



Top tips for First Generation students: Academic Life

Welcome to Durham College (DC)! Being the first in your family to attend college may seem a bit overwhelming. Thankfully there are many useful services here at DC to help you connect and thrive. On this card you will find tips and resources to help you get prepared, be involved and succeed on campus. Check out www.durhamcollege.ca/firstgen or www.durhamcollege.ca/orientation for more information.



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FIND STUDY SPACE

Book a study room

DC has space where you can study. To book a room in the library or other study rooms on campus, visit www.durhamcollege.ca/studyspace and use your Campus ID and network password to log in. Student Academic Learning Services (SALS) also has rooms available to book.

BECOME TECH SAVVY

Access DC Connect and MyCampus

DC Connect is your learning management system where you can access all of your course materials. MyCampus allows you to view and manage all of your personal student information. Both are accessible from the DC website homepage.

Remember your passwords

Your DC Connect and MyCampus passwords are the same. You are provided with this password when you become a DC applicant. To reset your DCMail and network password, you must log on to a computer on campus with the password "durham" and then create your new password. This network password can also be used to connect to WIFI (called "CAMPUS AIR") on any electronic device. Having problems? Call IT support at 905.721.2000 ext. 3333.

TAKE YOUR TECH TO GO

Sync your smartphone to DC Connect

Once you log in to your DC Connect home page, click the dropdown menu next to your name and select notifications.

Use IT support

If you are experiencing any IT-related issues, check out the helpful Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheets at <https://servicedesk.dc-uoit.ca/Pages/Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx>

REACH YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS

Student Academic Learning Services (SALS)

SALS offers quiet spaces at the Oshawa and Whitby campuses. You can book study rooms, meet with learning skills advisors and writing specialists, get a peer tutor, attend workshops and tutorials, and use computers and a printer. Access a variety of subject-specific and writing resources using SALS ONLINE; register by clicking the link under the green arrow on your DC Connect home page.

Access and Support Centre (ASC)

The ASC provides accommodations to meet students' individual needs through assistive technology and coaching. ASC partners with your professors to create an inclusive learning environment.

CONNECT WITH YOUR STUDENT ADVISOR

Each of DC's academic schools has a student advisor to support students' specific educational needs. Advisors are available to discuss your program details and even help you adjust your course load, if needed. Find your student advisor at www.durhamcollege.ca/studentadvisors.

FIND YOUR COURSE MATERIAL

Print your course outlines and timetable

Print all of your course outlines and bring them with you on the first day of class. Also check your course schedule each week for the first few weeks because classroom information may change. You can find your course outline through MyCampus > DC Home Tab > right hand side of the screen under the heading Helpful Links > Course Outlines.

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