



# Academic Orientation

## Bethune College 2012

### About Academic Orientation

Welcome to York University!

As a valued new member of York's Bethune College, we welcome you to a one-day Academic Orientation session. This session will help you succeed at University.

Things to learn/do:

- How can I make my academic year a success?
- How can I succeed in my major?
- Meet your Peer Mentor
- What special services and facilities does Bethune College offer?
- How can I connect with other students?
- What clubs are housed in Bethune College?
- How can I get involved in intramural sports?
- Where do I apply for awards and bursaries?
- What is Dragon Week?
- and many more!

This is a mandatory event. Research has shown us that your success rate improves with attendance. Why? The information is practical, straightforward and immediately applicable on your first day of classes!

### Dates

Your orientation date is determined by your major:

- **Tuesday Aug 28** for Biology and Biochemistry
- **Wednesday Aug 29** for Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geography, Math & Statistics, Physics & Astronomy, STS, and Undecided Majors
- **Thursday Aug 30** for Computer Science, Computer Security, Digital Media, Earth & Atmospheric Science, and Engineering

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lassonde Building Lecture Hall A (building #19 on York campus map).

**Welcome BBQ** immediately afterwards.

### Parents Orientation

Friday, August 31. There are two parent orientations this day, a university-wide orientation in the morning and a Bethune-specific one in the afternoon.

### Questions?

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**To register: [bethune.yorku.ca/orientation](http://bethune.yorku.ca/orientation)**

# Welcome to Bethune College

## What is Bethune College and why is it important to me?

York is a big university. This means that you have lots of choices for disciplines and programs. Unfortunately, it can also be a little intimidating at first. Colleges exist to help make a big university feel small. They are a place to study, hang out, and participate in a smaller, more intimate setting. They are a place where you can feel at home.

## Who is a Bethune student?

Everyone is assigned to a college when they enter York based on either their program of study or the residence that they live in. Bethune College is associated with the Faculty of Science and Engineering. Students in that faculty, those studying Science & Technology Studies in LAPS, and those that are in the Bethune Residence are automatically members of the college.

## What does Bethune offer?

- At Your Service: Study Hall, Quiet Study Room, Junior Common Room & JACS Student Lounge, Piano Room, Meeting Rooms.
- Bethune Residence: home to 260 students from across the world.
- Life Sciences Help Centre: peer-tutoring help in the core 1<sup>st</sup>-year science courses, every afternoon.
- Student Ombuds Service (SOS): a drop-in academic resource centre staffed by knowledgeable upper-year students who can help you with academic issues.
- Bethune Writing Centre: provides one-on-one tutoring to help you polish your writing skills. By appointment.
- Elective academic (credit) Bethune courses: BC 3000, 3010 and BC 3900 in Peer Leadership, and/BC 3030, an upper-year science writing course to help you improve those lab reports.
- Academic and Career Seminars: speakers, discussion groups and other programs to interest students and faculty.
- Bethune College Council: our student government in charge of social, cultural and sports events both on and off campus, the college newspaper (The Lexicon), social orientation, student lounges. It also oversees the Bethune Athletics Committee, which manages recreational sports activities and intramural sports.

- Student Clubs. A wide range of interests are housed at Bethune: Anime and Manga Association, Archery, Astronomy Club, Atmospheric Club, Biochemistry Association, Biology Society, Biophysics Association, Canadian Satellite Design Competition, Chemical Society, Computer Club, Dental Association, Dragon Boats, Engineering Society, Fencing Club, Free the Children, Frontier College, Kendo Club, Let's Talk Science, NATS-AID, Physics Society, Pre-Med Society, PrePharmacy, Robot Fighting, Rover Team, Rugby Club, Science Student Caucus, Students for the Exploration and Development of Space, Ultimate Frisbee.

Bethune College will be with you from the time you register as a student (now!) until your graduation from York. And maybe even beyond.

## What is Dragon Week?

It's our name for **Social Orientation**, or Frosh Week. Bethune College Council is thrilled to bring you Dragon Week 2012! Starting Friday August 31, experience an action-packed week of social events including a boat cruise and several trips. More information will be forthcoming at the end of July.



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