Welcome

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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 student will be assigned a peer mentor in September
• They will email you
• ~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
- 1 week in May
- 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. 16
- In LSB 104

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• 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 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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 17
• 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!
September’s workshops:

• Sept 11: Start Off Strong (Study Secrets)
  Research and Volunteer Opportunities

• Sept 18: Time Management Skills
  How to get into Medical School

• Sept 25: Math & Science Problem Solving Skills
  How to get into Pharmacy

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Individual Advising

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

• John offers drop-in advising in BC 207

• Andrew offers drop-in advising in BC 210

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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
- Club Infinity (Math & Stats)
- 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)
BCC is our student government and organizes:

- Social events
- Movie nights
- Valentines
- discounted tickets to events such as:
  - Trampoline
  - Rock Climbing
  - Montreal Trip
  - Niagara Falls Trip
  - Formal

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Bethune College Council

Adam Brihmi
President, BCC
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- College Facilities
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 (bookable)
  - 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!  skip class often
• Don’t sit in the cheap seats  sit in back row
• Come to class prepared  come to class cold
• When lost, ask questions  aim for anonymity
• Get spaced out  pull all-nighters
• Develop learning objectives  study like a zombie
• Learn material at all levels  study just the facts
• Be exam savvy

K. Sufka, “The A Game”