

Strong Start: Academic Expectations

Seven Misconceptions International Students Have

Summer 2021

ACADEMICS

COMMUNITY

CAREER

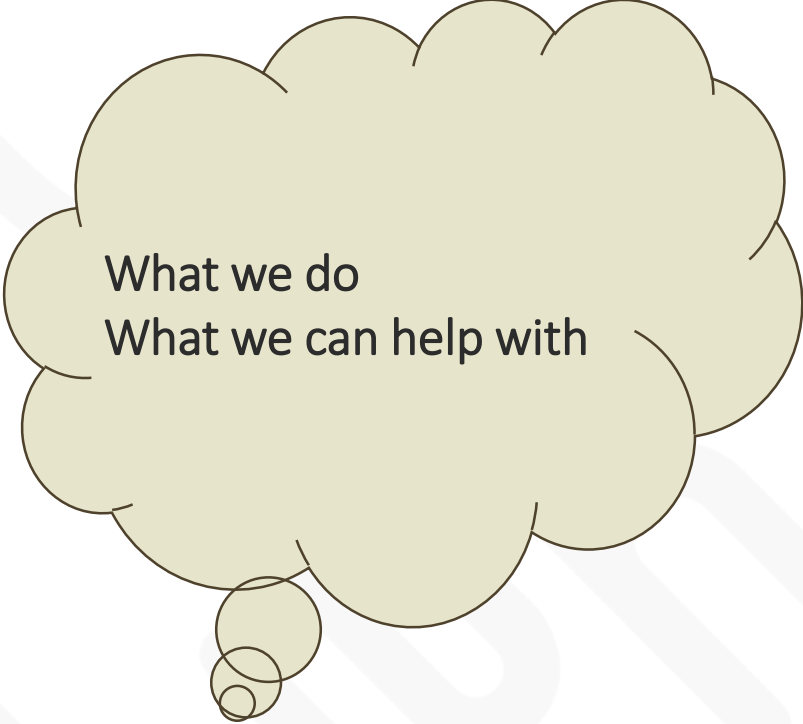
HEALTH & WELLNESS

IMMIGRATION

Agenda

- Housekeeping rules
- Introductions and Greetings
- 7 Misconceptions
- Post-arrival Webinar preview
- Q&A

Academic Advisors

A large, light green thought bubble with a black outline, containing the text "What we do" and "What we can help with". Two smaller, empty thought bubbles are attached to the bottom of the main bubble.

What we do
What we can help with

- Program and course planning
- Program changes and admission requirements
- Transfer credits and transfer options to other B.C. institutions*
- Graduation eligibility
- Prerequisites and upgrading options
- Academic resources and tools

**Due to the complex nature of university transfer, you are strongly encouraged to confirm course selections with the receiving institution. Douglas College Advisors cannot be held responsible for confirmation of course transferability to receiving institutions.*

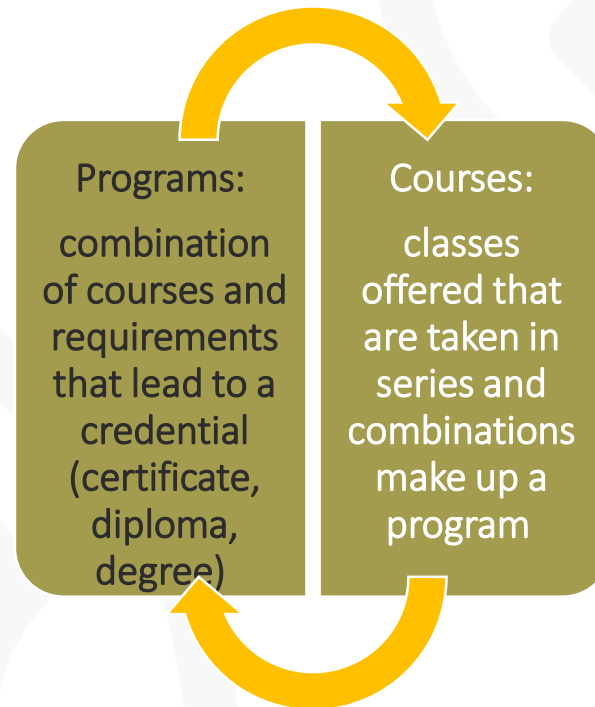
Misconception 1

Poll 1: Do you know the difference between programs and courses?

