



About York Orientation Day and Academic Orientation

We want you to have a smooth transition to university life and have planned this orientation to help you succeed at York. We will introduce you to the academic services, social activities, recreational activities and facilities available to you, both at Bethune College and throughout the university. We want to help you make connections. We want you to feel at home.

Things to learn/do:

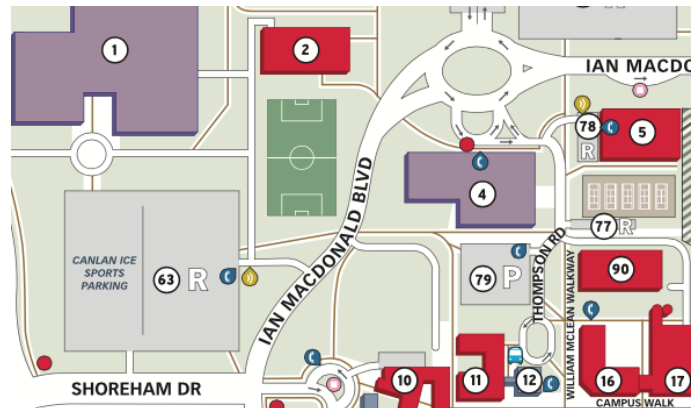
- How can I make my academic year a success?
- How can I succeed in my major?
- Meet your Peer Mentor
- What special services and facilities does Bethune College offer?
- How can I connect with other students?
- What clubs are housed in Bethune College?
- How can I get involved in intramural sports?
- What is Dragonweek?
- Campus Tour
- York's Induction ceremony!
- 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!

Details

Time Our Orientation runs from **9 am - 5 pm**. Please try to arrive 30 minutes earlier to sign in.

Location Tait McKenzie, Main Gym (building #4 on campus map)



Lunch a free healthy lunch will be provided.

Parents Orientation

We are having a Parents Orientation on Saturday Sept 5th. Details and registration information will be on our web site in July.

Questions

Email: bcorient@yorku.ca
Call: 416.736.5164

To register: 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. Bethune College is associated with the Faculty of Science and the Lassonde School of Engineering. Students in these faculties are automatically members of the college.

What does **Bethune** offer?

- **Student Space** 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.
- **Peer Tutoring** in the Life Sciences Learning Common help in the core 1st-year science courses, every afternoon.
- **Peer-Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)** are facilitated study groups run by “peer leaders” for many core 1st and 2nd year science, engineering, and math courses.
- **Student Ombuds Service (SOS)**: a drop-in academic resource centre staffed by knowledgeable upper-year students who can help you with academic issues.
- **Class Reps** are assigned for all 1st and 2nd year courses.
- **Bethune Writing Centre** provides one-on-one tutoring to help you polish your writing skills. By appointment.
- **Bethune Courses** BC1800 First Year Seminar, BC 3000, 3010 and BC 3900 in Peer Leadership.
- **Academic and Career Seminars** we host workshops, discussion groups and other programs of interest for science and engineering students.

- **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. The Bethune Athletics Committee manages recreational sports activities and intramural sports.
- **Student Clubs** A wide range of interests are housed at Bethune: Anime and Manga, Archery, Astronomy, Atmospheric Science, Biochemistry, Biology, Biophysics, Canadian Research in Regenerative Medicine, Canadian Immunology Research, Canadian Satellite Design, Chemistry, CS Hub Club, Dental, Dragon Boats, Engineering, Fencing, Free the Children, Frontier College, Geomatics, Kendo, Let's Talk Science, NATS-AID, Physics, Pre-Med, Robotics, Science & Technology, Science Student Caucus, 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 2015! Starting Saturday Sept 5, 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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