

Bethune College Academic Orientation 2014

Go Dragons!



redefine THE POSSIBLE.

Tuesday, September 2nd, 2014



Welcome

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Welcome to York University and Bethune College



Your home at York University

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What are we doing today?

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BCC/BAC/DragonWeek

SOS: Success Tips

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Transitions can be difficult

Average High School grades are > 80%

Average 1st-year university grades ~65%

...how can you avoid this or make it more manageable?

Successful University Life

- Interview of 2000 Harvard students showed:
- Making connections very important for university career – with students, faculty, university
- For science students, **study groups** are especially rewarding
- Students with the best grades are usually involved in one or two extracurricular events

What does Bethune College offer you?

Bethune offers many services and facilities:

Academic Services

Social Connections

Intramurals

College Facilities



Bethune's Academic Services

- Peer Mentoring
- Peer Advising
- Peer Tutoring
- Study Groups/PASS
- Class Reps
- Bethune Writing Centre
- Academic Advising
- Career Centre Advising
- Tuesday & Wednesday Workshops

SOS Peer Mentoring

- Every 1st year incoming student has been paired with a mentor
- ~**50** Peer Mentors: upper year students who have experienced university life at York
- All of you will have already heard from your mentors via email
- ***Objective:*** to help incoming students adapt to life at York University

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SOS Peer Advising

A free Peer Advising service run by exceptional upper year students

- Explain York policies & regulations
- Refer you to other campus services
- Tutor registry
- Professional school workshops

Weekdays **10-5 pm** in BC 208

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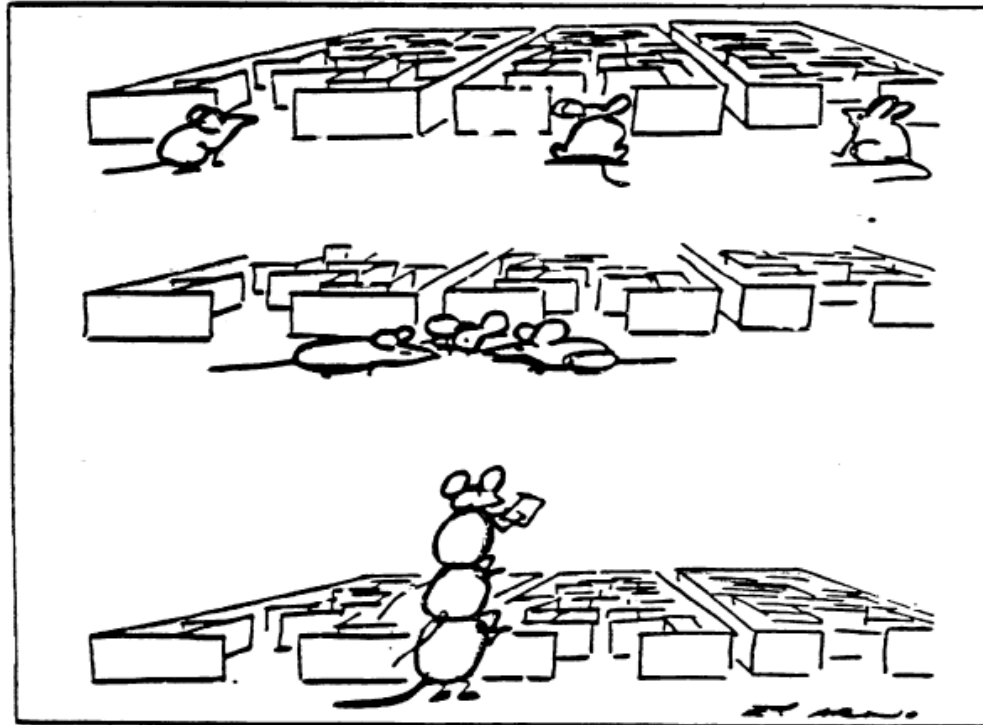
SOS Peer Tutoring



- Free tutoring in 1st-year BIOL, CHEM, EECS, MATH, PHYS
- staffed by **25+** student volunteers (who got an $\geq A$ in the course)
- weekdays 12:30–6:30 pm, starting Mon Sept. 15
- In LSB 104 for BIOL & CHEM
- in BC 202 for EECS, MATH & PHYS

