Acknowledgement

Curtin’s Bentley campus enjoys the privilege of being located in Whadjuk/Nyungar country on the site where the Swan and Canning Rivers meet.

We go forward with honour and respect, by acknowledging the Elders of the Nyungar Nation past and present, their descendants and families, sovereign owners of Whadjuk country.
You possibly don’t know anyone here today…

So…turn to the people near you, make a group of 3 and tell each other:

- Your name and your course
- Why you are studying your course and what you hope to achieve through it
Agenda

- Introductions and Issues
- How to succeed
- Support
- Q & A
Why are we having this session?

- Mature-aged students are just as smart as school leavers, in fact they often get higher than average marks
- Mature-aged students have different risk factors (they often have a lower fail rate)
- We lose a slightly bigger proportion of mature-aged students in first year – but mature-aged students are usually very successful after the initial adjustment period
- We believe that we can improve your chances of success
You’re not the same as school leavers

- New Mature-Aged Students sometimes feel a bit alone in beginning university. So…let's look at a few basic statistics:
  
  - Students aged 25 or over make up about one fifth of the undergraduate population (4893 out of total of 26,180 Bentley Campus 2013)
  
  - Students aged 25 or over are more likely to be enrolled part-time than those under 25
  
  - The female/male ratio for over 25s is about 58/42 (2013 Bentley Campus)
The biggest difference – Complete these sentences

- Recent school leavers often go to University __________ of doing something else.

- Mature-age students often go to University _______ as doing something else.
The biggest difference

- Recent school leavers often go to University instead of doing something else
- Mature-age students often go to University as well as doing something else
Common concerns for new mature students

- What are you concerned about?
- What do you think other students like you are concerned about?
Success at University is not a mystery

1. Clear and present motivation
2. A stable place to live and study
3. Suitable finance
4. Attendance at classes/lectures/tutorials
5. Good relationships with others – get connected
6. Good study skills incl. time management
7. Admin processes and forms correct
8. Dealing with problems EARLY
9. Anticipate and address other variables in your life
Success at University is not a mystery

- Full-time study should total about 40 hours per week (class time PLUS study time)

- Read your Unit Outline VERY CAREFULLY – use it for planning and time management

- A semester planner pinned up at home, created with support from partner/family is useful

- Practice good time management skills, set study goals, attend classes
Success at University is not a mystery

- Use the sources of help when you need them: Problems are OK. We learn through solving problems.

- Not addressing problems is a bigger problem than the problems are in the first place.

- University is full of sources of help. Use them *in a timely manner*!
Sources of help

- Your lecturers and tutors, unit, course or year coordinators
- CurtinLife Website
- Student Wellbeing Advisory Service
- Your Mentor
- UniPASS
- The Learning Centre
- Scholarships
- The Library
- IT Blackboard OASIS
- Guild Student Assist & Mature Age Department
- ALSO - other students, family, the internet, friends etc. etc.
Sources of help

- CurtinLife – Student Support Services - This will link you to any of the support services you may need:  life.curtin.edu.au
- Student Guild:  guild.curtin.edu.au

- If you don’t know where to go/who to ask, come to:
  
  **Student Wellbeing Advisory Service**
  
  1800 244 043
  Building 103 (drop in)
  
  studentwellbeing@curtin.edu.au
Mentors

- EVERY new UG student gets a mentor – a senior student in your course.
- Meet them at Orientation
- Check your student email – they will contact you
- ASK THEM QUESTIONS, use them to help you – they love it!
- PG students – Guild PG Mentor Program

FIND OUT MORE:
Mentoring.curtin.edu.au
Guild.curtin.edu.au
UniPASS

- FREE peer facilitated group study sessions
- Meet people, use your peers, learn from each other
- Learn more effectively – unit specific study skills
- 5 sessions = 6% increased grade!
- Commences week 2
- Look in Blackboard for your Unit
- Mainly 1st year units, but some others

