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Strong Start: Academic Expectations

Seven Misconceptions International Students Have

Fall 2021

ACADEMICS | COMMUNITY | CAREER | HEALTH & WELLNESS | IMMIGRATION

Agenda

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

International Student Advisors

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
- Advise around Temporary Residency in Canada: Work eligibility, study permit extension, PWGP. We are not able to provide advice on your Permanent Residency (PR) options

**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?

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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

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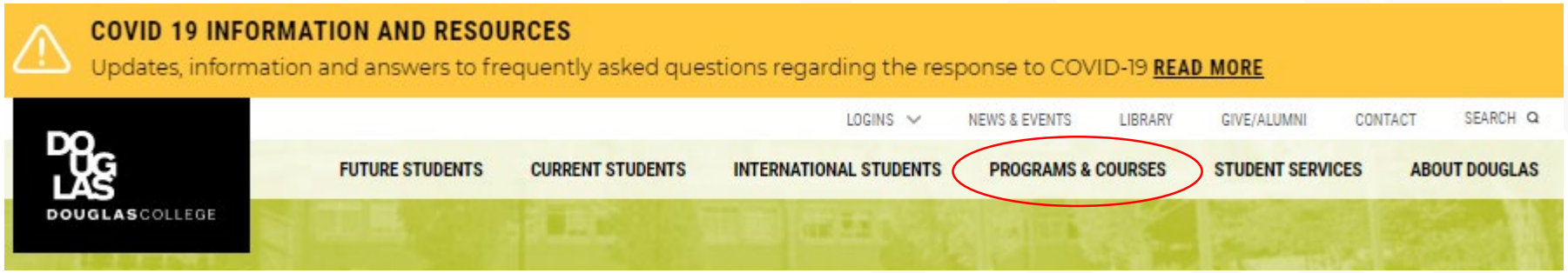

ACCOUNTING (DIPLOMA)

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
Select one of the following two options:		
A) ACCT 1110 AND ACCT 1210	Principles of Accounting I AND Principles of Accounting II	3.00 3.00
B) ACCT 1235 AND One (1) Elective[1]	Principles of Accounting I & II AND Select one course from the CBA Faculty	3.00 3.00

Misconception 1

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

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Misconception 1

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

Required Courses / Courses as program name describe

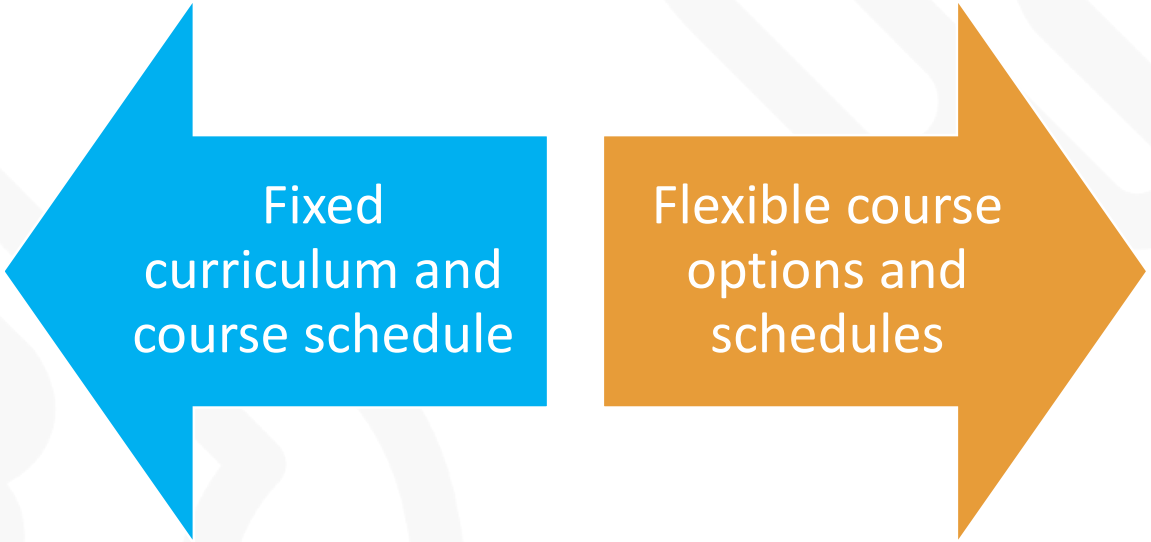
Course Number	Course Title	Credits
Required Courses:		
ACCT 1222	Computer Applications for Accounting	3.00
ACCT 2320	Introductory Managerial Accounting	3.00
ACCT 3310	Intermediate Accounting I	3.00

Elective Courses

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
Two (2) Electives[1]	Select two 1000-4000 level courses from ACCT, BUSN, BLAW, CSIS, ECON, FINC or MARK	6.00
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?



