

General Arts & Science

New Student Orientation
Friday, January 3, 2025



Faculty of Liberal Studies
Durham College





“Ticket In” Welcome Exercise

This is a **self-reflective activity** — on the cue card provided, please share the following:

- Your motivations for enrolling in this program...
What brought you here?
- What do you want to get out of this semester/the program?
- And, what’s your definition of success?



General Arts & Science is a program within the **Faculty of Liberal Studies (A160)**.

- **Nora Simpson** is the **Executive Dean**.
- **Claire McCormack** is the **Associate Dean**.
- **Angie Wood** is your **Student Advisor**
(Angela.Wood@durhamcollege.ca).
- **Amy Derald** is the **Administrative Coordinator**.
- **Nathan Wilson** is the **Program Coordinator**
(Nathan.Wilson@durhamcollege.ca).



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Is the Faculty of LS office open?

- Start-up office hours are: Monday to Thursday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm and Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- Regular office hours are: Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- To book an appointment with **Angie Wood**, your Student Advisor, please go to <https://shorturl.at/R2E9T> or follow QR code at right.
- Contact the Faculty of Liberal Studies by email LS@durhamcollege.ca or call (905) 721-2000 ext. 3161.



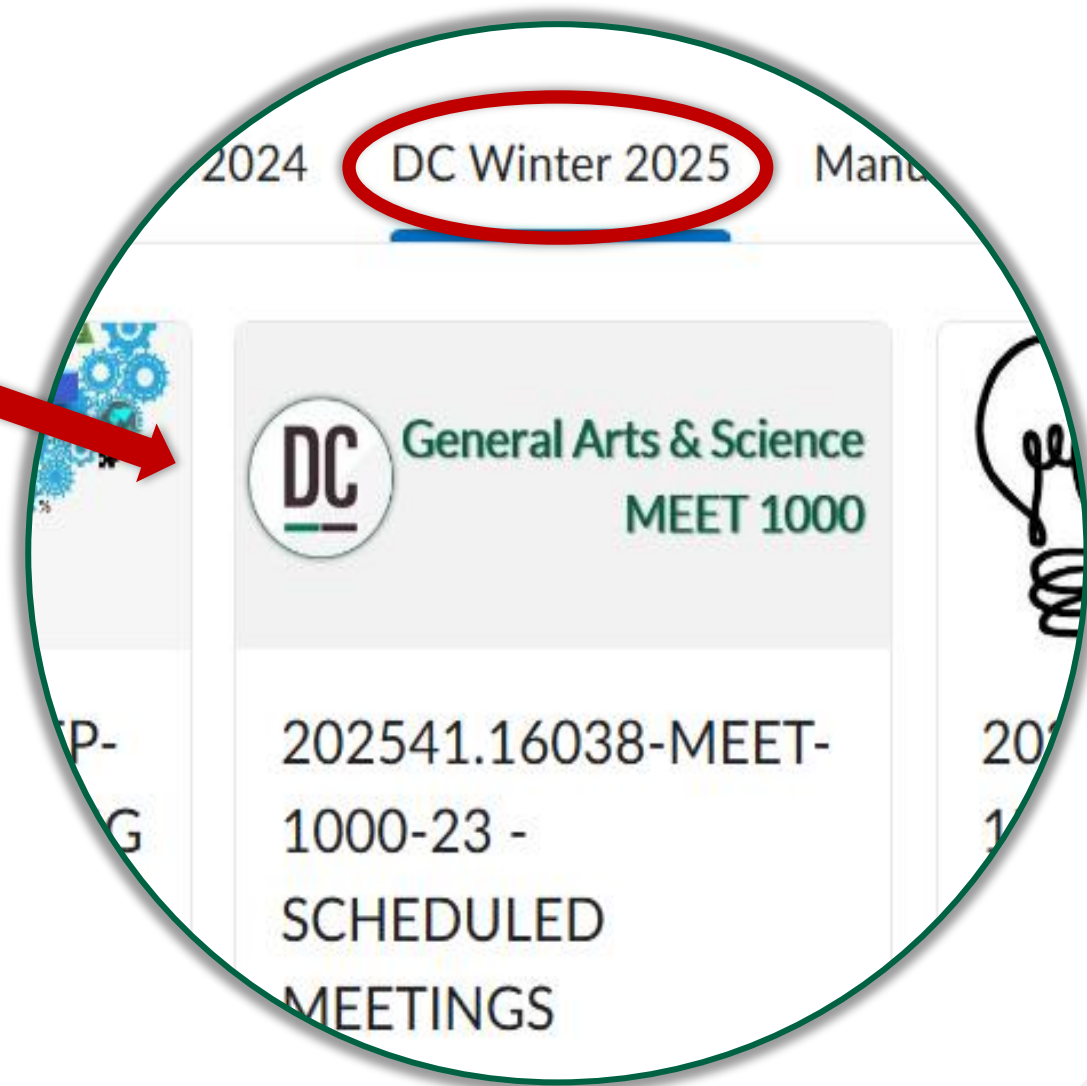
Program Information

- General Arts & Science is a one-year Ontario College certificate program.
- Your core program-of-study includes:
 - Preparing for Academic Success.
 - Two communication courses.
 - One computers course.
 - One math course.
 - The remaining courses are chosen by you from our expansive General Education pool of courses.

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Program Information (continued)

- MEET 1000...
 - Located on your DC Connect homepage (DC Winter 2025).
 - Faculty post program-wide announcements to students.
 - Populated with helpful information (browse the content section).
 - Check regularly or setup notifications so that you don't miss out on important information!
 - Also, in your block every Wednesday from 12:10 pm to 1:00 pm in L203 – see you there!



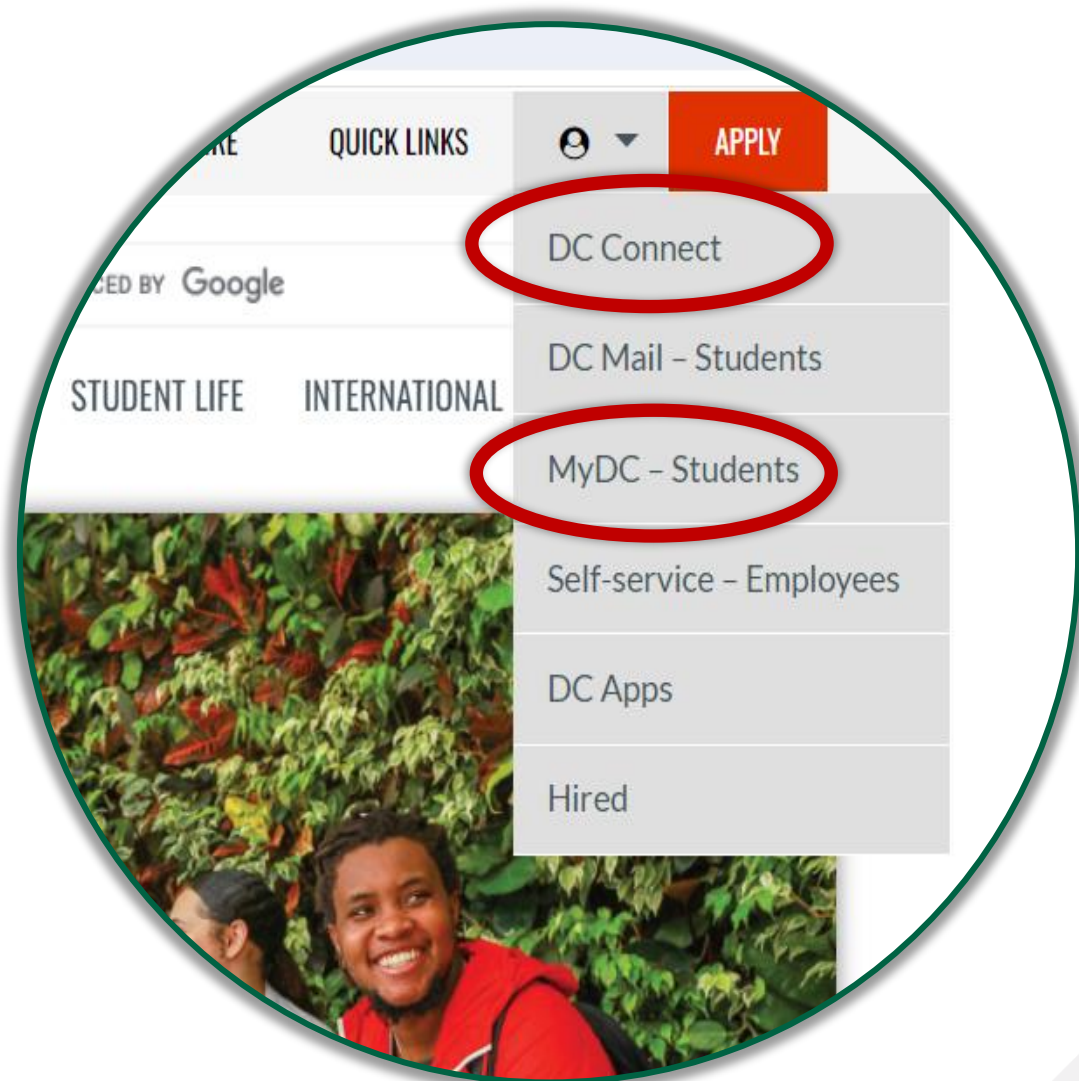
Program Information (continued)

