This contributes to a unique and proud legacy that recognizes and celebrates the value of Innis students' voices.

Every September, during ICSS By-Elections, 13 Innis College students are elected to ICC by their peers. All Innis students are eligible to run. Look for nomination forms from the ICSS during Orientation Week.

INNIS COLLEGE ORIENTATION

Orientation is the bridge that connects incoming students with the College, the Community, and the University. Innis College is home to students from all backgrounds and walks of life, and Innis Orientation aims to transition all of these diverse students into university life.

Throughout the week, we hope to link students to the variety of resources, services, opportunities, and networks that Innis College and the University of Toronto have to offer. By creating a safe, inclusive and welcoming space for everyone, Orientation builds a shared sense of identity and the community supports that students need to thrive in their academic and personal endeavors.

Join us at the beginning of every September to cheer together, socialize, and have a blast before school starts! At the end of the day, Orientation is about meeting new people, having fun, and starting the year off right!

INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION

International Orientation is a one day event following the Core 3-Day Orientation that focuses on connecting International students to campus life and upper year mentors, and overcoming language barriers. Through a range of academic and social activities, we hope to make your transition to this new environment and culture pleasant and memorable.

ORIENTATION CHECKLIST

Before joining us in September, make sure you've checked off every item on this list!

- Register Online at Innis Orientation Website
- Pay your Orientation Fees
- Plan your route to and from your accommodations and Innis College
- Check the weather report and make sure you dress appropriately

What should you bring to Orientation?

- Your student number
- Sunscreen! Three days of fun in the sun means making sure to protect your skin
- A hat and sunglasses
- Comfortable shoes
- A semi-formal outfit for our annual Orientation Social
- An extra water bottle for the Tri-Campus Parade
- Snacks! We will be providing you with meals throughout the day, but you are welcome to bring portable snacks if you know you will get hungry!
- An open mind
- All your first day nerves and excitement!!

THE COLLEGE BUILDING

Located at 2 Sussex Avenue, Innis College is one of seven divisional colleges at the University of Toronto. We are home to over 2000 students, including residents and commuter students.

Innis Town Hall

Innis houses a state of the art movie theatre which screens hundreds of films, hosts film festivals, and houses many classes at the University of Toronto.

East Atrium Lobby

Welcome to Innis College! This is the first space you will set foot in upon arriving through the St. George entrance. Students are welcome to sit, study, and recharge any time from 9 AM to 9 PM.

The Rooftop Patio

Not many know about this place! It's quiet and secluded - a perfect spot to get away from all the hustle bustle.

Innis Cafe

A family business, the Innis Cafe specializes in providing students with healthy and cheap eats.

The College Green

Bright and sunny, this is the place to be if you're looking for an outdoor study spot or hangout

INNIS COLLEGE LIBRARY

Hours & Directions: Innis Library Website
Computer & Printing Services: Printing Website

As a UofT Student, you have access to millions of resources and study spaces with UofT Libraries - onesearch.library.utoronto.ca and Innis College Library is your home base for quiet study space, research help, computers and printing services.

Directions: 2 Sussex Avenue in the East Wing, 2nd Floor Access via stairs or elevator near the Registrar's Office. Quiet study space, PC and Mac Computers, and book collections for Cinema Studies, Writing & Rhetoric and select Urban Studies materials.

Not sure how to get started? Get in touch with the Innis College Librarian, Kate Johnson katej.johnson@utoronto.ca. Kate is here to help all Innis College Students develop their research/citations skills and figure out how to access the best resources, including: collections of books, articles, films or audio materials (print or digital); group study rooms; old exam archives; search tips; 3D printing training; or citation tools.

Innis IT Help Desk (East Wing, 1st Floor)

- Located next to the Registrar's Office
- Staff can help set up WIFI access, remote printing from your own laptop, access to free software (Microsoft Office 365) and more.

Innis Printer Station (East Wing, 2nd Floor)

- Located near the Library and R. 222
- Affordable Black & White printing and photocopying with TCard+ tcardplus.utoronto.ca
- Scanning is free
- Send print jobs from our computer lab or your own laptop

THE WRITING CENTRE

Personalized 50-minute appointments with experienced, supportive writing instructors offer you a rare opportunity to get specialized instruction geared to your individual needs. Boost your confidence and improve your writing, thinking and editing skills at any stage of your assignment. Simply bring your assignment instruction sheet (if one was provided) and your draft work printed out, if you've begun.

