

Bethune College Makeup Academic Orientation 2018

Go Dragons!

YORK



redefine THE POSSIBLE.

UNIVERSITÉ
UNIVERSITY



Welcome

John Amanatides

Head

Tanya Da Sylva

Academic Coordinator

Welcome to York University and Bethune College



Your home at York University

bethune.yorku.ca

Transitions can be difficult

Average High School grades are > 80%

Average 1st-year university grades ~65%

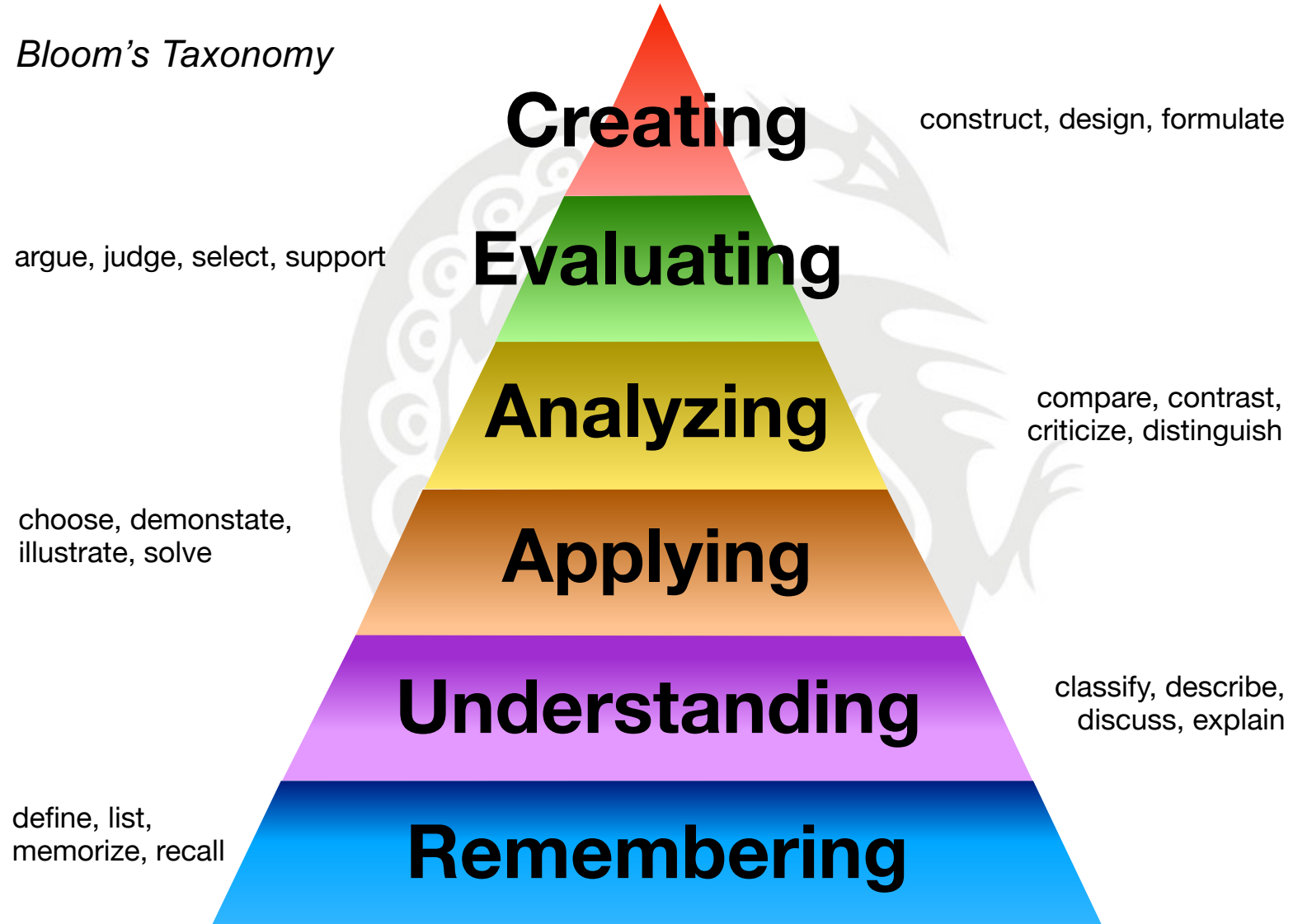
...how can you avoid this or make it more manageable?

