

Transitioning To University

Computer Science Students
1st and 2nd Year

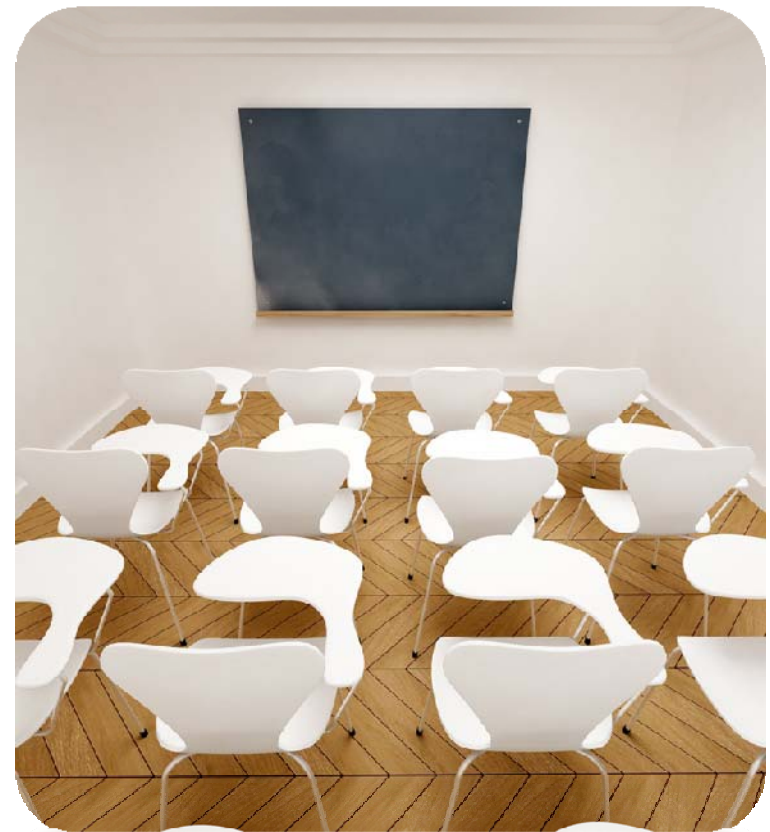
Presentation Outline

- Keys to Successful Transition
- Helping YOU to Help YOURSELF
- Campus Life Line Resources
- Student Development and Support Services



Keys to Successful Transition

- Be an ACTIVE student!
 - Attend class
 - Participate in lectures and labs
- Become familiar with campus resources
- Utilize the resources that will enhance your success levels

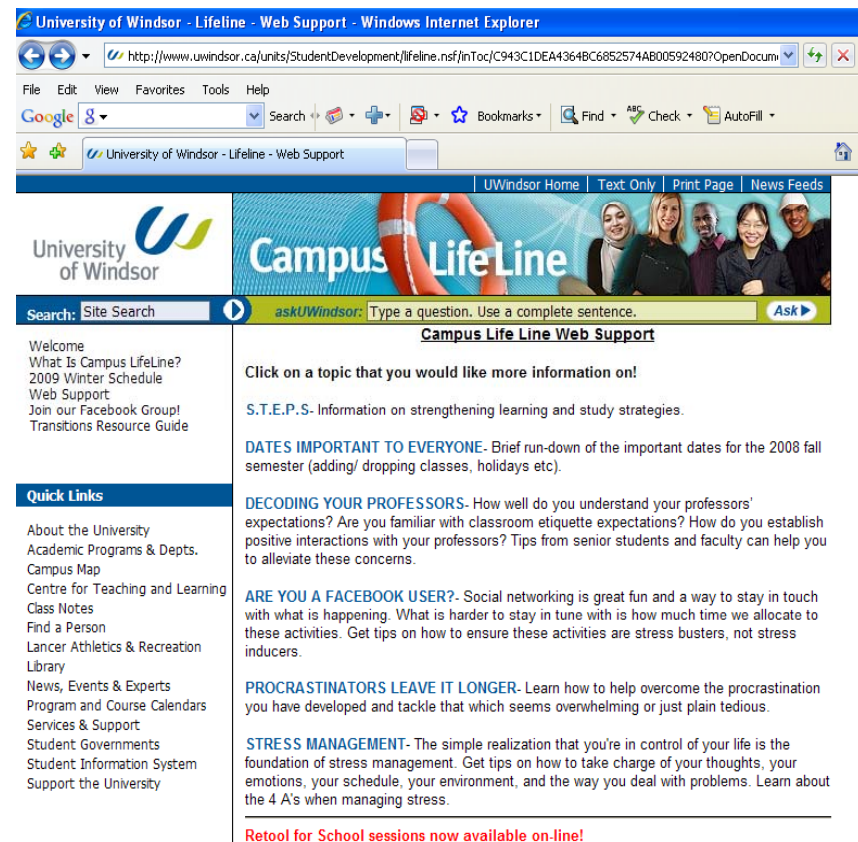


Helping YOU to Help YOURSELF

- Utilize the resources that are closest to you
 - GTA's (Graduate Teaching Assistants)- Take advantage of their office hours for assistance and advice
 - Lab Hours- Use the time effectively by asking questions and clarifying any information that you may find confusing
 - Tutors- Java Lab which is located on the 3rd floor of Erie Hall, Room 3150.
 - Resource available to 1st and 2nd year students
 - Help with answering any questions you may have pertaining to your courses (E.g. Assignments)
 - Online references and tutorials
 - Information commonly found on the course website

Campus Life Line

- Visit the Campus Life Line website at:
www.uwindsor.ca/lifeline
- Under “Web Support” you will find information on the following topics:
 - Stress Management
 - Shared Learning (Group Work)
 - Study Skills
 - Time Management



The screenshot shows the University of Windsor Campus Life Line website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser. The browser's address bar displays the URL: <http://www.uwindsor.ca/units/StudentDevelopment/lifeline.nsf/inToc/C943C1DEA4364BC6852574AB00592480?OpenDocum>. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The search bar contains the text "askUWindsor: Type a question. Use a complete sentence." and a search button labeled "Ask".

