



Welcome to Acadia University
Academic Expectations - International Student Orientation

September 1, 2016

Agenda



- Introduction
 - International Orientation Team Leader
- Student Behavior
 - Prof. Martha Cheney
School of Business Administration, Faculty of Professional Studies
- Academic Integrity
 - Dr. Jeffrey Banks
Professor of Chemistry, Director Open Acadia, & Acting Registrar
- Questions
- Adjournment
 - Picnic upstairs in the KCIC Garden Room/Lobby

Welcome



- We know
 - you are brave, nervous, and hopeful.
- We are here
 - to support you, encourage you, and to be approachable while setting high standards.
- The Acadia Experience ...
 - is a voyage of learning and self discovery
 - challenges you to go outside your comfort zone
 - teaches you self reliance and teamwork

Ultimately, it is your choice how you adapt and enjoy your Acadia Experience



Appropriate Student Behavior

- Read the course outline thoroughly
- Obtain the required text(s)
- Address your Professors as they request
- Use your Acadia email to contact faculty/staff
- What if you are sick or have a family emergency?
 - Contact your Professor
 - Get documentation to the Registrar's Office
 - If you miss class: get notes from a fellow student
 - If you miss an assignment or test: see Professor's policies
- All students are treated equally.

Collaborative Learning



- Small faculty-student ratio
- Team work with fellow students

Academic Expectations

- Each professor has their own approach
 - Grades are NOT negotiable
- Speak up and ask questions
 - *“It is considered the student’s responsibility to seek clarification in a timely manner.”*
- Be prepared to invest considerable time each day learning material in English
 - It takes longer than you think to complete assignments.
 - Late assignments generally are not accepted.
 - Grades typically drop 20% in your first year.

SCHEDULE Your Time

Use a calendar to plan study times



*“Lost time is never found again”
– Benjamin Franklin*

Specific Suggestions

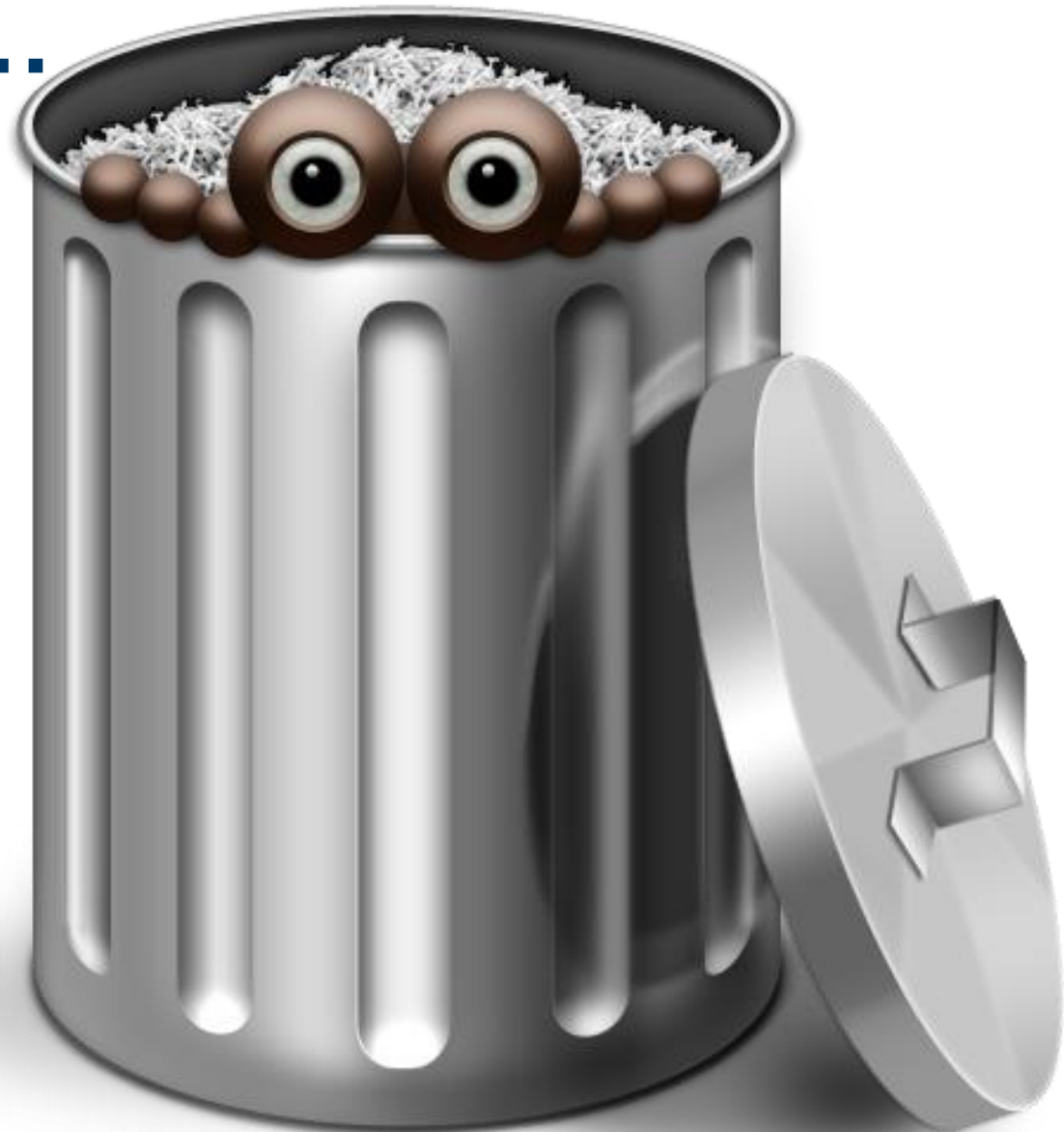
- Get enough sleep
- It's OK to be wrong and ... learn from it!
 - It's more than memorizing material
 - **Create your own view** using solid analysis
- Come to Office Hours with questions
 - Don't be shy
- Be respectful
 - Turn off cell phones
 - Do not surf in class
 - Be on time