FIND OUT MORE: Search “UniPASS” Curtin home page
The Learning Centre

- We can work with you on:
  - Unpacking, planning, structuring and refining assignments
  - Learning and improving writing skills
  - Learning to think, read and write critically
  - Improving time management
  - Learning to ‘be OK’ with exams

TLC has in-house and faculty workshops; on-line interactive workshops; on-line resources; and an individual consultation service for all students – undergraduate and post-graduate – of all year and entry levels.
### Intensive Seminar – 2 hour session

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### Full Workshop – 6 hour program

3 x 2 hour sessions

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Developing strategies & learning skills for returning to study
Learning by building on strengths & overcoming learner’s block
Managing challenges – juggling commitments.
The Learning Centre

- Drop in: Bld 303 Level 2
- Call 9266 3825
- Email tlc@curtin.edu.au

Search ‘Learning Centre’ on Curtin home page
$cholarships$

Mature Age Bursary:

- Applications Close: 13/03/2015
- Open to mature age students (20 years or over) commencing studies in semester 1, 2015 who are experiencing financial hardship
- Value: One off cash payment ranging between $1,000-$2,000
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- More information & application forms: scholarships.curtin.edu.au

- Come along to a scholarship info session:
  Dates: 23/02/2015 or 27/02/2015
  Venue: 213.101 (for both)
  Times: 23/02/2015: 3pm-4pm
         27/02/2015: 10am–11am
Welcome to the Library
Where is the Library?

**Semester Opening Hours**

**MON - FRI**

24 hours

Full service (8.00 am – 8.00 pm)

Limited access (8.00 pm - 2.00 am)

**SAT – SUN**

8.00 am – 8.00 pm

Limited access (4.00 pm – 8 pm)
Your Student Card

- library card
- printing & photocopying card
- authenticate & PIN
- add value
The Library

- Open 24/7 (during semester)
- Accessible online 24/7!
- Over ½ million books
- Over 170,000 eBooks
- Over 130,000 electronic journals
- Approx. 500 Databases
- 300+ computers
- Full Wi-fi access
Study spaces to suit your needs...
iZone and Laptop Lounge
L5 Teaching Resources Collection
I need a computer!

On every floor in the Library
Library Tours - Feb

- **23rd February**
  - 11am Library Tour
  - 12pm Library Tour
  - 1pm Library Tour
  - 2pm Library Tour

- **24th February**
  - 11am Library Tour
  - 12pm Library Tour
  - 1pm Getting Started with EndNote
  - 1pm Library Tour
  - 2pm Library Tour

- **25th February**
  - 11am Library Tour
  - 12pm Library Tour
  - 1pm Library Tour
  - 2pm Library Tour

- **26th February**
  - 11am Library Tour
  - 12pm Library Tour
  - 1pm Library Tour
  - 2pm Library Tour

- **27th February**
  - 11am Library Tour
  - 12pm Library Tour
  - 1pm Library Tour
  - 2pm Library Tour

- **2nd March**
  - 11am Library Tour

- **3rd March**
  - 1pm Library Tour

- **4th March**
  - 11am Library Tour

- **5th March**
  - 11am Library Tour

- **6th March**
  - 1pm Library Tour

- **9th March**
  - 11am Getting Started with EndNote

- **10th March**
  - 1pm Getting Started with EndNote

- **11th March**
  - 4pm Finding Company & Industry information at CGSB

- **12th March**
  - 1pm Getting Started with EndNote

- **13th March**
  - 4pm Finding Company & Industry information at CGSB
Online Resources
There is more than Google!
All accessible from home or your mobile!
LibGuides
e-books
Discovery catalogue
QR Codes
Workshops
Interactive tutorials
Full-text journal articles
Referencing

ENDNOTE

Use at your desktop, online or on your iPad

Creates in-text references and a reference list in your chosen referencing style

Store and organise your references

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CRICOS Provider Code 00301J
Where can I get HELP?
Contact us!