Managing Time



Levels of Learning

Bloom's Taxonomy



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

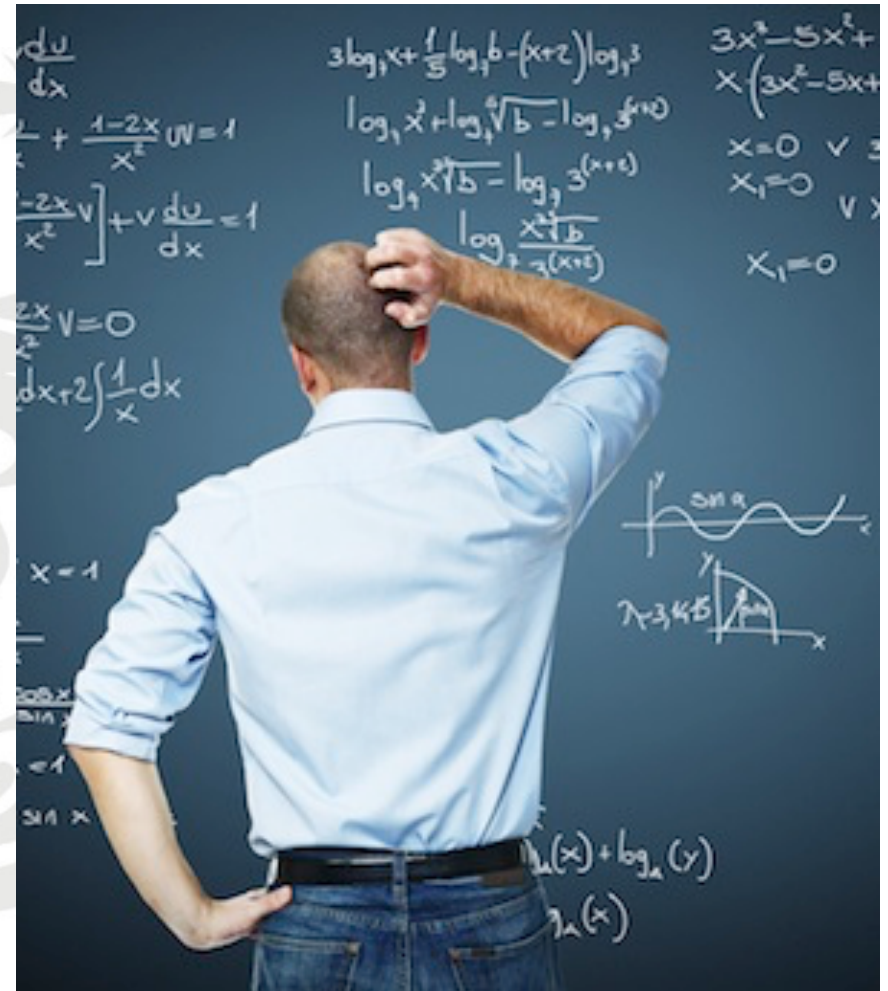
- Peer Mentoring
- Math Background Tutorials
- Peer Advising
- Peer Tutoring
- Study Groups/PASS
- Class Reps
- Bethune Writing Centre
- Individual Advising
- Wednesday Workshops

SOS Peer Mentoring

- Every 1st year incoming student has been paired with a mentor
- ~30 Peer Mentors: upper year students who have experienced university life at York

Math Background Tutorials

- Trig + Algebra
- 4 days long, 4 hrs/day
- 3 weeks in August
- October Reading Week
- Cuts drop-out rate $\frac{1}{2}$
- free



SOS Peer Advising

A free Peer Advising service run by our Peer Mentors

- Explain York policies & regulations
- Refer you to other campus services
- Professional school workshops
- Student point of view