Misconception 1

Are courses and programs the same thing?

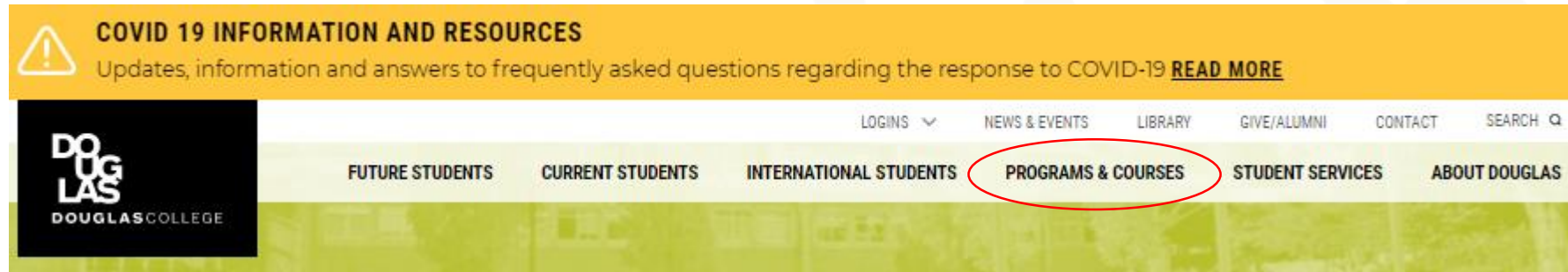
They are different from each other.



Programs and Courses:

<https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/catalogue/programs>

Misconception 1



ACCOUNTING (DIPLOMA)

FACULTY

Commerce & Business Administration

DEPARTMENT

Accounting

CREDITS

60.00

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

Four semesters

CREDENTIAL TYPE

Diploma

CAMPUS

New Westminster

LEARNING FORMAT

Full-time, Part-time

ADMISSION TYPE

Open Enrolment - General Admission Requirements

OFFERED

Fall, Summer, Winter

Course Requirements:

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
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Select one of the following two options:

A) ACCT 1110	Principles of Accounting I	3.00
AND	Principles of Accounting II	3.00
ACCT 1210		

B) ACCT 1235	Principles of Accounting I & II	3.00
AND	Select one course from the CBA Faculty	3.00
One (1) Elective ¹		

Misconception 1

Poll 2: If I am in Accounting Diploma program, will
all the courses I take ~~be~~ accounting courses?

Misconception 1

Why do I need to take CSIS (Computing Studies & Information System) course in Accounting Diploma?

Required Courses / Courses as program name describe

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
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Required Courses:		
ACCT 1222	Computer Applications for Accounting	3.00
ACCT 2320	Introductory Managerial Accounting	3.00
ACCT 3310	Intermediate Accounting I	3.00

Elective Courses

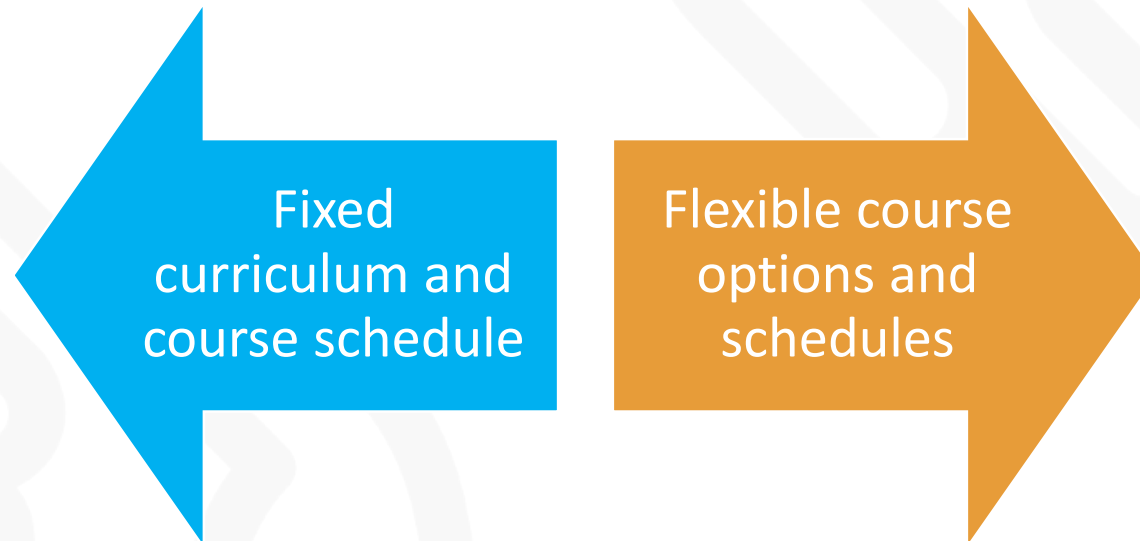
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Two (2) Electives ¹	Select two 1000-4000 level courses from ACCT, BUSN, BLAW, CSIS, ECON, FINC or MARK	6.00
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CSIS 1190	Excel for Business	3.00
CSIS 2200	Systems Analysis and Design	3.00

