



# Welcome to the University of Windsor

Mature, Transfer and Part-Time Students



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# Land Acknowledgement

The University of Windsor sits on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwa, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi. We respect the longstanding relationships with First Nations people in this place in the 100-mile Windsor-Essex peninsula and the straits – les détroits – of Detroit.





# Agenda

- You are already at an advantage!
- Transfer credit
- How to be successful at UWindsor & what to expect
- Balancing family and work with school responsibilities
- Student Services & useful websites



# Everyone's Academic Journey is Unique

- After high school you may have taken some time off to find out what you were passionate about
- Transferred from another college or university
- As a senior you would like to take courses for general interest
- Attended college or university right out of high school, only to find out the timing wasn't right

**“ YOU HAVE SACRIFICED  
A LOT TO BE HERE.  
I’M HERE TO TELL YOU  
HOW GRATEFUL I AM  
AND REMIND YOU THAT  
YOU ARE RAINBOWS  
IN CLOUDS. ”**

*Maya Angelou*





# You are already at an advantage!

- Motivated by your goals
- Associate real world experiences to the course material
- Discovered how to work and learn through life experience
- Manage your time effectively
- Choose not to sweat the small stuff!



# Transfer Credit

- Once accepted, your Admissions and Records Officer (ARO) automatically conducts a transfer credit assessment. Your awarded transfer credits are usually listed on your Offer of Admission.
- If you have any questions about your transfer credit assessment, please follow up with your ARO. Your ARO's contact information can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website.
- If your ARO is requesting course outlines for transfer credit, please submit them by August 15th so that your transfer credits are processed in time for the Fall semester.
- Meet with a Program Advisor/Academic Advisor for course selection (i.e., missing pre-requisites, not registering in courses you have received transfer credit).



# How to be a successful student

- Do your readings before class, be on time, take good notes, 1:2 ratio
- If you don't understand the course material follow up with the professor, T.A. or G.A. during office hours
- Take advantage of our student services on campus
- Meet regularly with a Program Advisor/Academic Advisor
- Our university is also committed to socially and culturally responsive supports for our campus community (i.e., Black, Indigenous, racialized, international, 2SLGBTQIA+), allowing you to thrive as a UWindor student, all while embracing your diversity and dignity





# What to expect at UWindsor

- Fall 2022 classes start on September 8
- Larger classes (some first-year courses)
- 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
- Professors teach and may also be involved in research



# Balancing Family and Work with School Responsibilities

- Success is scheduled! Invest in a planner or calendar. Map out your days and be purposeful about how you choose to spend your time
  - You should not be studying when you should be working, or letting work interfere with family time
  - Take advantage of any down time and don't procrastinate
  - Sacrifice one hour of sleep in the morning to catch up on schoolwork, e-mails and get organized for the day
- When you start to feel discouraged and overwhelmed, focus on your end goals





# Family

- Ask for help when you need it (i.e., babysitter, grandparents, summer camps)
- Share family responsibilities and negotiate household duties based on your schedule, so that any spare time can be spent with family
- Model the behavior that you would like to see in your children (i.e., Have your children do their homework at the same time as you)
- Declare one night a week as Family Night! Order pizza, play games, go on a nature walk. Make it fun and relaxing for both you and your kids
- Establish a support system
- Saying "no" isn't always a bad thing



# Work

- Share your academic goals with your supervisor and co-workers. In turn, they will be more understanding if you can't attend an office gathering or need time off for school
- Always bring a textbook or a set of study notes to work so that you can make good use of coffee breaks and lunchtime
- Explore online and evening classes
- Studying full-time and working part-time (or vice versa)





# Student Services


- **Leddy Library** - The writing support desk, research help, study space and so much more!
- **Student Health Services** - Supports for your physical and mental health
- **Student Success & Leadership Centre** - Opportunities to get involved, orientation programming, academic support
- **Central Academic Advising** - Help with course planning, change of major, assisting students with academic difficulties
- **Student Accessibility Services** - Accommodations for students with documented disabilities