- “Durham Time”: classes start at XX:10. You can get from one class to the next in 10 minutes.
- Classroom numbers on your timetables indicate the wing and floor.
 - Ex. D204 – Found in the D wing, second floor (200s).
CfCE 145 – Found in the Centre for Collaborative Education building, first floor (100s), etc.
- Hybrid courses are listed in the timetable (in-person portion) and also below (online portion).
- Fully online courses are listed below your timetable.
- Please familiarize yourself with how your classes are delivered (fully face-to-face, hybrid, or fully online).



DC Connect/MyDC

- **DC Connect:** the College's learning management system (here you will find course outlines, grades, lectures, slides, and other professor posted content).
- **MyDC:** here you will find your fee statement, register for your courses, view your timetable, etc.



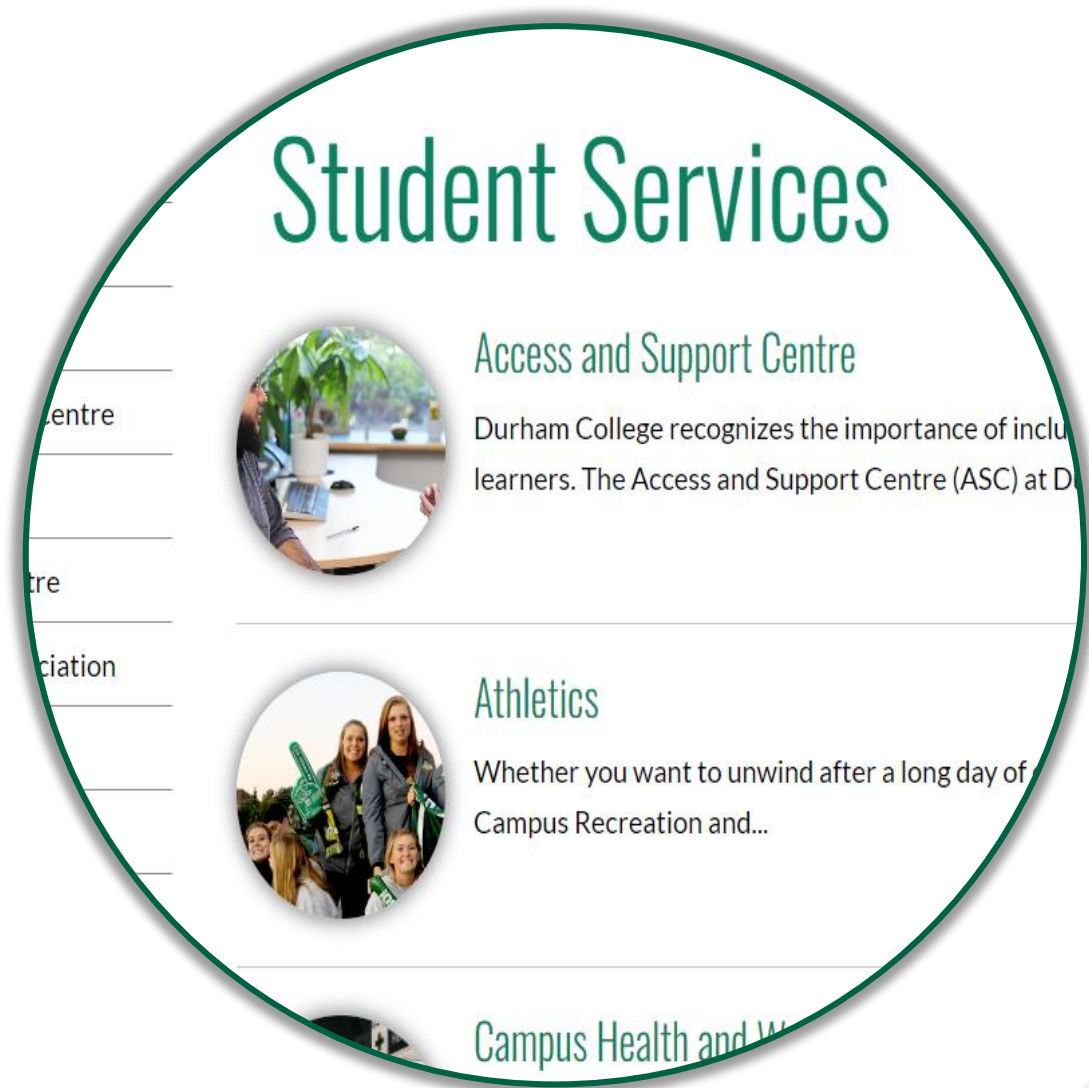
DC Connect/MyDC (continued)

- DC Connect is used EVERY DAY.
- MyDC is used now and again.
- DCMail is how you receive e-correspondence from faculty and staff.
 - Using an outside e-mail address? Ensure your DCMail is forwarded there. DC (including faculty) cannot communicate with students via their personal email address. All communications will be sent to a student's DC mail address.
 - Login with your student number and then the password (until you change it) is your birthday (MMDDYY) or postal code (no spaces).



Services and Resources

- Please check out durhamcollege.ca/student-life/student-services for the full list of student services and resources.
- Download the DC app:
<https://durhamcollege.ca/dc-mobile>.
