U-Start Session #3:

STUDENT SUPPORTS AND RESOURCES
JUNE 4, 2020

Please check out UStart handbook and registration guide
https://students.usask.ca/events/ustart.php#Collegeresources

COLLEGE PRESENTATION:

Introduction of Alana Ross, Indigenous Student Initiatives Coordinator
- Alana welcomes our Indigenous engineering students and helps raise awareness of Indigenous culture and its connection to engineering principles.
- Alana also liaises with other campus partners about USask Indigenization initiatives

Introduction of Carlene Deutscher, Alumni Relations Coordinator
- Carlene works with our engineering alumni and with helping to coordinate many student events in the college.

What is the Engineering Student Centre (ESC)?
- The ESC is open year round and is there to serve students. The administrative assistants are the front-line people you will speak with; they can connect you with academic advisors and provide you with information about student supports.

Overview of key USask student supports
- **USask Student Learning Services**: Supports your learning and helps you develop your academic skills. https://library.usask.ca/studentlearning/
- **USask Access & Equity Services**: Access and Equity Services, formerly Disability Services for Students (DSS), is guided by Saskatchewan's Human Rights legislation and the duty to accommodate individuals requiring accommodations based on disability, religion, family status, and gender identity. https://students.usask.ca/health/centres/access-equity-services.php
- **USask’s main website for students is students.usask.ca**: This webpage is the gateway to USask’s comprehensive guide for services and programs at USask. https://students.usask.ca/
- **USask Student Central**: If you’re not sure where to ask your question, visit Student Central and they can help you out. https://students.usask.ca/student-central.php
Summer Top-Ups

- These will be delivered in the last half of August, to help you fill in any gaps that you may have from your Grade 12 classes.
- You will do these at your own pace; they are self-directed and will be offered free of charge.
- We strongly recommend you complete this work: there will be short modules with quizzes and tutorials that will help you determine if you have the skills you need for starting at the College of Engineering in the fall.
- More information will be emailed to you (via your PAWS email) and will be posted on the closed Facebook group, to give you a heads up as to when you need to register.

Facilitated Study Sessions

- These will be offered remotely in the Fall Term.
- The sessions focus on math and your core engineering courses. You’ll be able to clarify concepts and what is being asked of you for your coursework if it’s unclear to you.
- Covers all first-year courses but focus is more on the technical, difficult courses.
- Helps students to develop connection with other students in the same year.
- Allows students to teach each other, as well as learn from each other, giving the opportunity to learn other study strategies and skills from your classmates.

Learning Communities

- **NOTE:** Learning communities are now **FULL.** If you want to be on the waiting list for a particular learning community, please email englc@usask.ca
- 30 students within the same learning community will have the same schedule, which provides built-in study buddies.
- Two upper-year students will act as peer mentors to guide you and provide helpful tips and advice.
- The coordinator for learning communities is Joel Fonstad. Contact him at 966-8057 or at Joel.Fonstad@usask.ca.

Questions re: Learning Communities

**Q:** If we are signed up for a LC, do we have to do anything else besides register for our winter term classes on June 13?

**A:** If you are signed-up in an LC section, you only need to register for your Winter (Term 2) courses. Please confirm that you are enrolled in a Learning Community before registration for classes opens so you can be prepared in case you are not in the Learning Community.

**Q:** Where can I find more information on Learning Communities?

**A:** For more information on Learning Communities please visit: [https://library.usask.ca/studentlearning/lc/#EngineeringLCs](https://library.usask.ca/studentlearning/lc/#EngineeringLCs)
Scholarships and Bursaries

- Total amount of scholarships and bursaries (between undergraduate and graduate) is approximately $750,000 in one year.
- Typically bursaries are based on financial needs, while scholarships are not.
- The Student Finance & Awards office is a separate unit on campus you can contact them at 966-2863 or by email at awards@usask.ca.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Admissions

Q. I was offered admission for the fall term but want to start in the winter, but I am currently receiving emails in reference to a fall term learning community. How do I know whether I am registered for the correct learning community?
A: It is important that you contact Admissions to officially defer your admission start date. You will also need to contact Learning Communities to de-register from the Fall Learning Community.

Q: How can I contact the Admissions office?
A: You can contact the Admission office by visiting: https://www.usask.ca/admission/ or you can email them at admissions@usask.ca.

Scholarships

Scholarship information may be found at the following link: https://admissions.usask.ca/money/search-awards.php

Q: Are there scholarships for international students?
A: Most of the scholarships will tell you the eligibility requirements, there are also scholarships specific to international students. For international students, please visit: https://students.usask.ca/international/issac.php

Q: Can you tell us more about the external scholarship sources?
A: External awards are offered by agencies, governments or other organizations outside the U of S. The following links may help you find external awards that apply specifically to you. Please visit the following link for more information: https://students.usask.ca/money/awards/external.php.

International Students

Q: Do I need to wait for my study permit to register for classes? Is it that possible that I will be unable to register due to lack of capacity by September 17th?
A: You can register as soon as registration is open (June 13th) even before you get your study permit. If something changes and you decide not to attend, just make sure that you withdraw before the last day to add/drop classes.

More information for international students can be found on the USask COVID-19 updates page: https://updates.usask.ca/info/current/international-students.php
Miscellaneous

Q: How do you register an email for PAWS?
A: You can find out how to check your USask email here: https://students.usask.ca/new-students.php#Connectwithus

Q: Do students need to stay in Saskatchewan for the fall?
A: Since all first year classes will be offered remotely, students do not have to be in Saskatoon for the Fall Term.

How to search for classes and plan your schedule:
https://students.usask.ca/academics/classes.php#Searchforclassesandplanyourclassschedule

- Select "Register for Classes"
- Select "Plan Ahead"
- Select the term and continue
- You may see plans that were already created for the term. To create a new plan, select "Create a New Plan"
- Search for courses or class sections to add to your plan in the "Find Classes" tab
- Select the "Created by Others" tab to add courses or class sections to your plan from a plan created by an academic advisor
- Select the "Degree Works Plans" tab to add courses or class sections to your plan from a Degree Works plan
- Add a course to your plan by selecting "Add Course" or add a class section to your plan by selecting "View Sections"
- If you add courses to your plan, instead of class sections, you will have to search for the class section, from your plan, when you register
- No registration error checking is done in the Plan Ahead tool. Make sure to review prerequisites, registration restrictions, reservations, etc. when choosing your classes for the plan.
- Once you are done, select "Save Plan"