Misconception 2

Poll 3: In your home country or the country where you previously lived, do they have fixed curriculum or flexible options?



Misconception 2

I can take any courses that I want.

You need to meet prerequisite(s) first before you take a course.



Q: What is a prerequisite?

A: Courses and/or grades that must be met before registering into a course.

PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS

FACULTY

Commerce & Business Administration

DEPARTMENT

Economics

COURSE CODE

ECON 1150

CREDITS

3.00

GLOBAL BANKING

FACULTY

Commerce & Business Administration

DEPARTMENT

Economics

COURSE CODE

ECON 3408

CREDITS

3.00

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COURSE CODE
ECON 1150

CREDITS
3.00

SEMESTER LENGTH
15 Weeks X 4 Hours per Week = 60 Hours

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION
Lecture, Seminar

TYPICALLY OFFERED
To be determined

- OVERVIEW
- REQUISITES
- COURSE GUIDELINES
- COURSE TRANSFERS
- COURSE OFFERINGS

REQUISITES

PREREQUISITES
BC Pre-Calculus 11 OR currently active in the

PDD Accounting or

PDD Accounting Studies or

PDD Global Banking and Economics or

PBD Accounting.

ECON 1101 recommended.

COREQUISITES
No corequisite courses.

EQUIVALENCIES
No equivalent courses.

REQUISITE FOR
With ECON 1250:
ECON 2350 and ECON 2408 and ECON 2418 and ECON 2460 and ECON 2490 and
ECON 2491 and ECON 4495

GLOBAL BANKING

FACULTY
Commerce & Business Administration

DEPARTMENT
Economics

COURSE CODE
ECON 3408

CREDITS
3.00

SEMESTER LENGTH
15 weeks

MAX CLASS SIZE

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION
Lecture, Seminar

TYPICALLY OFFERED
To be determined

- OVERVIEW
- REQUISITES
- COURSE GUIDELINES
- COURSE TRANSFERS
- COURSE OFFERINGS

REQUISITES

PREREQUISITES

ECON 1150 and ECON 1250

COREQUISITES

No corequisite courses.