Located in Innis College Rooms 315 and 321, 3rd Floor, East Wing To book an appointment and learn more about us, visit innis.utoronto.ca/current-students/academic/innis/writing-centre/

INNIS COLLEGE RESIDENCE

Located right on St.George Street, the Innis Residence is a thriving suite-style community that is only minutes away from any building within the St. George Campus. Home to 315 undergraduate students, each suite includes a full kitchen, living room, and two to five private bedrooms. Amenities available to residents include a 24/7 front desk, gym, TV lounges, video and board games, study rooms and more. Each student living at the residence gets their own room with their own closet, furnished with a single bed, a desk, a bookshelf, a chair and a night stand. Ever imagined your dream room? Now is your chance to go for it because you don't have to share your room with anybody!

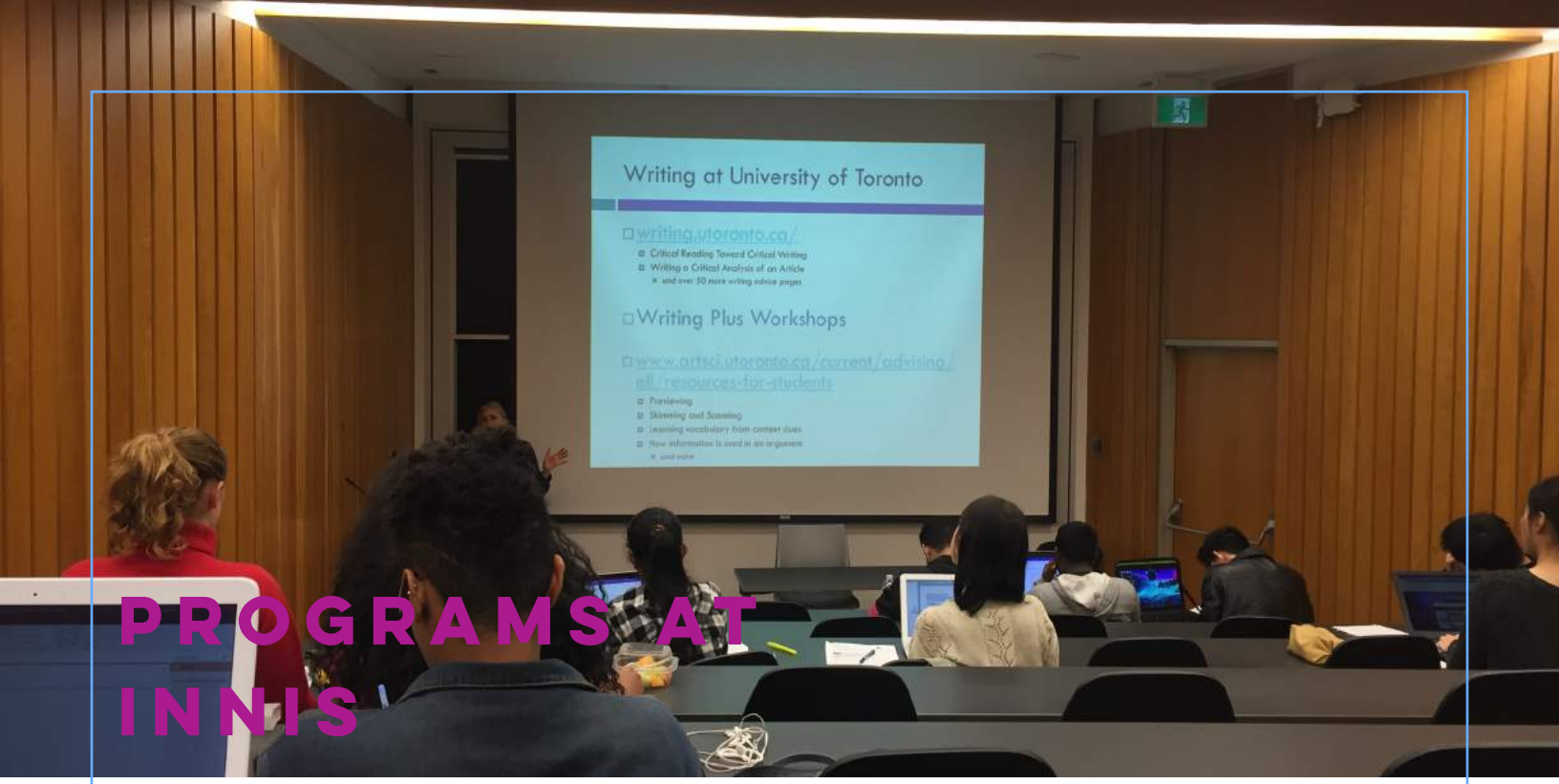
The main floor of the residence is publicly accessible and includes the Office of Student Life and the Events Room. This multi-purpose space is used for many College events and is available as a study space when not in use. In short, Innis provides the perfect environment for you to transition from living at home to living independently!