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Study Groups



- Very effective for science students
- Bethune offers facilitated study groups in core 1st-year courses

<http://bethune.yorku.ca/studygroups/>

SOS PASS

- Peer Assisted Study Sessions are led by **10** “peer leaders” who have taken the course and are trained to facilitate
- 90 min. review sessions in BC (multiple rooms), twice a week:
 - BIOL 1000, BIOL 2020
 - CHEM 1000, CHEM 2020
 - EECS 1020
 - MATH 1013, MATH 1025, MATH 1505
 - PHYS 1010, PHYS 1420

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Class Reps



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Bethune Writing Centre (BC206)

Free to all Bethune College students

- Instructor (Robert Fisher) specializes in scientific and technical reports, lab reports
- Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 1-4, starting Sept 15th
- Book appointment online:

bethune.yorku.ca/writing

Academic Advising

Confidential advice from Tanya and Mazen
– study skills, petitions, other issues

- Tanya is available by appointment via email
- Mazen offers drop-in advising in BC 207 and by appointment via email

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Career Centre Advising (BC 206)

- Individual advising
- What should you do with your life?
What skills will you need?
- Weds. from 1-4 pm – drop in or book appointment:

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Tuesday Self-Care Workshops

- Personal Counselling Services (Transition to University, Coping & Resilience, Test Anxiety, etc..)
- Fellows Corner (How to Write a Scientific Abstract, My Path to Research/Academia, etc..)
- + others
- Tues 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm, or 5:00 pm

Food!

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Wednesday Workshops

- Career Centre Workshops
 - Learning Skills Workshops
 - Professional School Seminars
 - + others
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- Wed 2:30 pm & 5:30 pm

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September Workshops & Events

- Wed Sept 10: How to Find a Part-Time Job
- Thurs Sept 11: Meet the Profs
- Wed Sept 17: Starting Off Strong
Lab Reports
How to get into Medical School
- Tues Sept 23: Breakfast with the BC Master
Transition to University I
- Wed Sept 24: Time Management Skills
Get Organized with RefWorks
Research/Volunteer Opportunities

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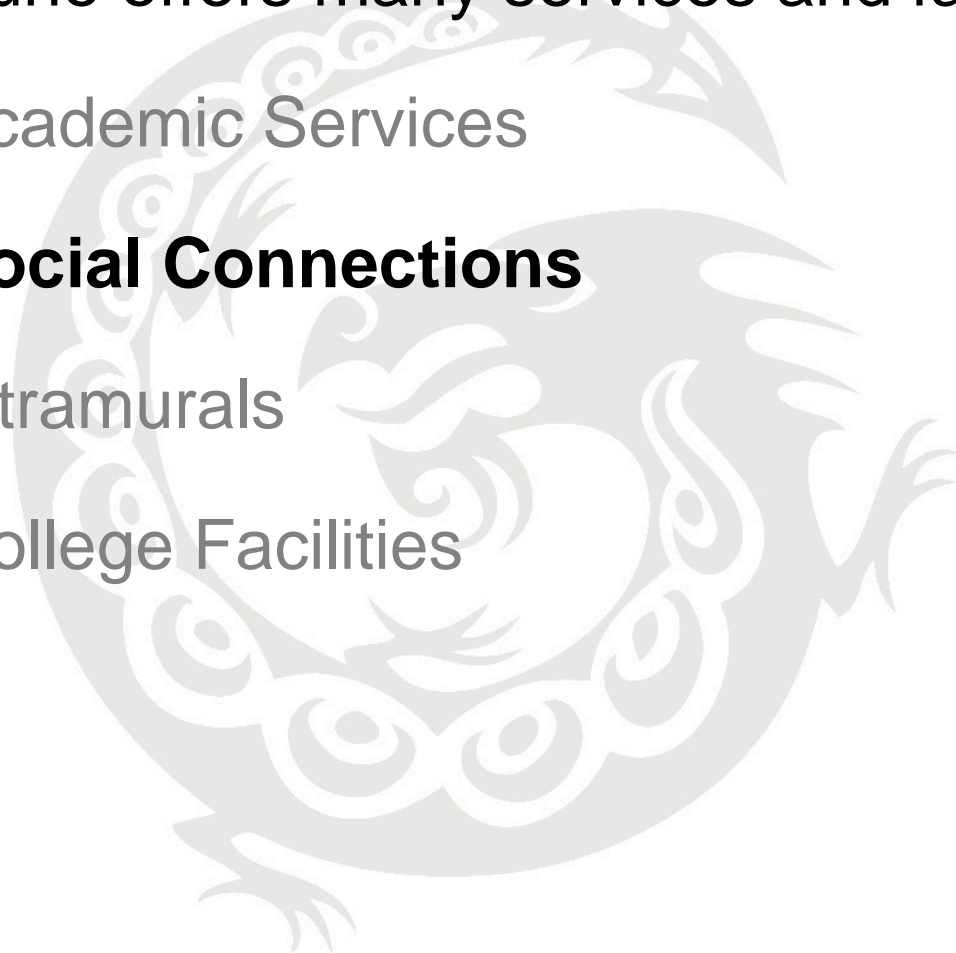
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Clubs