EQUIVALENCIES

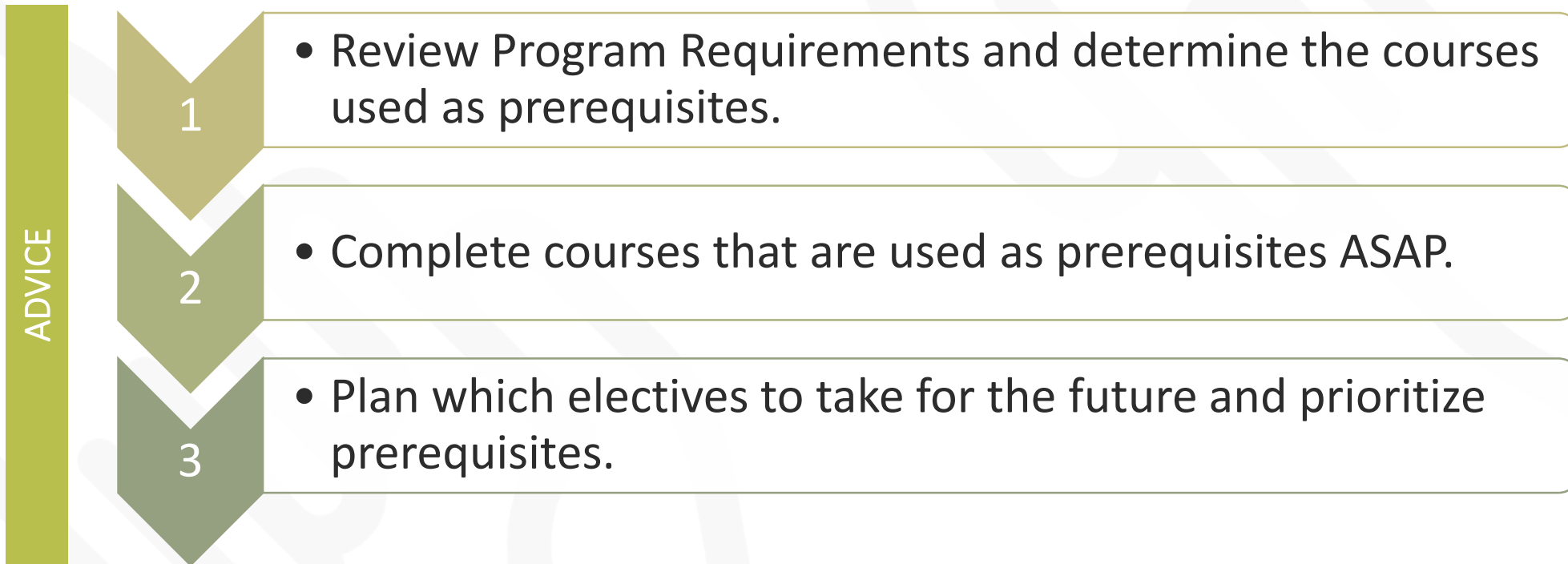
No equivalent courses.

REQUISITE FOR

This course is not required for any other course.

Misconception 2

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Misconception 2

I need to take courses in order 1XXX, 2XXX, 3XXX, 4XXX

Not necessarily

Depending on the program, there might be a set curriculum (you should take this X course this semester, in order to take Y course next semester)

i.e.: Stagecraft and Event Technology Diploma:
<https://www.douglascollege.ca/program/dpstge>

