

SLS Faculty Survey

We are seeking faculty feedback to improve our programming for students and faculty. Please take some time to fill out this brief survey:

<http://ca.studentvoice.com/ry/slsfaculty17>

Summer Jumpstart

Summer Jumpstart: How to Thrive at RU is a one-day, immersive transition program for students heading into their first year of studies at Ryerson. Students and their families explore both the challenges and opportunities that arise in the transition to postsecondary studies using the PERMA-V model of wellbeing. This program encourages connectedness and student agency and offers a warm welcome to the scholarly community into which they have been invited. Program runs August 16th and August 22.

Students can register at

www.ryerson.ca/summerjumpstart

Support Area Updates

Academic Accommodation Support

AAS will be working over the spring-summer semester to increase efficiency in our registration process and create greater opportunities for high touch student support. We will also be hiring two new full-time Student Accommodation Facilitators to help meet the needs of our ever-growing student population and to support faculty in the accommodation implementation process.

Faculty Resources

In-class Workshop

Request an [in-class academic skill building workshop](#).

Academic Skill Workshop

Refer your students to our [Spring 2016 workshops](#).

Course Syllabus

Include information on our programs in your syllabus.

English Language Support

This past academic year saw a 15% increase in students booking 1-on-1 appointments. These appointments can be used to practice and build confidence in oral communication, to help revise a written assignment, or to practice an oral presentation. Appointments are available throughout the summer, and an English conversation group will also be offered.

Graduate Student Support

GSS held two successful dissertation retreats and enjoyed a 31% growth in student participation in graduate writing groups. In collaboration with Ryerson library, we published a [video series on graduate writing and research](#). We are also collaborating with Leaside Retirement Residence to give graduate students a place and a welcoming audience to practice their thesis or MRP presentation.

Math Support

Math Support has enjoyed a 90% increase of students using our online tutoring this Fall and Winter terms. In particular, our partnership with courses for providing online midterm and exam reviews, such as MTH140, MTH240, MTH131, MTH231, and MTH207, has been a huge success. We're looking forward to future partnership with other courses in 2017-18.

Study Skills and Transition Support

The Get Clear program for students on academic probation saw a significant increase in participation this year, with 31 students opting-in for study skills support led by our trained Peer Academic Coaches! This Spring, we will be offering Supported Learning Group (SLG) sessions for the following courses: CHY 103, MTH 240, PCS 130 and MTH 231. Study skills workshops on a variety of topics from time management to test preparation will also be offered.

Writing Support

Writing Support held an inaugural community-wide writing event, Ryerson Writes. We are collaborating with SA Creative on expanding our services to include multi-literacy support (for example, blog writing). In order to better support the development of student writers and promote multi-literacy on campus, we are conducting a faculty audit to determine the kinds of writing assignments students are given on our campus.

Test Centre

The Test Centre experienced its busiest year to date, administering over 21,000 tests/exams. The Test Centre has had a 24% increase in exams since 2014 and will be working over the summer to continue to improve processes/procedures.