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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	DEPARTMENT
Commerce & Business Administration	Economics
COURSE CODE	**CREDITS**
ECON 1150	3.00

GLOBAL BANKING

FACULTY	DEPARTMENT
Commerce & Business Administration	Economics
COURSE CODE	**CREDITS**
ECON 3408	3.00

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FACULTY
Commerce & Business Administration

DEPARTMENT
Economics

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 INSTRUCT
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.

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Misconception 2

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

ADVICE

1. Review Program Requirements and determine the courses used as prerequisites.
2. Complete courses that are used as prerequisites ASAP.
3. Plan which electives to take for the future and prioritize prerequisites.

Misconception 2

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

Yes !

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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?

Course levels

- Courses are categorized as either lower level (1XXX and 2XXX) or upper level (3XXX and 4XXX)

When to take them?

- It makes logical sense to think of taking courses in sequences: "I must take 1xxx courses before 2xxx, then 3xxx then 4xxx".

Prioritize pre-requisites

- But that's not necessary the case in course planning. What is important is to MEET the pre-requisites for these courses.

Misconception 3

Poll 4: Who will register me in courses starting from my second semester onwards?

Myself

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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 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

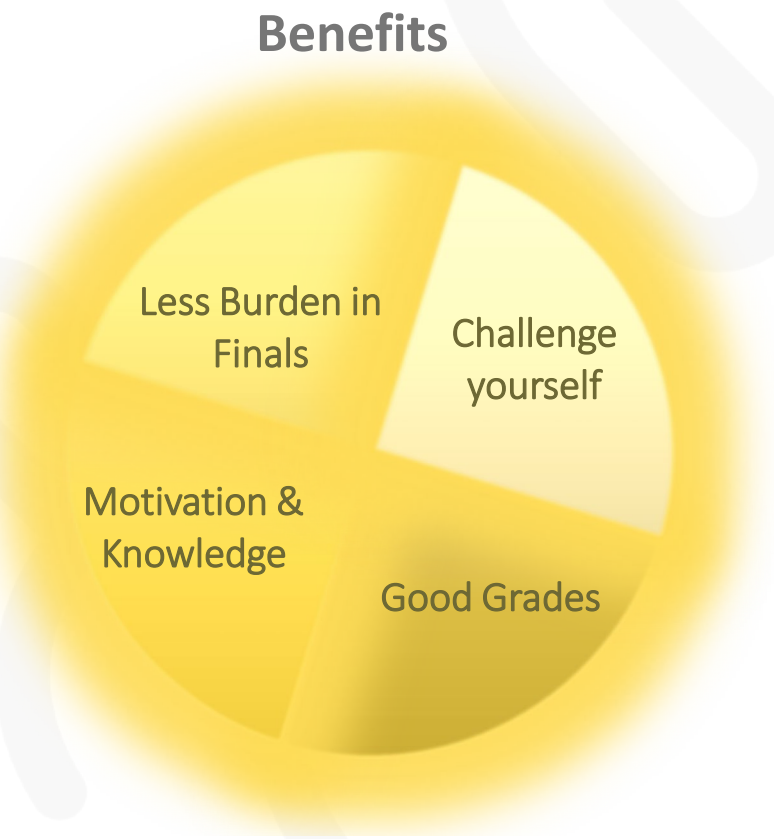
For Example:

Means of Assessment	
Assignments and/or quizzes	15%
Midterm examination	25%
Test(s) OR a second midterm examination	25%
Comprehensive final examination	35%
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.



Misconception 5

Poll 6: How many credits does each course have?

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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/Wed 14:30 – 16:20
Lab on Tuesdays 10:30 – 12:20

Whereas courses like STGE 1112 has 1.5 credits due to less time spend on this course. This class is offered once a week on Wednesdays 09:30 – 12:20.

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

Wed, Dec 8	Last day of classes.
Fri, Dec 10 – Sat, Dec 18	Examination 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

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 international student 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
- Take actions earlier than late.

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Strong Start: Upcoming Academic Workshops

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WORKSHOPS

Douglas International offers ongoing workshops for currently registered international students throughout the year.

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IMMIGRATION WORKSHOPS | ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS | STUDENT LIFE WORKSHOPS

Date	Workshop Name/Time	Topics Covered
SEPT. 13	**ACADEMICS 101** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Register Here	• Grading Policy • Change of Program • Access to Academic Advising
SEPT. 20	**TRANSITION FROM ELLA** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Register Here	How to move from ELLA to Academic program, Early Academic options
SEPT. 27	**UNIVERSITY TRANSFER - ARTS & SCIENCE** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Register Here	An info session for Arts & Sciences students planning to transfer to a university

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

Academic Advising Services

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Advising Schedule is Subject to Change

- Contact Us via Webform
- 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

- Starting from Sept. 7th, online/in-person appointments will available. We will post the update on our website soon: https://www.douglascollege.ca/international-students/current-international-students/online-services

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?

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Thank you!

See you at the next workshop.