

# University 101:

For Mature, Part-Time and  
Transfer Students



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# Presenters

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# Introductions

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Introduce yourself to the person/people close to you and share the following:

- Your name and program?
- Why are you coming back to school?
- Why did you choose the University of Windsor?
- One thing you are **worried** about as a new student?
- One thing you are **excited** about as a new student?







# The Good News!

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## You are Already at an Advantage!

- ✓ You know why you're here (goal)
- ✓ Your life experience helps
- ✓ You have a realistic view
- ✓ You can manage your time
- ✓ You won't sweat the small stuff

BACK TO SCHOOL WISDOM:

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**“YOU’RE OFF TO GREAT PLACES.  
TODAY IS YOUR DAY!  
YOUR MOUNTAIN IS WAITING,  
SO GET ON YOUR WAY!”**

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# Student Success & Leadership Centre

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**Your success matters!** At the Student Success & Leadership Centre we recognize that your idea of success is unique. We are here to contribute to your academic and career success as well as your personal growth:

- **Orientation Programs**
- **Mentoring** (*Connecting4Success, Bounce Back*)
- **Academic Advising**
- **Study Skills Resources** (*STEPS*)
- **Leadership and Volunteer Experiences** (*Lead, Volunteer website*)
- **Writing Support** (*located in the Leddy Library*)





# I Have Registered for Courses...Now What?

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- Transfer Students – if you already received your Offer of Admission, and you are still waiting on your transfer credits, be sure to follow up with your Admissions Officer in the Registrar's Office.
- Get your UWinCARD (*Student Card*)
- Start checking your UWinGmail account
- Purchase your parking pass
- Find your classes
- Purchase textbooks (*don't take off the wrapping until the first day of class*)
- Apply for as many awards, scholarships and bursaries as you can! (*i.e., Awards Search*).



# What To Expect on the First day of Classes?

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- Important Dates:
  - Classes start: January 4, 2018
  - Last day to change courses: January 17, 2018
  - Voluntary Withdraw date: March 14, 2018
- Large classes (especially first year courses)
- Do your readings before class
- Be on time!
- You will take classes both inside and outside of your major
- Exams, tests and assignments are not easily rescheduled
- You are expected to be an independent learner, this means doing a lot of reading on your own, and seeking out assistance/resources.



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## Faculty

- Professors will have office hours that they are available to discuss class, assignments and any issues – use them!
- Within your department there may also be Sessional Professors, Teaching Assistants (TA) and Graduate Assistants (GA)
- Faculty members are involved in research, for some this may be their main focus



University of Windsor faculty member Clinton Beckford (far left) points to a region of Africa on a map while faculty and students look on.



# Sheri's Top Ten List on How to Become a Successful Student

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1. Attend class prepared, and take good notes.
2. Use a planner (include important dates, and short term goals) and post your semester schedule on the fridge.
3. Postpone until the end of the semester... the family reunion can wait till the break!
4. Follow up on assignments and exams.
5. Schedule some time everyday to review your notes.
6. Full time course load = full time job.
7. Meet with an Academic Advisor throughout your degree to assess your progress towards your degree.
8. Don't be a stranger.
9. Celebrate your accomplishments!
10. Let your experience shine!





# Tips for Students Balancing Family, School and/or Work Responsibilities

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- ❖ **Share Family Responsibilities-** Ask your spouse & kids to help set the table or wash the car. This frees up your time while you spend time with your family. Make it fun by working to music!
- ❖ **Declare One Night a Week as "Family Night"-** Order pizza, play games, go for a walk; make it fun & relaxing not only for the kids but for yourself as well.
- ❖ **Be a Role Model-** If you have school aged children set a block of time when you can all study together. Make study time fun by serving nutritious snacks. As well, let your family know both when you are both available and unavailable.
- ❖ **Discuss School at Work-** Consider sharing your academic goals with your co-workers & boss. This paves the way in case you decide to study rather than going out for lunch or if you ever need time off for studies.
- ❖ **Study During Your Breaks at Work-** Always bring a textbook or a set of study notes so you can make good use of coffee breaks or lunchtime.



# After the Winter Term

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- Pat yourself on the back!
- Prior to registering for courses for the upcoming semester, be sure to schedule an appointment with an Academic Advisor, in the Student Success & Leadership Centre, or within your Department.
- Register for fall 2018 courses
- Learn about your Degree Audit (averages required, 100 level courses etc.)





**Thank you!**  
Any Questions or Comments?

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