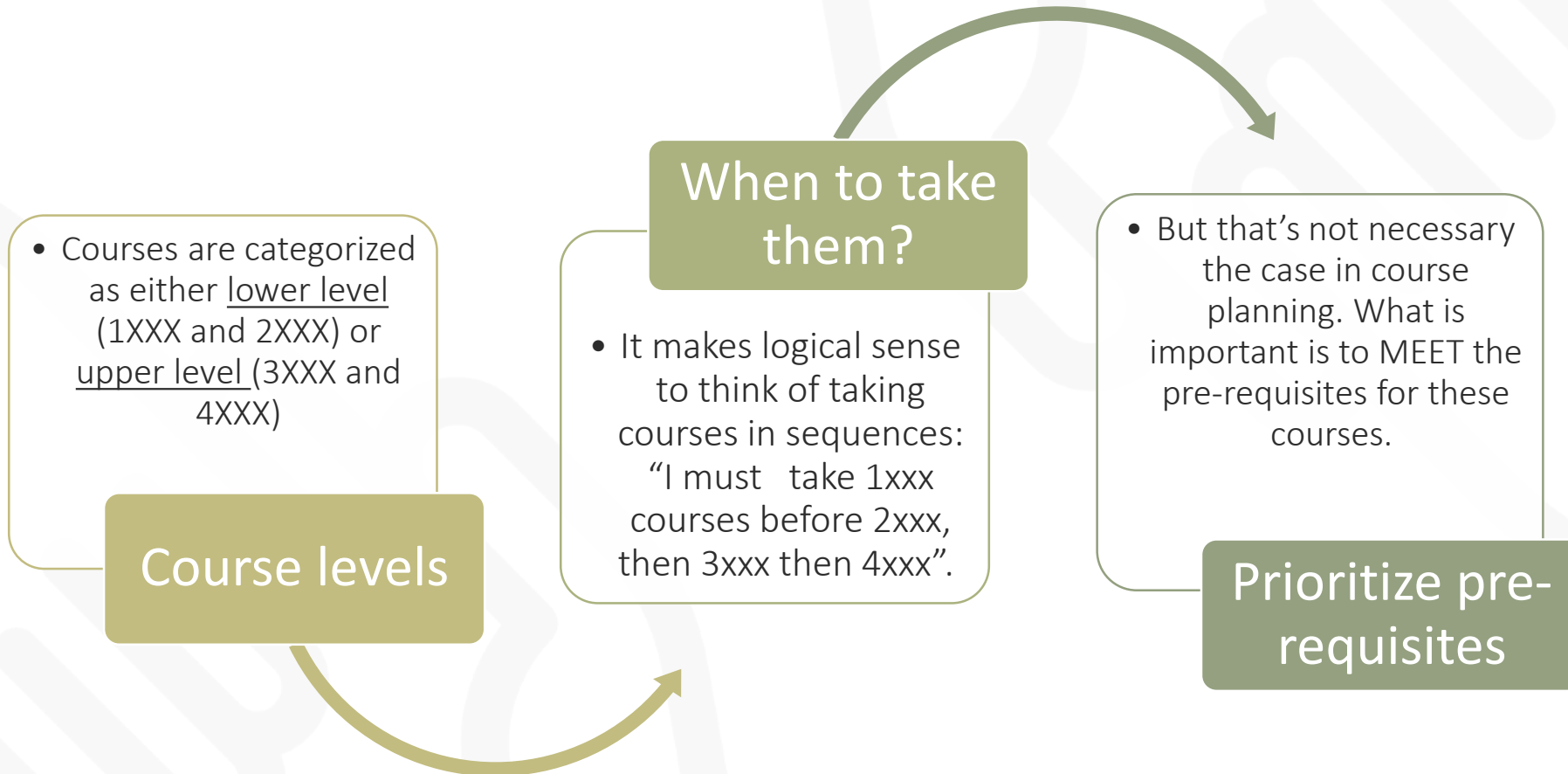


PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS		
Curriculum Framework		
SEMESTER I		
Course	Title	Credits
THEA 1130	History of Theatre I	3
any ENGL, CMNS, CRWR	Elective	3
STGE 1100	Drafting for Stage	2
STGE 1110	Safety (5 weeks)	1
STGE 1112	Stage Lighting	2
STGE 1180	Production Techniques	3
STGE 1202	Set painting	2
		16

SEMESTER II		
THEA 1230	History of Theatre II	3
STGE 1106	Set Construction	2
STGE 1222	Introduction to Costume (5 weeks)	1
STGE 1207	Properties	2
STGE 1220	Stage Management (5 weeks)	1
STGE 1260	Introduction to CAD	2
STGE 1280	Production Techniques	3
		14

Misconception 2

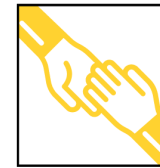
How should I pick my courses?



Misconception 3

Poll 4: Where can you find out when YOUR specific registration date and time is?

MyAccount



Misconception 3

The school registered me for my first semester. I don't need to register myself for next semester.

Wrong !

From second semester and onwards, you're in charge of your own registration

- Registration begin for next semester early – check website for [dates and deadlines](#)
- Login on your MyAccount and check **YOUR** allotted registration date and time

Misconception 3

But I'm taking the pre-req now.. What do I do? Can I still register?

Yes !

Misconception 4

Poll 5: Does the overall grade of a course depend on multiple components or mainly on mid-term and final exams in your home country/country where you previously studied?

Weighted Grading System

Misconception 4

I just need to work hard before the mid-term and final.



I just need to work hard on course from the beginning to the end.



Misconception 4

For Example:

Means of Assessment

Assignments and/or quizzes	15%
Midterm examination	25%
Test(s) OR a second midterm examination	25%
<u>Comprehensive final examination</u>	<u>35%</u>
Total	100%

Note: Always read your course outlines that will be provided by your instructor for each course for different % weightage and other specific instructions.

Misconception 4

You need to work hard on your course from the beginning to the end.

Benefits



Misconception 5

Poll 6: How many credits does each course have?

Misconception 5

All courses are 3 credits?

Credits assigned to each course can depend on various factors and are not always of 3 credits.



Examples

MUSC 1114

1.5

CREDITS

ACCT 1210

3.0

CREDITS

CHEM 1108

4.0

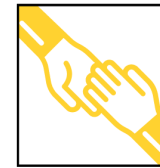
CREDITS

MATH

1110

4.0

CREDITS



Misconception 5

Why are all courses not 3.0 credits?