The website header features the University of Windsor logo and the "Campus LifeLine" title, accompanied by a photograph of a diverse group of students. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for "UWindsor Home", "Text Only", "Print Page", and "News Feeds".

The main content area is titled "Campus Life Line Web Support" and includes a "Search: Site Search" field. A "Welcome" message is followed by a list of links: "What Is Campus LifeLine?", "2009 Winter Schedule", "Web Support", "Join our Facebook Group!", and "Transitions Resource Guide".

A "Quick Links" section provides a list of resources: "About the University", "Academic Programs & Depts.", "Campus Map", "Centre for Teaching and Learning", "Class Notes", "Find a Person", "Lancer Athletics & Recreation", "Library", "News, Events & Experts", "Program and Course Calendars", "Services & Support", "Student Governments", "Student Information System", and "Support the University".

The main content area lists several topics for further exploration:

- Click on a topic that you would like more information on!**
- S.T.E.P.S.** - Information on strengthening learning and study strategies.
- DATES IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE** - Brief run-down of the important dates for the 2008 fall semester (adding/ dropping classes, holidays etc).
- DECODING YOUR PROFESSORS** - How well do you understand your professors' expectations? Are you familiar with classroom etiquette expectations? How do you establish positive interactions with your professors? Tips from senior students and faculty can help you to alleviate these concerns.
- ARE YOU A FACEBOOK USER?** - Social networking is great fun and a way to stay in touch with what is happening. What is harder to stay in tune with is how much time we allocate to these activities. Get tips on how to ensure these activities are stress busters, not stress inducers.
- PROCRASTINATORS LEAVE IT LONGER** - Learn how to help overcome the procrastination you have developed and tackle that which seems overwhelming or just plain tedious.
- STRESS MANAGEMENT** - The simple realization that you're in control of your life is the foundation of stress management. Get tips on how to take charge of your thoughts, your emotions, your schedule, your environment, and the way you deal with problems. Learn about the 4 A's when managing stress.

A red banner at the bottom of the page reads: "Retool for School sessions now available on-line!"

Campus Life Line

- Website: www.uwindsor.ca/lifeline, E-mail: Danielle Handsor at danielle@uwindsor.ca, Phone: (519) 253-3000 Ext. 3285
- Campus Life Line is a program geared towards helping students adjust to university. The workshops are held on campus and are only 30 minutes in length. The workshops address concerns and issues as they arise throughout the academic year. The workshops are FREE and when you attend 2 workshops you receive a certificate signed by the Director of Student Development and Support, Ms. Brooke White.



Campus Life Line

- **Upcoming Campus Life Line workshops:**
 - **PREPARING FOR FINALS-** Successful students have learned how to get the best possible results on their finals. Come and learn the secrets so you too can be prepared. *Wednesday, March 4, CAW Boardroom, 3:00 pm- 3:30 pm.*
 - **CHOICES AND CHANGES?** - Want to learn more about potential careers? Come and get tips from the experts and other students who are on the right career track. Need to declare a major before your fall 2009 registration? Still contemplating the many options out there? View our checklist to determine before you make your final decision, and ask those burning questions that you have in an informal setting. Students will be provided with information on how to define interests, research fields of study and careers. *Wednesday, March 18, CAW Boardroom, 3:00 pm- 3:30 pm.*

Student Development & Support Campus Services

Area	Services
Educational Development Centre (Website: uwindsor.ca/edc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LEADS (Leadership program) ▪ STEPS (Skills to enhance personal success) ▪ SOS (Students orientating students) ▪ Disability Services ▪ Campus Life Line
International Student Centre (Website: uwindsor.ca/international)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can apply to go on exchange 2nd year and later ▪ Recruitment and assistance for International Students ▪ Volunteer programs for local students to help International Students adjust
Student Counselling Centre (Website: uwindsor.ca/scc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides free short-term and crisis counselling to University of Windsor students
Advising Centre (Website: uwindsor.ca/advising)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add, drop, or withdraw from a course ▪ Understand and discuss your degree audit ▪ Discuss changing or choosing your major ▪ Clarification on academic policies and procedures

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Aboriginal Education Centre (Turtle Island) (Website: uwindsor.ca/aec)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Serves as a bridge to other services on campus.▪ Lunches, gatherings, orientation events▪ Students are also informed about off-campus aboriginal community happenings
Academic Writing Centre (Website: uwindsor.ca/awc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Free writing support▪ Individualized writing assessments▪ Weekly writing tutorials for small groups of students▪ Peer writing support
Centre for Career Education (Website: uwindsor.ca/cce)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Resume clinics▪ Tips on how to find a job▪ Provide you with options on what to do following graduation▪ VIP (Volunteer Internship Program)

THE END!

Any Questions?