

Graduate Orientation/Induction Course

A Warm Welcome to all New Graduate Students!

You have accepted your offer and now wondering where to begin. Ensure that you get your package/letter from Admissions which will provide you with important information about courses to register for, graduate orientation, fees, dates and deadlines, etc.

***See below information about the Graduate Orientation/Induction Course –
OOL6001: Graduate Introduction to Online Learning***

As a requirement for all graduate programmes with the Open Campus, all new graduate students must register and complete the course OOL6001 as a part of the academic preparation for their programme. Note that this graduate orientation/induction course is different from the online orientation done by undergraduate students. So even if you completed your undergraduate degree with Open Campus, you will still need to complete OOL6001. If you have accidentally started doing the undergraduate orientation, do not panic as the information gained will be useful when you transition to OOL6001. Note that graduate students who are re-entering, and have already completed OOL6001, will not be required to re-take this course, unless the course was completed more than 5 years prior to re-entry, or if instructed specifically to do so in their re-entry package.

Students are typically required to do the course over a 3-week period. The typical delivery period is given below, however allowances are made for students who are not able to complete in this timeframe.

For Semester 1: August 10 – 29

For Semester 2: January 4 – 24 (NB: For January 2017, the course will start on **Monday January 9, 2017**).

[Dates subject to change by Programme Delivery Department]

COURSE OVERVIEW:

OOL6001 is a non-credit course, designed to prepare new students of the UWI Open Campus for online study at the graduate level.

This course has been designed to assist new graduate students in developing the skills that will be needed to successfully participate in a fully online programme. While many of the capabilities required for studying at the graduate level are the same regardless of the delivery mode, they are even more critical in the online environment where students must assume greater responsibility for their learning. In addition, there are many features about this environment that students should take advantage of in order to develop an even wider set of learning skills and, by extension, their overall competence as an online learner.

The aim of this course is to assist postgraduate students to function efficiently and effectively in an online learning environment. Specifically, the course has been designed to

assist in developing the following broad skills, and gain knowledge and understanding of the programme and the regulations governing its delivery:

- Technical Skills for operating in the online environment
- Knowledge of Graduate Programme and Regulations
- Understanding of Plagiarism and how to avoid it.
- Interacting to learn
- Skills for self-directed learning
- Producing graduate level academic work

How to Access Course:

Procedure:

- a) Register for OOL6001 as soon as Registration opens for the Semester. Cost for course for 2016-7 academic year - US\$60.00. (Please review the financial information for graduate programmes on the website for any changes).
- b) Make the payment for the course along with other administrative fees and provide evidence of payment to your local site office to ensure that the financial hold is removed.
- c) Enter the OOL6001 course space on the Learning Exchange and engage in the activities.

In addition to doing OOL6001, you should endeavor to attend the Advising Synchronous Session for your programme. The date(s) for these advising sessions are usually provided in your offer package and are also posted in the OOL6001 Course Space.
