Succeeding at University
Presented by Student Wellbeing Advisory Service  Sem 1 2016
There’s this notion that in order to achieve well academically, you have to hole yourself up in a dark room or on some obscure level of the library and commit all your efforts to memorizing entire textbooks, this is completely untrue, you’ll learn better in a stress-free environment that doesn’t reek of three day old coffee and Red Bull, and getting out of the house to clear your head can usually help you refocus or see the problem in a new way.

Maya Halilovic – Curtin graduate
Be clear about why you are at University

A stable place to live and study

Making sure that you sustain financial stability

Attend classes and keep up to date

Get to know people and spend time with them

Develop your study and learning skills

Understand how the administrative system works

Deal with problems as soon as they arise

Understand that at Curtin everyone is accepted

Make the most of your campus website

Top 10 Study Tips
Successful students have clear motivation

Career path

Intrinsic interest in course content

or both or some other good reason that works for you
So... If you don’t really know why you are here...

- **Talk** to someone about it:

  The Curtin Careers Centre is **your** professional service
  Drop in: Building 303 level 2     Phone: 9266 7802
  Email: careers@curtin.edu.au

- **OR...** Talk to:
  - Your course coordinator or other teaching staff
  - A Student Wellbeing Advisor*
  - Your Mentor*
  - Counselling Services*
  - Fellow students
  - Someone who works in the field you are studying
  - Your parents
EVERY new Under Graduate 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:
Curtin home page, search “Mentoring” & “Guild”
It is important to have somewhere:

Safe and affordable

Appropriate for study (quiet, desk, computer)

Reasonable proximity to campus
Housing Services

- Huge database of off campus accommodation exclusively for Curtin students, staff and visitors.
- Free tenancy and contract advice, students and staff.
- Emergency accommodation assistance.
- Short term advice and suggestions for visitors.

housing.curtin.edu.au  PH: 9266 4430
3 Finances

Successful students understand what it costs

Be aware of hidden costs

Plan financially for the length of your degree

Ask for help rather than working more hours

Shift to part-time study (better to take longer than to fail)
- Emergency Relief
- Financial Planning Advice
- Bookshop Grants
- Legal issues
- Tax advice
TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS AT CURTIN

There are many different scholarships available in 2016

- Curtin University scholarships
- Commonwealth scholarships (Indigenous students)
- Company scholarships

MERIT BASED SCHOLARSHIPS:
- Based on academic performance and values
- Provide financial assistance and/or Vac work

NEED BASED SCHOLARSHIPS:
- Based on financial hardship
- Provide financial assistance to get you through your degree

Scholarship Email Alert
E: scholarships@curtin.edu.au
W: scholarships.curtin.edu.au
4 Attendance

Strong relationship between attendance and results

Keep up to date! Don’t fall into the habit of having to catch up

Don’t come to campus and then skip class!

Develop anti-procrastination techniques

Use Blackboard and iLectures

Effective note taking
Attendance

- Students who attend virtually all classes and put in the associated study are almost always successful.
- Class attendance plus study time for full time study = approx 40 hours per week – a full time job!!
- Get a diary, plan your weeks
- Read the Unit Outline VERY CAREFULLY – plan your semester
Staying up to date

OASIS AND BLACKBOARD

- OASIS – news, information, emails and OCC (official communication channel)
- **It is a condition of enrolment** that you access OASIS at least weekly, and preferably more.
- Ask for help!

**FIND OUT MORE:**
Curtin home page, search:
“Abacus Lab staff”
“Elearn.curtin.edu.au”
“CITS (Curtin IT Services)”
Students who form good relationships with other students:
Feel like they belong at university and have support networks

Meet people at Orientation, in your classes, clubs, stadium social sports, Curtin Volunteers
Connected students thrive

- Sports Clubs (Curtin Stadium)
- Guild Clubs
- Curtin Leadership Centre
- Curtin Volunteers!
- Other students in your course
- Your Mentor
- Your teachers

**Swap contacts** (eg. mobile, Facebook) with at least a few students in the first week or so

- Arrange a meeting (Curtin student email)
- Email him/her and stay in touch
- Pick their brains

- Speak to them
- Seek their advice
- Make sure they know who you are
Evening Social Sports

- Social Competition

- 8 sports available
  - AFL 7’s
  - Basketball
  - Futsal (Indoor Soccer)
  - Floorball
  - Beach Volleyball
  - Netball
  - Ultimate Frisbee
  - Touch Rugby

- Umpires – michael.gibbings@curtin.edu.au
CURTIN VOLUNTEERS!

Make the most of your uni experience...

Website: cv.curtin.edu.au
Email: cv@curtin.edu.au
Tel: 9266 3954
Visit: Building 303 Level 2
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:
curtin.edu.au/curtinleadershipcentre
CURTIN LEADERS PROGRAM

Combine leadership skills modules with volunteering to learn valuable study skills, boost your employability and get involved in your community.

1. Complete five leadership skills modules
Join us in face-to-face workshops, live webcast via Blackboard or engage online at challenge.curtin.edu.au.

