

# Nerdy Talk



## Midterms Loom over Campus...

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They are coming...midterms are just around the corner and based on our experience, they can often catch you by surprise. Many of you may feel buried in notes, lecture slides, and unread textbooks but not to worry; this is a stressful time all over campus and you are not alone!

One of the most important things to do is to figure out how you study most effectively. Do you learn better in groups or on your own? Do you like there to be background noise or perfectly quiet? Do you think in words or pictures? All of these come into play when you

are studying. Find an environment that best suits your needs and roll with it.

You can also make your studying more effective if you prioritize your work. Figure out which midterms are coming up first and which classes may need more attention. Make a workable schedule that you can adjust as you work to get a handle on how you need to use your time.

Lastly, make sure you ask questions if you're unsure about the material in your courses. Professors and TA's will have office hours that are just for you and will be able to

clarify concepts you don't quite understand. Lectures build on past material, so don't let your questions pile up and overwhelm you.

Good luck with your midterms and if you need any other tips talk to your Don of Academics.



**DON'T BE HER!!! TALK TO YOUR Academic Don!**

## Myth-buster...University Edition

### You need to ace your first year.

Although doing well in classes should be something you strive for, it's not the end of the world if you end up not doing so great. For many programs, you need a 60 or 65 average across all of your courses in order to stay in the program, so failing or doing badly in

one or two of your classes is not necessarily the be all end all.

If you do fail to get a credit, you can always retake the course to improve your mark. There are also courses that can replace marks gained in other classes. If you plan to do a masters, don't be worried as graduate schools tend to look

mainly at third and fourth year marks.

Many first year classes are designed to give you a base line knowledge of the subjects that will be clarified later in your academic career.

However, if your classes are not what you wanted them to be, talk to your Academic Don.

### TOP 10...

#### Nerdy pick up lines

- If you played quidditch, you would be a Keeper.
- I wish I was your derivative so I could lie tangent to your curves.
- I don't have a library card, but do you mind if I check you out?
- I'm attracted to you so strongly, scientists will have to develop a fifth fundamental force .
- I wish I were adenine because then I could get paired with U.
- If I was  $\sin^2$  and you were  $\cos^2$ ; together we would be 1
- Our love is like dividing by zero.... you cannot define it
- I less than three you..... ( $i < 3$  you)
- Baby, you're so gneiss I'll never take you for granite.
- I wish I was an Ion so I could form an exothermic bond with you.



## Brock University Registrars Office

### Walk-in Advising Hours

With Dina Fox, Brendan Barrett and Joe Ferraro

Tuesday: 1:30-3:30  
Wednesday: 9:30-11:30  
Thursday: 1:30-3:30

MCA 316,317 & 318

### DONS OF ACADEMICS OFFICE HOURS:

James: Wed 7-9 Kenmore

Steven: Mon & Fri 7-8 Decew Caf.

Simrat: Tues. 9-10 Kenmore

Kailey: Thurs. 7:30-9 L134

Nick: Tues & Thurs 7-8 QV47

Megan: Tues 5-6 and Thurs 1-2 Decew Caf.

Katherine: Tues & Thurs 2:30 -3:30 Earp Fireplace Lounge



## TALK NERDY TO US!!!



### DOCUMENTARY Nights!!

Documentary Nights will now be hosted every other Thursday night by your Dons of Academics.

Our next documentary will be showing in CJ's Lounge (Decew Residence) on Thursday October 10th at 10pm and we will be watching *Waiting for 'Superman'*, a 2010 documentary film from director Davis Guggenheim and producer Lesley Chilcott.<sup>[2]</sup> The film analyzes the failures of the American public education system by following several students as they strive to be accepted into a charter school.

As many of you are con-ed students, we're sure that this will be very interesting for you!