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Located at the intersection of St. George Street and Sussex Avenue, the Innis Residence is proximal to many of the city's amenities. Located in-between Toronto's historic Annex and Yorkville neighbourhoods, the residence is just minutes from multiple cafes, grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, museums, retail shops, and more! It is also located just down the street from St. George subway station – your gateway to the rest of the city!

THE RESIDENCE DONS

Residence Dons are upper-year students responsible for fostering a vibrant residence community that is safe, inclusive, and cooperative. They play a key role in building community, supporting students with personal and academic concerns, fostering personal growth and development, and facilitating educational activities and events. The Dons live in the residence and are available after hours to assist both resident and commuter students with urgent and/or concerning matters. They can be reached through the residence front desk. Full time staff take part in an on-call roster 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for urgent concerns and emergencies.



PROGRAMS AT INNIS

First Year Foundations

Innis One: The Creative City is a first-year foundations program for students who wish to develop their creative and critical capacities by exploring the dynamism of our urban environment. Drawing from the College's three academic programs — Cinema Studies, Urban Studies, and Writing and Rhetoric — Innis One coaxes students to venture beyond the academy walls and engage in an imaginative, inquiry-based, and civic-minded learning experience.

In small-class settings, students will be encouraged to bring their own experiences, passions, and history into relationships with the civic issues and landscapes of Toronto, thus gaining a greater appreciation of the interplay between personally driven writing, film, and urban life. Seminars featuring guest lecturers, films, and special field trips offer a unique experiential learning opportunity that will also help students to develop writing, research, and analytical skills.

Courses:
INI100H1 The City Where Movies Are Made
INI101H1 Blogging the Just City
INI102H1 Telling the Stories of the City: Writing Creative Non-Fiction
INI106H1 Writing Literary Journalism: Telling the Stories of the City

- Students can enroll in one or two of the four courses offered
- Class enrollment is limited to 25 students
- Innis One welcomes students from any college
- Courses are filled in a first-come, first-serve basis during regular course registration

To learn more, visit innis.utoronto.ca/academic-programs/one/

URBAN STUDIES

Urban planners, engineers, economists, geographers, and architects (to name a few) all study the city from their specific theoretical and philosophical perspectives. The Urban Studies Program at Innis College is based on a recognition of this multidisciplinarity, and it aims to provide students with a multitude of lenses through which to observe, interpret and understand urban life. We tend to have smaller class sizes, more interaction between professors and students, and an active intellectual and social community. Given our focus on community engaged learning, the Program is suited for those students who wish to become involved in urban issues in Toronto.

WRITING AND RHETORIC

Writing and rhetoric go hand in hand. In an increasingly digital world, where the variety and number of texts are rapidly proliferating, the ability to produce persuasive and eloquent writing, as well as analyze and interpret texts, couldn't be more foundational. The Writing and Rhetoric Program, a Type 1 Minor, offers a diverse array of courses that explore the worlds of oral, written, and online discourse. Our Rhetoric courses investigate the discipline's core ideas, history, contact with other disciplines, applications, and metamorphoses across media platforms. Our Writing courses teach students how to write well in the modes, genres, and styles appropriate to particular disciplinary, institutional, and creative contexts.

STAY CONNECTED

Follow us to stay connected and find out how to get involved!

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