

Welcome New BA Students!

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Introductions



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Your Turn!



What's your name & where are you from?

- What will a university education mean for you?
- How can a B.A. help you reach your goals?
- What does success mean to you?
- Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Today & Tomorrow



Globalization

Knowledge Economy

Boomer Generation

Sustainability Issues



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A Bachelor of Arts Degree



- ...is your gateway to a broad range of careers, and professional and graduate training programs.
- ...develops critical analysis, leadership, communication, and creative thinking skills.
- ...challenges you to think about issues from different perspectives.
- ...encourages you to question what is known and move from opinions to knowledge.
- ...fosters the free exchange of ideas in an atmosphere of mutual trust.

Liberal Arts in the World of Work



“...to really prepare them to become leaders in our increasingly competitive global marketplace, we also need to provide them with the capacity for analytical thinking, the intellectual depth, ethical understanding, and creativity, that come from a liberal arts education.”

2007, W. Robert Connor, president of the Teagle Foundation

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Your Expectations



This year I want to....

In my first year, I expect....

As a new undergrad, I feel...



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Our Expectations



EXPLORE!

- Program options
- Meet your professors
- Get to know your fellow students
- Look for opportunities to get involved
- Meet your academic advisors
- **Ask for help when you need it!**



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Your Support Team



B.A. Program Advisors & Associate Dean (Dr. Naulls)

Your professors – *they are experts!*

Career Services

The Writing Centre

Counselling Services – *study skills & personal counselling*

Financial Aid & Awards

Academic Advising



What is Academic Advising?

- A partnership

What do advisors do?

- Help you to develop meaningful educational goals
- Encourage to explore your options
- Work with you on your academic program plan
- Assist with course selection
- Direct you to others in your support team
- Help you understand the rules and requirements
- Offer guidance in tricky or unexpected situations
- We want to help you succeed!



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Academic Advising



What is your role?

- To come in to talk
- Help your advisors get to know you
- Be prepared
- Be honest
- Ask lots of questions
- Keep your own notes & records
- Take action on advice you're given
- Be an active participant in your education
- **Ask for help when you need it!**

Come see us once or twice a year!



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Your Responsibilities



See your handout...

Student Responsibility

<http://www.smu.ca/academic/arts/departments/documents/StudentResponsibility.pdf>



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Helpful Hints



GO TO CLASS

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Prepared.

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Even if you're late!

Helpful Hints



- Be open to new and different ideas.
- You will get out what you put in.
- Read & understand your course syllabus or outline.
- Profs are people too! Say hi.
- Most students take 5-7 years to finish their first degree.
- **Get an Academic Calendar every year.**
- **.....and read it!**

Helpful Hints



- Be careful with your time.
- Get involved in the campus community.
- Take notes.
- Be in charge of your own program.
- Make informed decisions.
- Don't panic – **ASK FOR HELP!**

Make it a Great Year!



Questions or Comments?

Have a relaxing weekend!

Go to class....



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Thank you



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