Hello Eagles!

Your first day on campus is just over a month away! Are you excited? Top faculty will be teaching you about the latest and greatest in your field, so continue reading to learn tips to maximize your learning. This week, we will look at study tips and habits that are important for your academic success.

You may have found high school to be easy to manage, but it’s likely that university will present new and unique challenges. A typical week may include lectures, tutorials, labs and other practicals, club involvement, campus events, commute time, working, exercise, studying, eating, and sleeping… Where’s the time for everything? Fear not – these are not insurmountable obstacles! With the right strategies at your fingertips, you can make the most of your studying and still have time for the other aspects of life!

There are many different study styles and strategies out there to suit your needs. To be extra prepared for studying and all aspects of your academics, the Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC) is hosting Head Start from August 22-25 to help you understand university expectations. See this week’s Featured Offering for more information!

Stick with us over the summer and we’ll help you get to your NEXT STOP!

- Office of Student Transition Team
July 21 - Registration for Head Start, O-Week, and more are open! Register here for Orientation offerings.
July 28 - Last day to register for the first UTM Summer Research Celebration. If you are entering first year, register as year 0!
July 29 - Last day to register for the AccessAbility Summer Transition Program. Register now and learn how to transition successfully to university as a student with disabilities.
July 29 - Residence students: 2016-2017 Undergraduate room & roommate assignments sent via email.
July 29 - Course enrolment limit increases to 6.0 from 5.0.
July 29 - Courses with priority enrolment controls now open to UTM degree students.
August 4 - Presale of parking permits begins for UTM students. Permits are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.
August 6-7 - AccessAbility Summer Transition Program takes place.

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FEATURED OFFERING:

HEAD START

UTM HEAD START

Do you have the academic skills to be successful in first-year university? Get your FREE UTM Head Start August 22 – 25!

- Memorize no more! Expand your study skills for critical thinking and a deeper level of understanding!
- Enhance your academic skills for success in first-year university.
- Meet your first-year faculty and ask questions.
- Speak with senior students to understand university expectations.

UTM Head Start is a series of FREE interactive sessions featuring senior student panels, course instructors and simulated classroom experiences designed to introduce you to university expectations. There are interactive skill-building sessions are offered on a daily basis with specific Academic Department sessions taking place throughout the four days.

SEATING IS LIMITED! REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

To view specific sessions and register for the FREE program, please click here: http://uoft.me/new2utm

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Understanding versus Memorizing: The How’s and Why’s
In high school, the first week of classes are often rather lax. The expectation in university is that you are prepared to hit the ground running as soon as classes begin, so it is important to start off right. This week, Dr. Michael deBraga discusses why students should seek to understand rather than memorize what they are learning, and some strategies to accomplish this.

Click here to watch!
Make your own agenda to stay organized and succeed in university
Nervous about the upcoming transition to university? Wondering how different it would be from high school? A fifth-year student, Jed shares study tips and tricks that worked well for him in making that transition and succeeding academically in university.

Click here to watch!
Introduce yourself!
Hey I'm Keza. I'm from South Africa and I'm currently living in Ethiopia. I love to watch anime, read and listen to music. My major is Psychology (Neurobiology) and I'm aiming to be a doctor one day.

What are you excited about?
I can't wait to go to UTM because of all the new people I'll get to meet.

Share one thing on your bucket list:
One thing on my bucket list is to meet Rick Riordran, the man whose books got me interested in reading.

What's one thing that people wouldn't guess about you?
Something that you would have never guessed about me is that I am obsessed with rice crispy treats.
Free Microsoft Office for UTM Students
Planning on buying a new laptop for all the assignments, essays and projects that are coming your way? If a laptop is on the to-buy list for school supplies this year, you will be glad to know that for the duration of your studies at UTM, you get Office 365 for free.

Learn more about [how to install Office 365 as a UTM Student](#)