Email us

Visit us - Reference Desk

Phone us
Best wishes for your studies! 😊
Top tips for mature aged students

OASIS AND BLACKBOARD

- OASIS – news, information, emails and OCC (official communication channel)
- You’ve just signed a contract to read emails at least once a week!
- BLACKBOARD – course specific information and news, discussion forums

HELP:

- PC Champs (Curtin Volunteers!)
- Abacus lab staff

RISK FACTOR WARNING: less use of Bb and OASIS shows a higher risk of attrition! Keep up to date with Bb and OASIS to enhance your success!
Connected students thrive

- **Sports Clubs (Curtin Stadium)**
- **Guild Clubs & Committees**
- **Curtin Leadership Centre**
- **Curtin Volunteers!**
- **Other students in your course**
- **Swap contacts (eg. mobile, Facebook) with at least a few students in the first week or so**
- **Your Mentor**
  - Arrange a meeting (Curtin student email)
  - Email him/her and stay in touch
  - Pick their brains
- **Your teachers**
  - Speak to them
  - Seek their advice
  - Make sure they know who you are
Some skills you can’t learn in class. Curtin Leadership Centre offers free leadership programs and real-world experience. Our programs are designed to help you learn valuable study skills, boost your employability and get you involved in your community.

Our programs include:
- Curtin Leaders Program
- John Curtin Leadership Academy
- Tailor Leadership Training

Contact us:
Tel: 9266 9276
Email: leadership@curtin.edu.au
Our office: Building 303/ Level 2
CURTIN LEADERS PROGRAM

The Curtin Leaders Program combines leadership skills modules with volunteering to help you learn valuable study skills, boost your employability and get you involved in your community.

1. Complete five leadership skills modules
Choose from modules such as Leadership 101, Teamwork and Goal Setting. Join us in face-to-face workshops, or engage online at challenge.curtin.edu.au.

2. Participate in volunteering
Apply your leadership skills to a real-world experience by completing a minimum of 10 hours of volunteering.

3. Reflect on your experience
Reflect on what you have learnt by completing an online survey.

= Curtin Extra Certificate
STUDENT FEEDBACK

“I really enjoyed how interactive and interesting the modules were. There were also really good activities, quotes, and quality links and videos.”

“I feel as if I have become more aware and more proactive in my efforts of developing myself into a strong and confident leader.”

“Yes, it made me realise that leadership is part of everyone's job and that by being self-aware it makes you a better leader.”

“I used to think that I couldn't be a leader because I'm shy. Attending the leadership workshops gave me the chance to meet people I wouldn't otherwise have met, which gave me more confidence.”
Welcome to Curtin University from the Curtin Student Guild!

Our vision

“to be an independent organisation which is highly valued by all of the University community, especially our members, through the active provision of services and benefits, encompassing all aspects of student life.”
The Mature Age Department

Located in Building 106F, in the Equity space.

The Mature Age Department:

• Represents and advocates.
• Supports student rights.
• Provides independent support and assistance.
• Organises social events.
The Curtin Student Guild

We can assist you with:

- Appeals and academic issues
- Study and exam skills
- Grievances, harassment and discrimination issues
- Career and resume assistance
- Free legal advice, tendency advice and tax help
- Financial assistance
  - Childcare Assistance Grant
  - Bookshop Grant
Support the Student Guild!

Help support the Student Guild by:

• Becoming a Full Member (it’s FREE in 2015, just activate your membership at the Guild Office 106F).
• Getting involved!

The Curtin Student Guild wishes you all the best in your studies!
Question time!

Chat to our friendly panel now!

- We used to end with “Good Luck” - But it isn’t just good luck

- Your success at Uni is in your own hands…with a little help!

- LIBRARY TOURS THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK!

Proudly brought to you by Curtin’s Support Services
life.curtin.edu.au and the Student Guild Mature Age Department and Student Assist