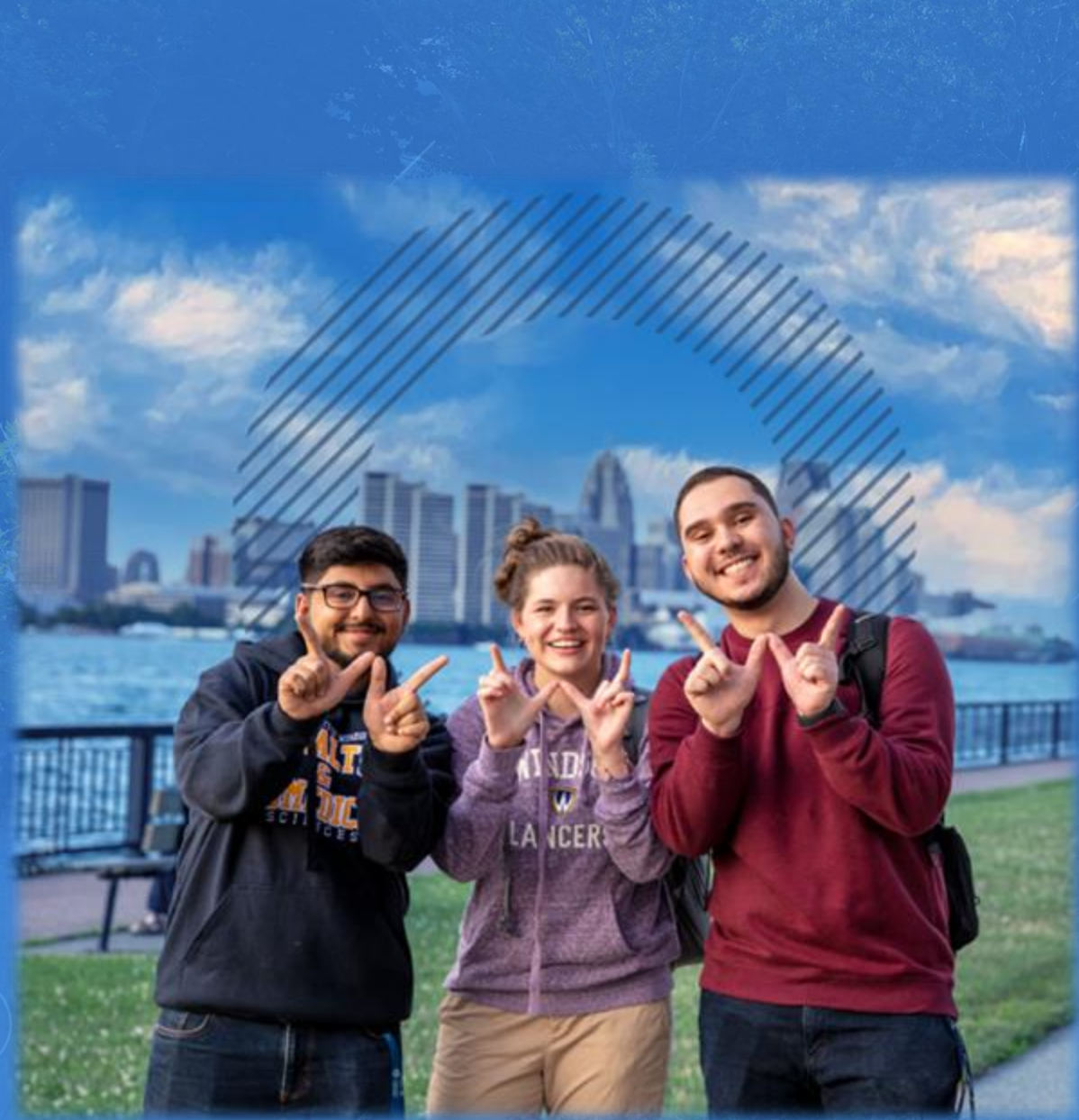


# Helpful Websites

Website	Website Address	Content
Registrar's Office	<a href="http://uwindsor.ca/registrar">uwindsor.ca/registrar</a>	ARO contact information, Timetables, Academic Calendar, Important dates, and link to UWinSite Student
Transfer Website	<a href="http://uwindsor.ca/transfer">uwindsor.ca/transfer</a>	Transfer Equivalency Database, transfer agreements, steps outlining the transfer process
MySuccess	<a href="http://success.uwindsor.ca">success.uwindsor.ca</a>	Booking an appointment with an Academic Advisor
Central Academic Advising Office	<a href="http://uwindsor.ca/advising">uwindsor.ca/advising</a>	Access to online Drop-In, Program Advisor's contact information, academic resources







# Any Questions?

## What's Next!

- Lunch BBQ there will be a \$500 tuition giveaway
- August 15th there will be a \$1,500 tuition draw on Instagram live