York University has over 300 recognized clubs.
Bethune College hosts these:

- Archery Club
- Astronomy Club
- Atmospheric Science Club
- Biochemistry Association
- Biophysics Club
- CDN Satellite Design Competition
- Computer Club
- Dragon Boat Club
- Dental Association
- Engineering Society (ES@Y)
- Free the Children
- Go Players Association
- Habitat for Humanity
- Kendo Club
- Lexicon
- Longboarders Association
- NATS-AID
- Physics Society
- Pre-Med Society
- Robogals
- Robot Fighting Club
- Robotics Society
- Science and Technology Studies Association
- Science Student Caucus
- Student Ombuds Services (SOS)
- Ultimate Frisbee At York
- York University Anime and Magna Association (YAMA)

Bethune College Council

BCC is our student government and organizes

- social events
- Movie nights
- Pub nights: Halloween, Lovefest
- discounted tickets to events such as:
 - Sports Events
 - Montreal Trip
 - Blue Mountain Ski Trips
- Formal

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Bethune Athletic Committee

Bethune students participate in many intramural sports at York. You can get involved in either a more competitive or recreational level.



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Study Space

- Study Hall (BC 202)
 - peer tutoring in EECS, MATH & PHYS
- Life Sciences Learning Common (LSB 104)
 - peer tutoring in BIOL & CHEM
- Quiet Study Room (BC 204)
- Group Study Rooms
 - BC 105, 105B
 - LSB 104A, 104B, 104C

Meeting Rooms

Bethune also has two large meeting rooms:

- Norman's (BC203) – holds about 40
- Paul Delaney Gallery (BC320) - holds about 80

Rooms for Social Activities

- JACS (BC112) – has projection TV, foosball and billiard tables
- Junior Common Room (BC115) –next to JACS, BCC, BAC and several club offices
- Piano Room (BC105A) - sound-proof room with piano

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Bethune College Council

Jiries Shimon Karborani

President, BCC



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Success Tips

- Some student tips on how to get good grades in your courses.....
- ...and some ways to get bad grades in your courses



