Fall Semester...halfway...

I’m not entirely sure where September or the beginning of October went. Do you? As hard as it is to believe, we are actually almost halfway through the fall semester. The number of upcoming midterms and due papers proves it. I just wanted to take this opportunity to check in with all of you and make sure that everything is ok...or relatively ok. As all of you know, you can always reach me by email at bas@uoguelph.ca. I also have my regular drop in hours every Monday to Thursday from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. All other times are by appointment or by luck if you happen to drop by and I’m not busy. Point is, please let me know how I can help you. Good luck on all of your upcoming work in all of your courses. Talk to you soon! ~ Jerome

The Combining Two Cultures (C2C) Conference is an interdisciplinary conference established by McMaster University Arts & Science students in 2009 to improve interdisciplinary education through collaboration. The student-led conference has focused on the value of interdisciplinary education in academia and for the undergraduate student. The conference has brought together participants from Canada’s leading interdisciplinary programs to establish a network that lends support to the enduring value and significance of the interdisciplinary education.

This year the conference is being hosted by Knowledge Integration (KI) students at the University of Waterloo, who have chosen the theme of “Boundaries” as a catalyst for discussion and creative problem solving in a systems context. In the KI program, students build a core skill set to analyze and solve complex problems, communicate effectively, and to adapt to a changing and complex world. In the design of this iteration of the conference, the C2C Planning Committee has worked to incorporate programming that will cultivate these skills in other interdisciplinary students.

Interested in being a delegate or presenter at this conference? Email bassa@uoguelph.ca for more information!

http://www.combiningtwocultures.org/
Course Selection...again.

It sometimes feels like all we do is course selection, doesn't it? Well it's here again. Same rules as usual. If you forget what you’re doing, just check out the special “Course Selection” edition of our newsletter (THE STREAM). Course selection runs throughout October with everyone’s windows opening at different times. Some of you are starting to realize that some courses are restricted to certain minors. Now might be a good time to come see me to get your minors declared. It’s very easy to do, and it’s not set in stone. You can always change your mind later. Come see me and we’ll work it out together! Questions? Email me at bas@uoquelp.ca please!

Winter 2013

ADD PERIOD

December 10th to January 11th
Relax. Everyone will have a chance to change around their Winter 2013 schedules during the Add Period. During the Add Period, you’ll be able to change around your schedule and make necessary adjustments depending on your Fall 2012 marks.

Also during the Add Period, you’ll be able to see your exam schedule for the Winter 2013 semester. It is your responsibility to make sure that you do not have any exam conflicts. This will also tell you when your summer officially starts!

DROP DATE

Thursday, Nov. 1st
Thursday, November 1st will be your last opportunity to drop any of your Fall 2012 courses without penalty. After Thursday, November 1st, whatever courses you remain registered in are yours to keep, no matter the outcome.

Once you pass a course, you are not able to repeat the course to “upgrade”. The only time you can repeat a course is if you have failed it. The failed mark remains on your transcript.

Not sure what your current mark in your class is? Follow this link to figure it out!
Looking for an engaging, stimulating, and really different elective course for Winter 2013? First Year Seminars Courses are a Special Learning Opportunity for You!

As a first year student, you have a special opportunity to select a First Year Seminar course as one of the courses in your program for Winter 2013! These First Year Seminar courses are designed to be interactive, small group sessions (enrolment is limited to 18 students) led by some of the university's most dynamic professors!

For a full list of available topics being offered for the Winter 2013 semester, follow this link... http://www.uoguelph.ca/vpacademic/fys/

Most of the sections will be capped at 18 spaces. Some of the offerings will be capped at 9 spaces. So there's a chance that you may still be able to pick up a first year seminar. Also, you never know when people may change their minds, so always make sure to check back to WebAdvisor. All UNIV courses count towards your social science core requirement.

Please note, UNIV*1150*DE (Politics, Science & Culture of Hunger) is a unique UNIV course that is actually worth 1.00 credits and it is offered through distance education. If you pick up this course, you will be taking one course, but doing two courses worth of work. For that reason, you'll most likely be registered in 4 courses in the semester, but still have 2.50 credits worth of work. Make sense? Interested in UNIV*1150*DE? Contact Dr. Jacqueline Murray directly at jamurray@uoguelph.ca.

More questions? Email me at bas@uoguelph.ca please!
Elective Opportunity!

Exciting W’13 course offering! UNIV*3000: Civic Engagement and Service Learning
Special Topic: Sport For Development - Tuesdays, 7-9:50pm

The UNIV 3000 course provides a unique opportunity for students to develop civic leadership skills and increase their awareness and appreciation for the social relevance of higher education through a community service-learning experience.