Science courses such as [CHEM 1108](#) has 4.0 credits because this course has a Laboratory time and this extra time add more credit to it. For example CHEM 1108 have classes on
Mon/Tues 08:30 – 10:30 .
Lab on Thurs 10:00 – 11:00

Whereas courses like [STGE 1112](#) has 1.5 credits due to less time spend on this course. This course run only for 5 weeks and have class once in week on Monday 09:00 – 12:00.

Misconception 6

Poll 7: Should you go travelling **AFTER** the last day of class?

Misconception 6

Should you go travelling AFTER the last day of class?

**Consider COVID-19
Travel Restrictions**



No, you have to wait until you finish all your final exams (if applicable).

Misconception 6

Mon, Apr
12

Last day of Winter semester classes.

Wed, Apr
14 – Thu,
Apr 22

Exam period.

- Travel after the exam period (check “[dates and deadlines](#)” on DC website)
- Check Douglas home page in the second month of each semester for the final exam schedule
- Instructors will usually remind you of the exam time & location in class

Misconception 7

Poll 8: If you are struggling with YOUR courses, what are your options?

Misconception 7

- If you are struggling with your courses, what should you do?

Consider these:

- ❖ Changing the program
- ❖ Drop Course/Courses
- ❖ Talk to Instructor/ Advisor
- ❖ All of the above

Misconception 7

When you come across challenging courses, you **SHOULD**

- talk to your instructors and may talk to your classmates
- try resources offered by DC:
 - Learning Centre,
 - counselling service (time management, stress management), etc.
- identify root cause:
 - new learning environment,
 - communication barriers,
 - insufficient time allocated for study,
 - failure to follow instructors' requirements, etc.
- always talk to an academic advisor if you are unsure who to ask for help



Misconception 7

If you **HAVE TO** change your program for interest, career goal, etc., you should:

- **not** keep changing programs without showing progress towards completion of a credential
- research on your target program before you make your decision
- know requirements to be fulfilled to complete this target program

Some Tips in the End

- Don't "trust" your friends
- Attend webinars/workshops
- Know how to search for information on Douglas website
- Participate in campus clubs or activities such as cultural connections
- Contact International Office whenever you have questions and be familiar with our services
- Use resources available for Douglas Student
- Take actions earlier than late.



Strong Start: Upcoming Academic Workshops

MON ○ **JAN 11** **STRONG START: ACADEMICS 101**

Topics Covered

- Grading Policy
- Change of Program
- Access to Academic Advising

10:00 - 11:00 AM

[Register here](#)

MON ○ **FEB 22** **STRONG START: COURSE PLANNING FOR UNDERGRADS**

Pick and plan courses for next semester and graduate on time!

10:00 - 11:00 AM

[Register here](#)

MON ○ **JAN 25** **STRONG START: UNIVERSITY TRANSFER FOR BUSINESS STUDENTS**

An info session for business students planning to transfer to a university

10:00 - 11:00 AM

[Register here](#)

MON ○ **MAR 01** **STRONG START: COURSE PLANNING FOR PBD/PDD STUDENTS**

Pick and plan courses for next semester and graduate on time!

10:00 - 11:00 AM

[Register here](#)

MON ○ **FEB 01** **STRONG START: UNIVERSITY TRANSFER FOR ARTS & SCIENCES STUDENTS**

An info session for Arts & Sciences students planning to transfer to a university

10:00 - 11:00 AM

[Register here](#)

Visit Website to Register: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/international-students/current-international-students/international-student-workshops>

Academic Advising Services

- email us at: dciadvising@douglascollege.ca
- drop-in via Zoom (Meeting ID: [632 0617 8945](#))
 - 15-20 minutes per student
 - sign-in 10 minutes before each drop-in session



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 PM - 4 PM	1 PM - 4 PM	1 PM - 4 PM	1 PM - 4 PM	N/A

- appointments available by request via email

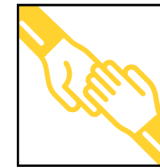
Advising services are subject to change. Please always check the following webpage for updates.

<https://www.douglascollege.ca/international-students/current-international-students/advising-services>



Questions?





Thank you!

See you at the next workshop.