Bethune College
Makeup Academic Orientation
2018

Go Dragons!
Welcome to York University and Bethune College

Your home at York University

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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?
Managing Time
Levels of Learning

Bloom’s Taxonomy

Remembering
- define, list, memorize, recall

Understanding
- classify, describe, discuss, explain

Applying
- choose, demonstrate, illustrate, solve

Analyzing
- compare, contrast, criticize, distinguish

Evaluating
- argue, judge, select, support

Creating
- construct, design, formulate
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
• Every 1\textsuperscript{st} 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
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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

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Study Groups

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

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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

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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

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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

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bethune.yorku.ca/math
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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
- Lassonde 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

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Intramurals

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

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”