This year’s special topic for UNIV 3000, Civic Engagement and Service Learning is Sport For Development (SFD). This course will provide students with an understanding of Sport for Development (SFD), the history of its foundation and growth, strategies for using SFD for meeting key Millenium Development Goals, and its implementation here in Canada and in other countries through examining case studies, while also having the opportunity to put learning into action with 20 hours of service-learning.

Course highlights include:
- The opportunity to design SFD curriculum, which students will be able to implement in a local Guelph school or community organization;
- Interactive components such as guest speakers from the SFD world, discussions, and hands-on workshops;
- Students who complete the course are eligible to participate in a student-funded, two-week, service-learning program in Lima, Peru where they will have the chance to expand their understanding of SFD in a global south context while volunteering with partners to implement SFD programming, (tentatively scheduled for May 16-29, 2013).

Requirements: Must have completed 9.0 credits in order to meet the registration requirements, or be able to demonstrate previous relevant Sport for Development or service-learning experience. Students must also have a criminal reference for (vulnerable sectors) check for the first day of class. Students will need to seek instructor’s/Coordinator’s consent with a course waiver request form, as well as complete a student learning contract specific to this course. The course is limited to 30 students. Given the accountability to community partners, students must register for the course with a commitment to fully participate in class, group and community-learning aspects of the course. Registration will be on a first come first served basis.

To Register: Interested students are encouraged to come to a Q&A and Registration session, with an unofficial transcript to confirm eligibility and/or demonstration of relevant SFD/service-learning experience. Students will receive the learning agreement at the session.

Sessions will be held in UC 333 on the following days:
- October 16th - 11:30am, 12pm, 12:30pm
- October 17th - 12pm, 12:30pm, 1pm
- October 19th - 10am, 10:30am

For more information, please contact Zakiya Pirani with subject title “UNIV 3000”: zpirani@uoguelph.ca. If you cannot make it to one of the registration sessions, please contact Janet Doner - janet.doner@uoguelph.ca to set up an alternative time. A waitlist will be generated as well.
**The Bachelor of Arts & Science STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION!**

Did you know that BAS students have the highest ratio of student representation across campus because we have reps on every college government? No other group has that! If you would like to be involved in YOUR student government helping to represent BAS across campus, then please let us know! We would also like to hear from you if you have any suggestions or ideas for events or things that BASSA could or should be doing! Just email us at bassa@uoguelph.ca !!! We want to hear from YOU!

**Introducing the 2012/13 BASSA EXEC**

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Want to be involved? bassa@uoguelph.ca

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**Plans for Reading Week? PSC!**

*Project Serve Canada* takes place every winter semester during Reading Week. Starting in 2013 we will also be offering some programs in the spring and summer! Programs are based around themes including; poverty, Aboriginal communities, HIV/AIDS, and homelessness and environmental sustainability. These programs take place in various communities across Ontario, Canada and the United States, in partnership with local organizations. Projects range in length from five to nine days, and up to two weeks for the spring programs.

Students volunteer with community organizations on various projects and initiatives. Integrated within these community-based learning experiences are a variety of learning opportunities around the theme of the program. Education and reflection components are implemented to raise students' awareness on critical social issues and to encourage the development of a lifelong civic engagement. For more information FOLLOW THIS LINK!
**Represent the BAS Program!**

I am looking for BAS students (any year) to represent the program at Fall Preview Day (November 4th) and Science & Engineering Sunday (November 18th). If you’re interested in talking to highschool students and their families/friends about your experiences here in the BAS program and at Guelph in general, please let me know! Free lunch is provided on both days! Plus...you get to spend time with me! That’s fun...right? Right? Please email bas@uoguelph.ca if you are interested!

**Horrscopes...**

**Libra** – The other night I was at Canada’s Wonderland and went to 10 haunted houses, 3 scare zones, a handful of roller coasters (including the Leviathan), eating a sausage on a bun, a soft pretzel, a pumpkin spice and winning a toy playing “whack-a-mole”. This was after working in the morning and having friends over in the afternoon and baking 7 dozen cookies. All in all, I’d say it was a pretty good Sunday. What does this have to do with you? Time management. Get on it. You could get so much done if you just learned to manage your time a little better. Well, ok...way better. My little Libra...it’s all about balance. Seriously. Get on it. Also, eat more veggies.

**Scorpio** – Every year it’s the same. As your birthday gets closer, you start to get all philosophical about things and start evaluating your life. That’s fine. This year though, I think you may want to focus a little more on your relationships. I know, you’re thinking, what is he talking about? All I do is work on my relationships. That may be so, but I keep seeing you slip back into old patterns with some people...which is fine if that’s what you want. Is that what you want? You crossed some major milestones in the last few months...now is a good time to reflect. While you’re reflecting, maybe do some laundry. Those sheets aren’t going to wash themselves. Eww.