Be Prepared...

Otherwise, GIGO

*Garbage In is
Garbage Out*



Teamwork & Participation



- Be a good team player
 - What you say and do impacts people
 - You may be placed into teams
 - Peer Evaluation may apply
 - Students have different communication styles
 - Country comparison model:
 - <http://geert-hofstede.com/canada.html>

- Class participation improves public speaking skills
 - Frequently contributing reduces nervousness

There is help ...

YOU just need to ask.



- International student handbook:
http://international.acadiau.ca/tl_files/sites/international/Custodianship%20Forms/Student%20Handbook%20INSIDE%202013Final.pdf
 - Wong International Centre (<http://wic.acadiau.ca>)
- Your home department; Academic Advisors
- Vaughan Memorial Library
- Student Services
<http://www2.acadiau.ca/student-services.html>
 - Writing Centre
 - Counseling Service (<http://counsel.acadiau.ca/>)
 - Student Tutors
- Mentors



Pace Yourself.

The Acadia Experience Improves Your Ability to...

- effectively communicate
 - verbally and in writing
- handle stress
- deal with uncertainty
- adapt to change
- accept different approaches
 - helps in multi-cultural workplaces.
- be a good team player





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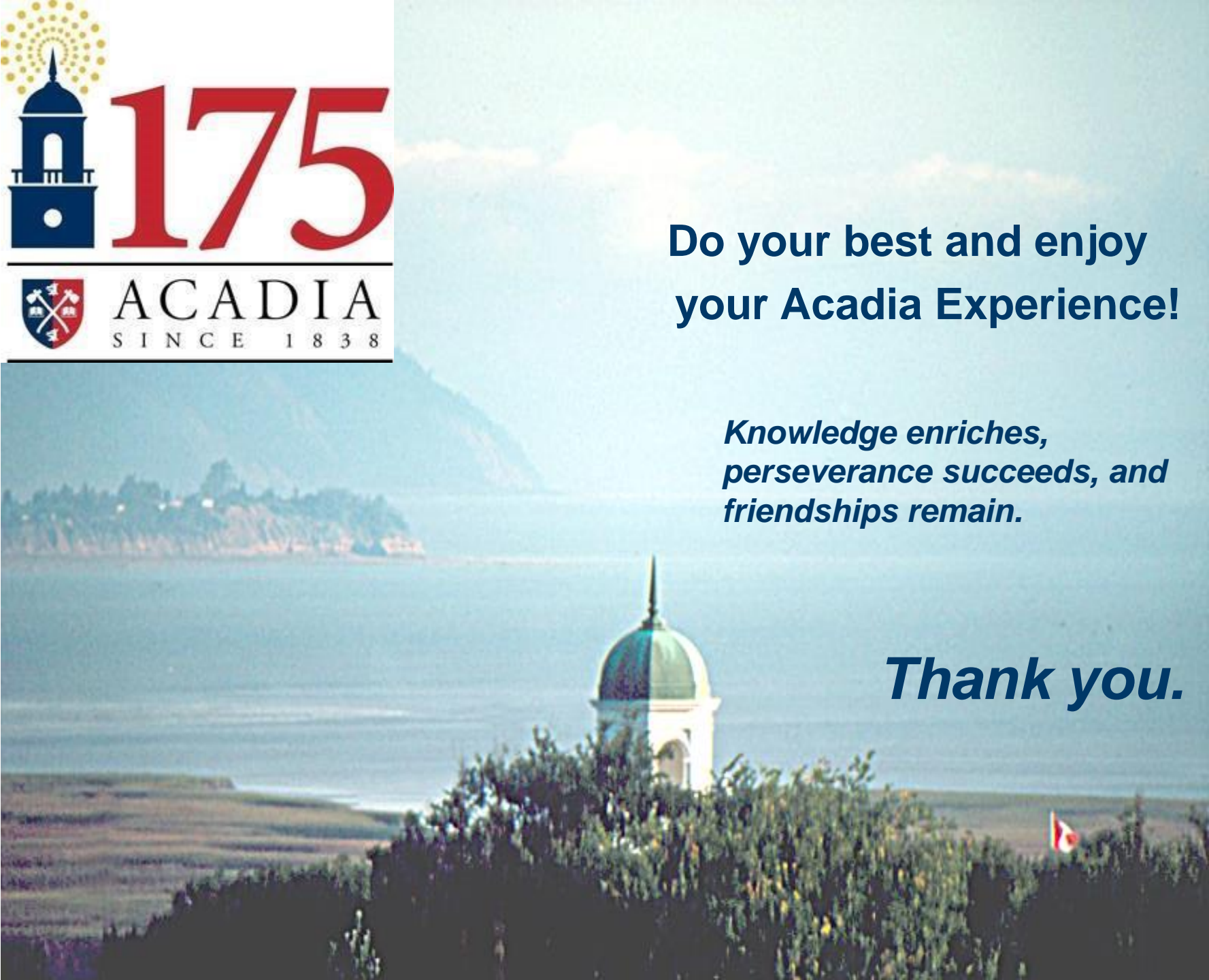


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**Do your best and enjoy
your Acadia Experience!**

*Knowledge enriches,
perseverance succeeds, and
friendships remain.*

Thank you.