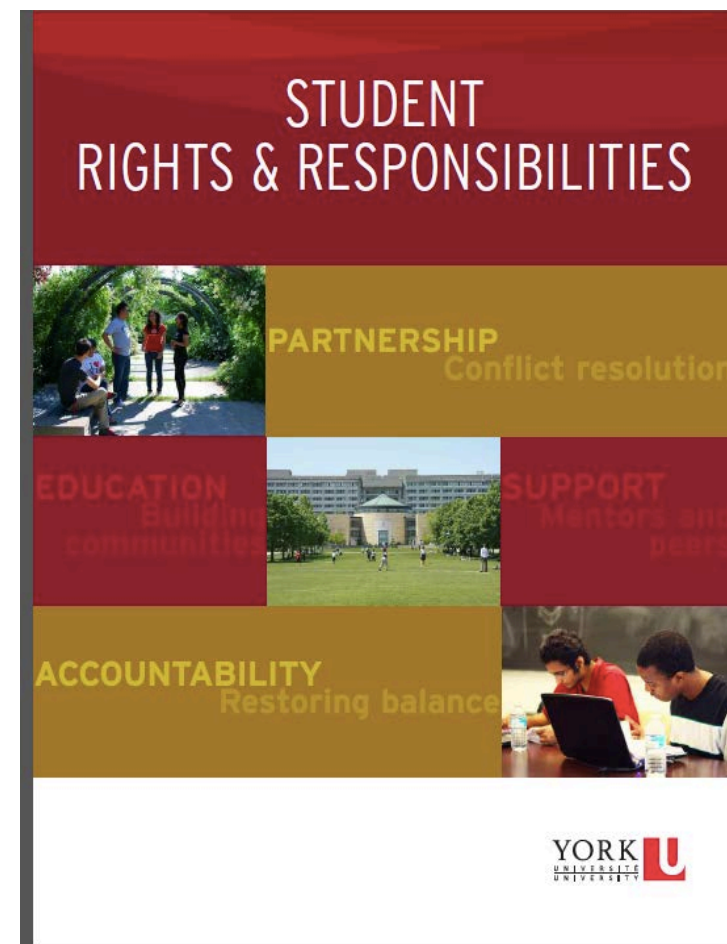
Student Rights and Responsibilities

Academic Orientation 2014



<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=69>

“...students are responsible for conducting themselves in a way that supports research, teaching and learning, and upholding an atmosphere of civility, diversity, equity and respect in their interactions with others....”



Student Rights & Responsibilities (Student Code of Conduct)



“Examples of behaviours that fall below the standard of conduct...

- Breach of University Policies, Procedures or Rules....
- Abuse of, or disrespect for, the processes of this Code...
- Disruption of, or interference with, University activities...

Student Rights & Responsibilities (Student Code of Conduct)



- Conduct that would be recognized as a breach of the law and/or disregard for the health and safety of the University community or its members...
- Threats of harm, or actual harm, to a person's physical or mental wellbeing..."

Very Important!...Senate Policy



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Policies, Procedures and Regulations

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POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

Search Policies, Procedures and Regulations

Enter your search term(s) below.



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Policies, procedures and regulations have been organized by topic below. Click each heading to display a list of policies/procedures/guidelines/regulations approved by Senate, the Board of Governors, the President and other approval authorities as indicated at the top of each document.

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<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/index-policies.html>



Senate Policy on Academic Honesty

“Academic honesty requires that persons do not falsely claim credit for the ideas, writing or other intellectual property of others... Similarly, academic honesty requires that persons do not cheat (attempt to gain an improper advantage in an academic evaluation)...academic honesty requires that persons do not aid or abet others to commit an offence of academic dishonesty”

“A lack of familiarity with the Senate Policy and Guidelines on Academic Honesty on the part of a student does not constitute a defence against their application.”



Summary of Penalties

- Penalties can range from a written reprimand to expulsion, even withholding or rescinding a York degree

Do you really want to take that risk?