**Sagittarius** – So my two friends who got married back in May were finally able to go on their honeymoon to the west coast. They spent two weeks touring San Francisco, visiting wineries, hiking along the coast and basically having a great time. They were recently over during the long weekend to show us pictures. Good times had by all. Speaking of pictures...seriously, what’s up with THAT picture of you? You know which one I’m talking about. Do you really care about it? You know, you’re good at bunkering down and focusing, but these days you seem to be preoccupied with something. Whether you know what I’m talking about or not, that “something” is about to get all up in your business, so this is definitely a good time to make sure that you’re on top of things. Be proactive and I see you coming out the other side with some pretty sweet rewards. Let it catch you off guard, and I’m afraid it’s going to take a bit of work to get it together again. Either way, it all turns out well. Mostly. What’s up with Grumpy Pants?

**Capricorn** – You’ve been a lot like the weather lately, undecisive. That’s not like you at all. What’s up? Normally you’re good at bunkering down and focusing, but these days you seem to be preoccupied with something. Whether you know what I’m talking about or not, that “something” is about to get all up in your business, so this is definitely a good time to make sure that you’re on top of things. Be proactive and I see you coming out the other side with some pretty sweet rewards. Let it catch you off guard, and I’m afraid it’s going to take a bit of work to get it together again. Either way, it all turns out well. Mostly. What’s up with Grumpy Pants?

**Aquarius** – I joined this choir in Toronto in an attempt to get more experience and meet new people. So far it’s working out pretty well. I go into Toronto regularly, and I’m learning our pretty great music. What are you doing to get out there, my little Aquarians? I know you like to sometimes chill on your own, and that’s fine. It might be good to also get out there once in awhile and try something new. There’s something out there for the quiet, shy side of you and the energetic, outgoing side as well. There are some unique opportunities coming down the line. You never know where they’ll lead. Just make sure it leads you away from a certain gossipy friend. Yup, Him.

**Pisces** – You know those people that catch your attention, but in a bad way? Like, Honey Boo Boo and Mama June. You know what I’m talking about? It’s like you know you shouldn’t be fascinated, but you can’t help it, and it’s just ridiculous what is going on...but you can’t stop no matter how hard you try. I mean, I hate that. Well, I’m here to tell you to drink your own poison and get ready my friend, because these are drama brewing around you, and if you’re not careful, you’re going to be caught in the fast lane. This is a perfect time to reach out to friends close to you and your enemies even closer. Do not fall for it. Stay clear of the drama. For serious. As an aside...nice shoes.

**Aries** – So I started watching the first season of American Horror Story...and holy moley, that there is some seriously cray-cray mojo all up in that house. Just when you think it couldn’t get any creepier, out comes the dude in the latex body suit. What the what?! Ariel, I am here to tell you to expect the unexpected in the next couple of weeks. Not quite “homicidal man in a latex suit” unexpected...but unexpected all the same. My advice is to just go with it and see where it goes. But for goodness sake, know when to hit the breaks and get out...unlike that silly Harmon family. Seriously...when dead people talk to you, it’s time to go. No worries...you’ll be fine. Yup.

**Taurus** – I can’t stop eating popcorn with butter and pepper. I don’t know what it is. For some reason, I keep making it and I like it. It’s not me. I’m fixated. Speaking of fixations, what’s going on with you and you know who, karmin? Don’t act like you don’t know what I’m talking about. It’s hard to not notice. Right now it seems like it’s between the two of you, but it’s about to involve a few more people. Careful with what you share and who you share it with. There’s something that someone isn’t telling you. Truthfully. While we’re at it, I noticed you’ve picked up some bad habits here and there. Knock it off. It seems harmless, but I don’t see it as working long term.

**Gemini** – My friends came over for dinner the other night and brought their newborn son. I say newborn, but he’s more like 6 months old now or something. Meh. Any way, there was all smiles, stories and more smiles, sitting comfortably in his little green onesie. I want a onesie. It would be awesome. But sometimes we don’t get what we want. And the way I’m talking about right? Of course you do. You didn’t get what you want, what you’re going to do about it? Set your sights on a new goal? Try again? That there is some serious...but you know what I’m talking about? Either way, it all turns out well. Mostly. What’s up with Grumpy Pants?