Weekdays 10:30-4 pm in BC 208

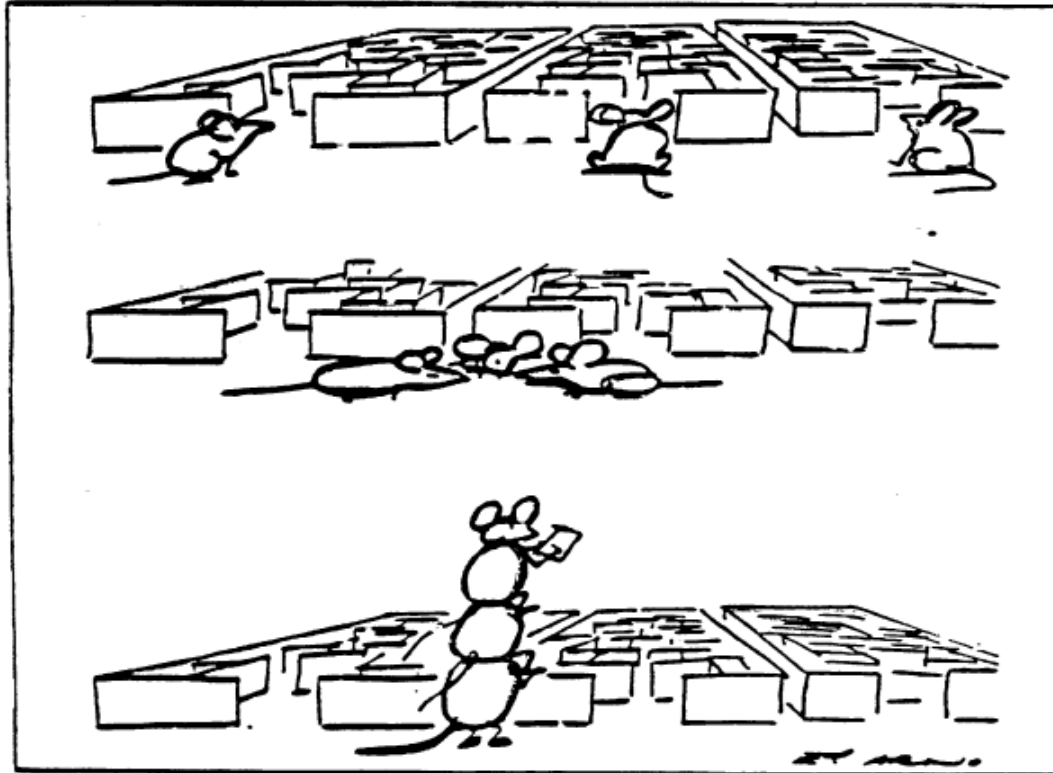
bethune.yorku.ca/sos

SOS Peer Tutoring



- Free tutoring in 1st-year BIOL, CHEM, EECS, MATH, PHYS
- staffed by 50+ A student volunteers
- weekdays 2:30–6:30 pm, starting Mon Sept. 17
- In LSB 104

Study Groups



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

SOS PASS

- Peer Assisted Study Sessions are led by 16+ “peer leaders” who have taken the course and are trained to facilitate
- Biweekly 90 min. review sessions in BC 202:

BIOL 1000/1001, 2020/2021, 2040

CHEM 1000/1001, 2020/2021

MATH 1013/1014, 1025, 1505

PHYS 1010, 1800

bethune.yorku.ca/pass

Class Reps

- Students taking the same course as you
- They are selected for each 1st and 2nd year major/core course
- CRs make announcements, organize study groups, connect with the course instructor



bethune.yorku.ca/classreps

Bethune Writing Centre (BC206)

Free to all Bethune College students

- Instructor specializes in scientific and technical reports, lab reports
- One-on-one and small group support
- Tues-Thurs, 1-4:30, starting Sept 18
- Book appointment online:

bethune.yorku.ca/writing



Wednesday Workshops

- Career Centre Workshops
- Learning Skills Workshops
- Professional School Seminars
- + others

- Wed 2:30 pm & 5:30 pm

Food!

Wednesday Workshops

September's workshops:

- Sept 12: How to Find a Part-Time Job
Research and Volunteer Opportunities
- Sept 20: Start Off Strong (Study Secrets)
Meet Your Peer Mentor
- Sept 27: Time Management Skills
How to get into Medical School

bethune.yorku.ca/events

Individual Advising

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

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

bethune.yorku.ca/help

bethune.yorku.ca/math

What does Bethune College offer you?

