



INFORMATION FOR ORIENTATIONS PROFESSORS

BACKGROUND ON IMAGINE UBC

Imagine UBC is the University's orientation and transition program for undergraduate students. On Tuesday, September 6, 2010, the majority of undergraduate classes will be replaced with day-long orientation programming coordinated by faculties, student organizations, and student service units from across campus. For a complete list of which classes are cancelled, please visit: <http://www.students.ubc.ca/newtoubc/orientations.cfm?page=imagine>.

WHAT IS A STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOP?

Recognizing that the changing expectations in the classroom experience from high school to university can be a challenge for new-to-UBC students, the Student Success Workshop (SSW) is an opportunity for them to hear from a Squad Leader (senior student volunteer) and Orientations Professor (O-Prof) to learn what university academics will really be like in their Faculty. Each Squad Leader/O-Prof Team will do one 50-minute SSW session for approximately 100 students, OR two 50-minute SSW sessions for approximately 50 students.

The goals of the SSW are for new-to-UBC students to:

- Learn the differences between high school and university in terms of what they can expect in their courses and from their professors, and in turn what the university and professors expect from them
- Meet a professor, and ideally see them as approachable, demystifying some of the stereotypes students may have heard about professors
- Hear academic success strategies from other students

An additional goal of the SSW is to provide Squad Leaders with the opportunity to enhance their presentation and planning skills.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORIENTATIONS PROFESSOR

- Meet with your Squad Leader in May (virtually or in-person) to discuss your collective vision for the SSW, review the content framework (provided by the Orientations Planning Team), and create an action plan (1 hour in May)
- Develop SSW content over the summer months (2-3 hours between May-August)
- Review your Squad Leader's session overview form with them prior to their submission to the Orientations Planning Team (<30 minutes before form due Friday, August 5, 2011)
- In collaboration with your Squad Leader, present your SSW session on Imagine Day, September 6, 2011 **once (1 hour), or twice (2 hours)**

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