**Cancer** – Love love love. That’s the theme for you in the upcoming month. I’m not sure what kind of love. I’m just getting the sense that there is going to be some serious love action for you in the near future. Like I said though...I’m just not sure about the details. Careful for what you wish for. In other words, remember that time Felix Baumgartner jumped to earth from space? Yeah. Al-mazing. Your two big themes this upcoming month are love and risk taking. Now, I’m not telling you to jump from space or anything...but eep...what would you do if you weren’t afraid? Lastly...for the love of all things holy, Do some laundry. You & Scorpio alike...shame.

**Leo** – It’s Hallow’e’en, and I’m into watching scary movies and such. I also love shows about real life ghost stories and unsolved paranormal mysteries. The other night we watched a show about families with houses built on burial grounds and how they’re dealing with mysterious figures, sounds, occurrences, illness and even death. Not ok. Then I watched some ghost/paranormal stuff on You Tube. Then I watched Paranormal Activity 3. Needless to say, I didn’t sleep well that night. Sometimes you can have too much of a good thing. Right? Right? You know what I mean. Don’t even pretend. It’s called moderation. Look into it. Also...avoid celery.

**Virgo** – I bought another umbrella. It’s like the 49 umbrella that I’ve bought since the summer. I either leave it somewhere or they break on me. Point is, there is someone near you that is constantly raining on your parade. That is not okay. You need to take care of that. What, you like being rained on? I say that? Then why are you putting up with this. Get an umbrella and take care of that business before you end up all wet and miserable. Also...someone just told me they’re “a little under the weather.” That’s not news. Where else would you be? We’re all under the weather. How would one get on top of it? Sometimes I just don’t understand people. Get an umbrella.
Interested in travelling?!?

centre for international programs

All students interested in applying for a study abroad program starting in Summer 2013, Fall 2013 and Winter 2014 are required to attend a study abroad information session offered by the Centre for International Programs! These sessions provide information on exchange and semester abroad options, academic considerations, financing your study abroad and will help you with your decision making process. Information sessions will be held:

=> every Tuesday from 10:00 am - 11:00 am
=> every Thursday from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
...through the Fall 2012 semester (starting September 18th 2012) and in January 2013. Please note that sessions are not scheduled during the exam period and will resume the week of January 7th 2013. To register please visit the Centre for International Programs, Level 3, UC or email cip@uoguelph.ca.

Just so you know...

More important info that you WILL find useful!...

• Now is a great time to declare your minors. It may help get you into restricted courses during course selection. It’s not set in stone, you can always change your mind. Come see me!

• Meerkats tend to stand on their hind legs to survey their surroundings.

• I have to level with you...I’m terrible with names & faces, so don’t be disappointed if I don’t say hello or recognize you on campus. It’s not you...it’s me.

• A group of meerkats is called a “mob”, “gang” or “manor”.

• The last day (40th class day) to drop a F12 course is November 1st at 11:59pm.

• If you’re planning on graduating at the end of next semester, please make sure to see me to complete a grad check. No one wants surprises. For serious.

• Meerkats have ears that can open and close in order for them to keep sand out when they are burrowing.

• Please get at least one other ASCI student to read this newsletter. I don’t make these things for my health (but it is fun!).

• Meerkats get up later on cold or rainy days just like humans!

Not sure where to find information online?

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!

www.uoguelph.ca/bas

Another option is to click “Current Students” on the UofG homepage...check out all the links!
How to Study in a GROUP

Studying with a group of your friends can be both a fun and rewarding study method. For effective studying, it is important that you choose your group members wisely and follow a few rules.

**Study groups should:**
- Not be the sole method of study & they are not for everyone.
- Be a form of ‘active learning’ - strongest kind of learning
- Not let one member of the group dominate.
- Meet no more than 2-3 times a week for no more than 60-90 minute periods.
- Establish responsibilities for each group member.
- Design rules dealing with respect for each member.
- Provide contact information for all group members right from the beginning.

**Help you and your group members:**
- See material from different perspectives
- Stay motivated & commit time to study
- Share/compare notes and study tips
- Engage in discussions and debates on selected topics
- Pick up new study tips and material from each other
- Quiz each other on factual material

**Supported Learning Groups**

In some first-year courses, the University of Guelph Library offers a Supported Learning Groups (SLG) Program that provides structured group study sessions. SLGs are peer-led study groups that help navigate challenging course material and show them new ways to approach difficult course concepts.

**SLG sessions provide opportunities to:**
- Meet students from your class in a small group format
- Learn new ways to approach difficult course concepts
- Gain a more in-depth understanding of the course content
- Leave with something tangible to review later

More info at [http://www.learningcommons.uoguelph.ca/guides/university_learning/accessibility/studying.html](http://www.learningcommons.uoguelph.ca/guides/university_learning/accessibility/studying.html)