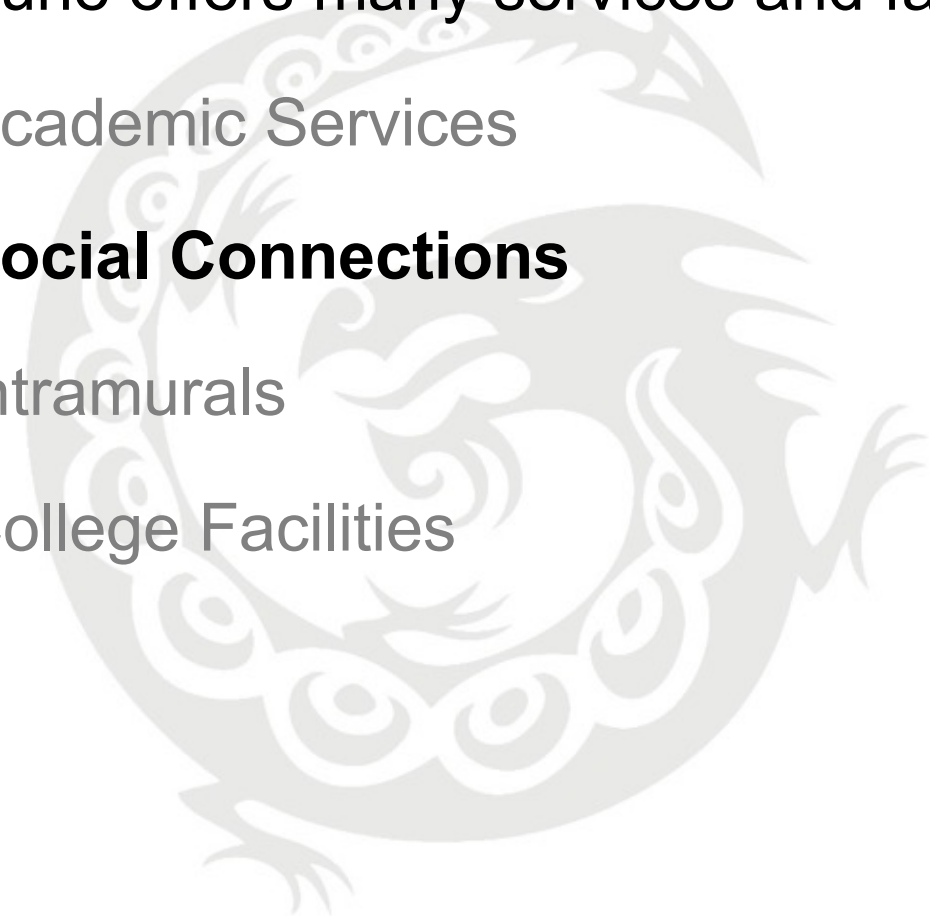
Bethune offers many services and facilities:

Academic Services

Social Connections

Intramurals

College Facilities



Clubs

York University has over 400 recognized clubs.
Bethune College hosts these:

- Archery Club
- Astronomy Club
- Atmospheric Science Club
- Biophysics Club
- CDN Assoc Regenerative Medicine
- CDN Immunology Research Assoc
- CS Hub
- Cyber Troops
- Dragon Boat Club
- Engineering Society (ES@Y)
- Fencing at York
- Free the Children
- Habitat Friend
- Kendo Club
- Lasonde Student Government
- Lexicon
- Let's Talk Science
- NATS-AID
- Neurology Research Association
- Physics Society
- Pre-Med Society
- Project Start! Science Canada
- Robotics Society
- Wildlife Society
- York University Anime and Magna Association (YAMA)

Bethune College Council

BCC is our student government and organizes:

- Social events
- Movie nights
- Halloween, Lovefest
- discounted tickets to events such as:
 - Trampoline
 - Rock Climbing
 - Montreal Trip
 - Blue Mountain Ski Trip
 - Formal

bethunedragons.ca



What does Bethune College offer you?