2. Participate in volunteering
Complete a minimum of 10 hours volunteering and apply your leadership skills to a real-world experience.

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

= Curtin Extra Certificate
CURTIN CHALLENGE

Curtin Leaders Program

Kristen Barker
Member Since 11 August 2014
Level Beginner
Score 480 pts
Faculty Vice-Chancellor

Online Training Co-ordinator at the Curtin Leadership Centre. You can contact me via email: Kristen.Barker@curtin.edu.au

Careers
Leadership

Make tomorrow better.
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JOHN CURTIN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The John Curtin Leadership Academy program enhances the student experience and provides students with a range of opportunities including developing leadership skills, improving employment prospects and the rewarding satisfaction of giving back to the community.

Program includes:
1. Four-day leadership camp
2. Six leadership workshops
3. Team based community project with a not-for-profit organisation
4. Weekly commitment of approximately 5 to 7 hours
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...”
6 Develop your study skills

Use the support available to you

Effective use of the library: take a library tour
Referencing: workshops at The Learning Centre
Computer & Systems use: Blackboard/OASIS session
Academic Writing: The Learning Centre website
The Learning Centre

- We work with you on:
  - Literacy skills
    - Writing, Reading, Speaking and Thinking critically
  - Numerical concepts
    - from fractions, decimals and percentages to algebra to statistics, and everything in between
  - Blackboard or Digital Literacy to improve your IT skills
  - Study time management

- We have:
  - in-house and faculty workshops
  - on-line interactive workshops
  - on-line resources

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

For more & registration, see The Learning Centre
What is UniPASS?

- Weekly structured, **informal**, social study group
- Led by a **successful senior student**
- Review unit content and **actively embed concepts** and ideas
- Improve grades and **study skills**
- **Interactive** study session with friends or make new ones

What UniPASS is NOT:

- It’s not a replacement for lectures or tutorials – you should **attend/watch the lectures first** to get the most benefit!
- It’s not a rote learning environment
- No one-on-one tutoring
- It’s NOT just for passing, EVERYONE can improve their grades, whether you are sitting on 40s, 60s or 80s!

Why go to UniPASS?

- **Save time**: 1 hour of UniPASS ≈ 3 hours studying by yourself!
- Opportunity to **make new friends** – 2,124 students came last year
- Your facilitator has aced this unit, they have **great tips and tricks**!
7 Get to know the system

Not understanding the admin processes can affect your study

Enrolment via OASIS
Deadlines, Census Date
Assessment Extensions
Leave of Absence
Parking
It’s all about the forms
Deal with problems as soon as they arise!

Contact Student Wellbeing
Free Call 1800 244 043 or visit Building 103

Ask Academic or Faculty Staff in an appropriate way*
*always use your Curtin email account and include your ID number

Contact Student Guild in Building 106
Need help or advice?
For any questions, big or small...

STUDENT WELLBEING ADVISORY SERVICE

For confidential support and advice

DROP IN to building 103
Free call 1800 244 043
studentwellbeing@curtin.edu.au
*Counselling*

- Highly confidential free support from Clinical Psychologists
- Great for general life skills, mindfulness, self-talk management and motivation, through to mental health issues

**Counselling and Disability Services**

9266 7850 or 1800 651 878 (Freecall)  
Reception building 109 Level 2

FIND OUT MORE:  
Curtin home page, search “Counselling”
Understand everyone at Curtin is accepted

You have the right to remain NOT silent

Access to staff and resources

Clean facilities

Safe environment free from harassment & bullying

Complaints and feedback process
Academic Integrity and Student Conduct

Student conduct at Curtin

Curtin University is a community where all staff and students have rights and responsibilities and are expected to uphold Curtin's core values of Integrity, Respect, Fairness and Care.

- Conduct at Curtin: A guide for students
- Own your behaviour
- Statute 10
- Suspension of Enrolment

Conduct at Curtin: A guide for students

This guide outlines the rights you have as a student, the expectations that the University has of you, and what you can expect from the University. It outlines where you can seek advice and what you can do if you have any concerns or questions about conduct at Curtin.
And if you are concerned...

You can register a formal complaint or concern from Curtin’s home page www.curtin.edu.au

- Complaints are taken seriously at Curtin
- Anonymous or not
- Serious or minor complaints – if it affects your wellbeing, mention it
- ISU (Integrity and Standards Unit)
CADEMIC INTEGRITY PROGRAM (AIP)

- All incoming coursework students are required to complete and pass the new AIP in their first study period at Curtin.
- The AIP will inform students about academic integrity concepts to help them successfully navigate challenging situations.
- Topics include: ethics, Curtin's values and expectations for students, referencing, plagiarism, cheating, and misconduct processes and possible outcomes.

- Students access the AIP through Blackboard

MORE INFORMATION:
https://academicintegrity.curtin.edu.au/students/AIP.cfm
10 Flexibility

Course Switching

Curtin is very flexible

Identify early, before census date

Make an informed choice – visit Careers, talk to Mentor

Look at other Unit Outlines, talk to other students

Get credit

Be aware of VISA implications!