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LEARN TO USE DC CONNECT

DC Connect is where you will find course information and content, submit assignments, and have class discussions. To learn more, log into DC Connect and register for SALS ONLINE – Navigating DC Connect.

GET ORGANIZED

You may have 6 or 7 courses each semester. Each course has content, assignments, tests, and other evaluations. Use a calendar to note due dates, or add them to your phone to track daily or weekly tasks and information.

GET TO KNOW THE CAMPUS

Find out where your classes are. Learn who your student advisor is and where to find their office. Discover services such as the library, wellness centre, career development, student association, and SALS.

LEARN ABOUT RUBRICS

Rubrics are the documents that professors usually include with assignment instructions. They explain the expectations and requirements of an assignment, and show you how many marks each component is worth.

IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH SKILLS

English language may cause some challenges for you. Look for chances to talk to people. Join a club through the student association, participate in campus events, or make an appointment with the ESL Specialist at SALS.

PARTICIPATE IN CLASSES

Participating in class will help you stay focused and understand course content. Your professors expect you to be a good listener, and they also expect you to join discussions, ask questions, and volunteer answers.

ACCESS ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Your professors are your first academic support because they design the assessments and assign grades. If you need more help, talk to your student advisor, a librarian, staff in SALS, peer tutors, or your classmates.

ATTEND SALS WORKSHOPS

SALS offers workshops before each semester to help prepare new students for academic success. We also offer academic writing and learning strategies workshops throughout the year and self-paced modules in SALS ONLINE.

BE PATIENT

Be patient with yourself. You may feel some panic in the first few weeks of college because of the challenges and possibly lower than expected grades. This is a normal reaction. Give yourself some time to adjust.

ASK FOR HELP

For many students, college is a new experience, and you may have academic, emotional, financial, mental, or physical challenges. There are many on-campus and off-campus supports to help you. If you need help, just ask.

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