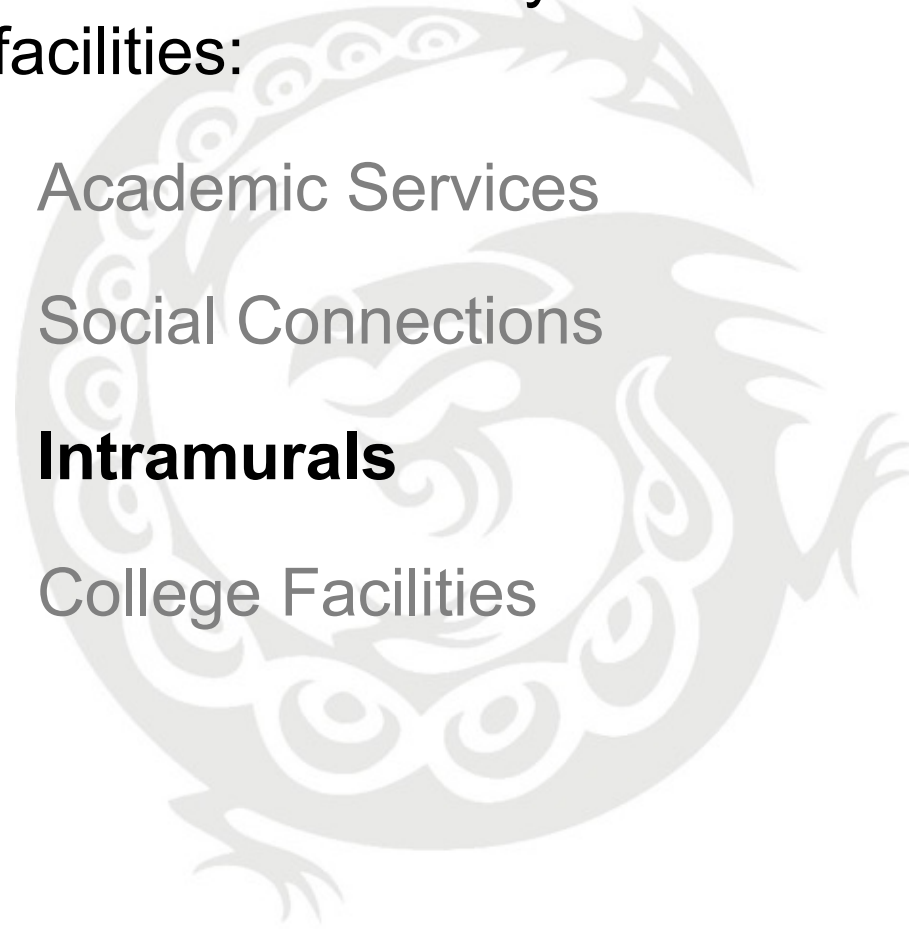
Bethune offers many services and facilities:

Academic Services

Social Connections

Intramurals

College Facilities



Intramurals

- Either at a more competitive or recreational level
- Dozens of sports



What does Bethune College offer you?

Bethune offers many services and facilities:

Academic Services

Social Connections

Intramurals

College Facilities

Study Space

- Study Hall (BC 202)
 - PASS
- JACS (BC 115)
- Life Sciences Learning Common (LSB 104)
 - peer tutoring
- Quiet Study Room (BC 204)
- Group Study Rooms
 - BC 105, 105B
 - LSB 104A, 104B, 104C

Meeting Rooms

Bethune also has three meeting rooms:

- Ryan's (BC224) holds about 12
- Norman's (BC203) – holds about 40
- Paul Delaney Gallery (BC320) - holds about 75

Rooms for Social Activities

- Junior Common Room (BC115)
 - chill space
 - projection TV, foosball, billiard tables
 - next to JACS, BCC, BAC and several club offices
- Piano Room (BC105A) - sound-proof room with piano (book through Head Office)

Success Tips

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

Things that Work (& Don't)

- Go to class, always!
 - Don't sit in the cheap seats
 - Come to class prepared
 - When lost, ask questions
 - Get spaced out
 - Develop learning objectives
 - Learn material at all levels
 - Be exam savy
- skip class often
sit in back row
come to class cold
aim for anonymity
pull all-nighters
study like a zombie
study just the facts

K. Sufka, "The A Game"