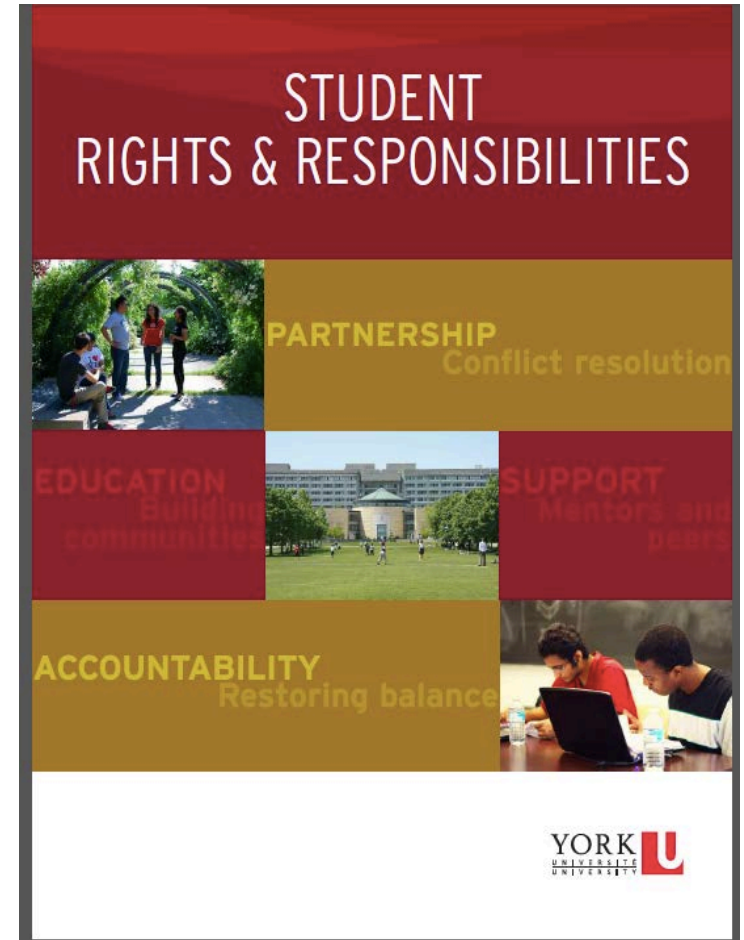
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Academic Integrity Tutorial

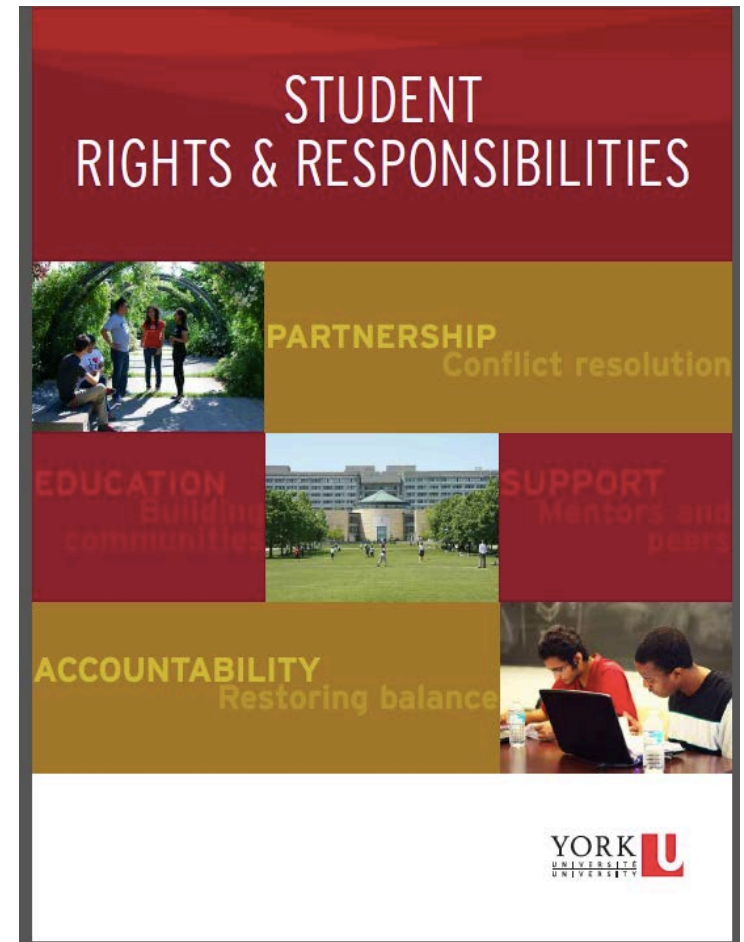


http://www.yorku.ca/tutorial/academic_integrity/

“York University is a place of research, teaching and learning where people value civility, diversity, equity, honesty and respect in their direct and indirect interactions with one another...It is acknowledged that these values can only be meaningful, and these freedoms fully realized, in an atmosphere of safety and security...”



“All York students have rights and responsibilities as outlined in this document and **are expected to uphold the identified values for the benefit of the entire York community.**”



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