- Consider downloading the [I.M.Well](#) app. The app contains helpful resources specific for DC students.



Services and Resources (continued)

- To opt in (for family members) or opt out of Health Insurance visit <https://www.studentvip.ca/SchoolSelect.aspx>.
 - The window for Durham College students to opt-out is between January 1, 2025 and January 31, 2025.
 - Note that as a student, you are automatically enrolled.



DC Orientation Events

- Get the most out of your first week at college and enjoy the many orientation activities DC has planned. Check them out here: <https://durhamcollege.ca/orientation>.





#1: Manage your time.

- Setup DC Connect notifications. Be informed with DC Mail. Learn at <https://rb.gy/ejr3oz>.
- Adopt a realistic and reasonable work/school/life balance and stick to it.

#2: Know the expectations.

- Know what is expected from the outset.
- Read the information already available on your DC Connect course pages.
- Clarify with your professors.



#3: Show up for class, be engaged, and make the most of college.

- Get to know the faculty.
- You are responsible for your learning, because it is YOUR learning. The act of learning is personal and is something only you can choose to improve.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help and don't wait until it's too late.
- Access the many support people and services at Durham College such as academic advisors, SALS, ASC, and the Recreation Centre.



#4: Be open-minded.

- Prepare to challenge yourself.
- Accept constructive criticism.
- Exercise patience and enjoy the learning process.

