



University
of Windsor

Faculty of Arts, Humanities
and Social Sciences

First Year Transition Toolkit

Terms, Vocabulary and Acronyms

The **First Year Transition Toolkit** is an online toolkit developed to assist incoming students make the successful transition to university.

Terms and Vocabulary

- **Academic Advising** - Professional counselling on academic-related issues such as selecting and registering for courses, understanding the academic progress report, academic responsibilities, etc.
- **Academic Progress Report** - The Academic Progress Report (APR) shows a student's progress towards fulfilling the graduation requirements for a program of study.
- **Academic Integrity** - The idea of centering your academic journey through the values of honesty, respect, fairness, and responsibility.
- **Academic Standing** - The academic standing is a status based on if students have met their minimum academic requirements.
- **Aegrotat Standing** - Aegrotat Standing is the exceptional granting of credit for a course based on term work
- **Associate Dean, Academic and Student Success** - The Associate Dean, Academic and Student Success is responsible for all academic and student success-related issues and initiatives at the undergraduate level.
- **CAW Student Centre** - The CAW Student Centre is the student lounge at the University of Windsor.
- **Course Outline/Syllabus** - A course outline/syllabus is an official document that outlines the course information and instructor's contacts.
- **Course Reserve** - Textbooks that you can borrow for your classes.
- **Dean** - The Dean is the Chief Academic Leader in the Faculty.
- **Department/School** - An academic unit within a faculty.
- **Examination** - a final assessment of learning that occurs at the end of the semester.
- **Faculty** - A faculty is an academic division within the University.
- **Faculty Members** - Faculty members are the teaching staff at the University of Windsor.
- **First Year** - A student who's in their first semester of an undergraduate program.
- **Head Start** - Head Start is UWindsor's summer orientation program to help incoming students with the transition to university.
- **Midterm Exam** - an assessment of learning that occurs during the middle of the semester.
- **Leddy Library** - The Leddy Library is the central library for the entire university.

- **Registrar's Office** - The Office of the Registrar is responsible for registration, enrolment, final examinations, official grades, and transcripts.
- **Transcript** - A transcript is a copy of a student's academic record at the University.
- **Voluntary Withdraw** - Voluntary withdraw occurs when a student drops a course or courses, without academic penalty, before the VW date.
- **Welcome Week** - The annual Fall orientation for first-year students.

Acronyms

- **AEC** - Aboriginal Education Centre
- **AP** - Academic Probation
- **BA** - Bachelor of Arts
- **BSW** - Bachelor of Social Work
- **CCR** - Co-Curricular Record
- **CDEL** - Career Development and Experiential Learning
- **FAHSS** - Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- **FG** - First Generation
- **GA** - Graduate Assistant
- **GS** - Good Standing
- **INC** - Incomplete Grade
- **ISC** - International Student Centre
- **LLC** - Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- **LAPS** - Liberal Arts and Professional Studies
- **NP** - No Pass
- **NR** - No Report of a Grade
- **P** - Pass
- **RTW** - Required to Withdraw
- **OPUS** - Organization of Part-time University Students
- **S** - Satisfactory
- **SAS** - Student Accessibility Services
- **SCC** - Student Counselling Centre
- **SET** - Student Evaluation of Teaching
- **SHS** - Student Health Services
- **SOCA** - School of Creative Arts
- **SODA** - School of Dramatic Art
- **SOS** - Students Offering Support
- **SSLC** - Student Success and Leadership Centre
- **STEPS** - Skills to Enhance Personal Success
- **TA** - Teaching Assistant
- **U** - Unsatisfactory
- **UWSA** - University of Windsor Students' Alliance
- **VIP** - Volunteer Internship Program
- **VW** - Voluntary Withdraw
- **WSD** - Writing Support Desk