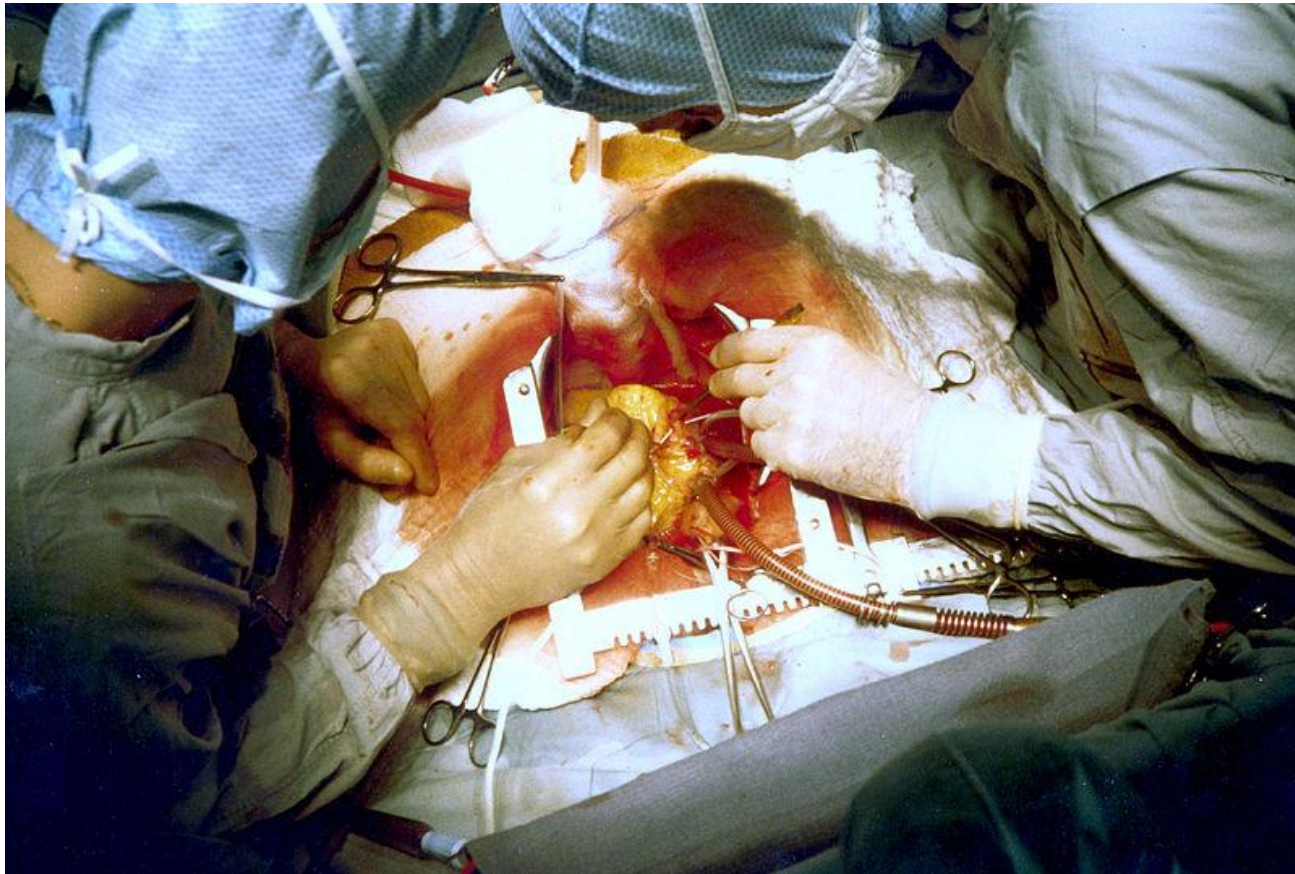


Learn Acadia Culture!

- Use the [Acadia Website](#)
 - [Acadia Central](#)
 - [Library](#)
 - [Technology Services](#)
 - [ACORN](#)
 - Etc.
- Pay Attention to email!
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How comfortable would you be if they cheated in Med School?



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardiac_surgery

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- Cheating and plagiarism are not tolerated in university.
 - Read p. 53 of the 2016/17 Acadia University academic calendar.
 - Penalties vary from re-doing the work,
 - a letter in your file, failing the assignment, failing the course, expulsion from the university..

What is cheating?

- Passing in someone else's words or ideas as your own in reports *and* tests
 - Copying, buying term papers, plagiarizing.
 - Using the same paper in two or more courses.
 - Helping someone else cheat.



What is Plagiarism?



- Plagiarism is **stealing** another person's words or ideas and presenting them as if they were your own
 - Failing to cite sources of information used,
 - Improper use of quotes.

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- How can you avoid plagiarizing?
 - Summarize in your notes
 - Write your own words
 - Cite any idea that was not your own
 - Never copy/paste text.

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When & how do you cite a source?

- You do not need to cite a source if it is
- general knowledge.
- **When in doubt, cite the source.**

- Check out the plagiarism tutorial on the Library website:
 - <http://library.acadiau.ca/sites/default/files/library/tutorials/plagiarism/>
- Including the findings of other researchers in your term paper makes your paper better ...
- **just give credit where credit is due.**



- If you are having difficulty with your assignment or paper, seek help from:
 - Professor
 - Academic librarian
 - Writing centre
 - Numeracy centre

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