Welcome to Acadia University

Academic Expectations - International Student Orientation

September 1, 2016
Agenda

• Introduction
  – International Orientation Team Leader

• Student Behavior
  – Prof. Martha Cheney
    School of Business Administration, Faculty of Professional Studies

• Academic Integrity
  – Dr. Jeffrey Banks
    Professor of Chemistry, Director Open Acadia, & Acting Registrar

• Questions

• Adjournment
  – Picnic upstairs in the KCIC Garden Room/Lobby
Welcome

• We know
  – you are brave, nervous, and hopeful.

• We are here
  – to support you, encourage you, and to be approachable while setting high standards.

• The Acadia Experience …
  – is a voyage of learning and self discovery
  – challenges you to go outside your comfort zone
  – teaches you self reliance and teamwork
Ultimately, it is your choice how you adapt and enjoy your Acadia Experience.
Appropriate Student Behavior

• Read the course outline thoroughly
• Obtain the required text(s)
• Address your Professors as they request
• Use your Acadia email to contact faculty/staff
• What if you are sick or have a family emergency?
  – Contact your Professor
  – Get documentation to the Registrar’s Office
  – If you miss class: get notes from a fellow student
  – If you miss an assignment or test: see Professor’s policies
• All students are treated equally.
Collaborative Learning

- Small faculty-student ratio
- Team work with fellow students
Academic Expectations

• Each professor has their own approach
  – Grades are **NOT** negotiable

• Speak up and ask questions
  – “It is considered the student’s responsibility to seek clarification in a timely manner.”

• Be prepared to invest considerable time each day learning material in English
  – It takes longer than you think to complete assignments.
  – Late assignments generally are not accepted.
  – Grades typically drop 20% in your first year.
SCHEDULE Your Time
Use a calendar to plan study times

“Lost time is never found again”
– Benjamin Franklin
Specific Suggestions

• Get enough sleep

• It’s OK to be wrong and … learn from it!
  – It’s more than memorizing material
  – Create your own view using solid analysis

• Come to Office Hours with questions
  – Don’t be shy

• Be respectful
  – Turn off cell phones
  – Do not surf in class
  – Be on time
Be Prepared…

Otherwise, GIGO

Garbage In is Garbage Out
Teamwork & Participation

• Be a good team player
  – What you say and do impacts people
  – You may be placed into teams
  – Peer Evaluation may apply
  – Students have different communication styles
    • Country comparison model:

• Class participation improves public speaking skills
  – Frequently contributing reduces nervousness
There is help … **YOU just need to ask.**

- **International student handbook:**
  [http://international.acadiau.ca/tl_files/sites/international/Custodianship%20Forms/Student%20Handbook%20INSIDE%202013Final.pdf](http://international.acadiau.ca/tl_files/sites/international/Custodianship%20Forms/Student%20Handbook%20INSIDE%202013Final.pdf)
  - Wong International Centre ([http://wic.acadiau.ca](http://wic.acadiau.ca))

- **Your home department; Academic Advisors**

- **Vaughan Memorial Library**

- **Student Services**
  [http://www2.acadiau.ca/student-services.html](http://www2.acadiau.ca/student-services.html)
  - Writing Centre
  - Counseling Service ([http://counsel.acadiau.ca/](http://counsel.acadiau.ca/))
  - Student Tutors

- **Mentors**
Pace Yourself.
The Acadia Experience Improves Your Ability to…

• effectively communicate
  – verbally and in writing
• handle stress
• deal with uncertainty
• adapt to change
• accept different approaches
  – helps in multi-cultural workplaces.
• be a good team player
Do your best and enjoy your Acadia Experience!

Knowledge enriches, perseverance succeeds, and friendships remain.

Thank you.
Learn Acadia Culture!

• Use the Acadia Website
  – Acadia Central
  – Library
  – Technology Services
  – ACORN
  – Etc.

• Pay Attention to email!
• PAY ATTENTION TO EMAIL!
• Use ACORN
Academic Integrity

How comfortable would you be if they cheated in Med School?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardiac_surgery
Academic Integrity

- Cheating and plagiarism are not tolerated in university.

  - Read p. 53 of the 2016/17 Acadia University academic calendar.
  
  - Penalties vary from re-doing the work, a letter in your file, failing the assignment, failing the course, expulsion from the university.
What is cheating?

- Passing in someone else’s words or ideas as your own in reports and tests
  - Copying, buying term papers, plagiarizing.
  - Using the same paper in two or more courses.
  - Helping someone else cheat.
What is Plagiarism?

- Plagiarism is *stealing* another person’s words or ideas and presenting them as if they were your own
  - Failing to cite sources of information used,
  - Improper use of quotes.
How can you avoid plagiarizing?

- Summarize in your notes
- Write your own words
- Cite any idea that was not your own
- Never copy/paste text.
When & how do you cite a source?

– You do not need to cite a source if it is general knowledge.
– When in doubt, cite the source.

– Check out the plagiarism tutorial on the Library website:
  – http://library.acadiau.ca/sites/default/files/library/tutorials/plagiarism/

• Including the findings of other researchers in your term paper makes your paper better …
• just give credit where credit is due.
If you are having difficulty with your assignment or paper, seek help from:

- Professor
- Academic librarian
- Writing centre
- Numeracy centre
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