

# Student Learning Support

## SLC Move Update #2 Introducing our new Support Areas

A Student Affairs [online article](#), best explains the changes taking place in our department. The most significant change is our transition to new names for our units to reflect their function and promote their specialised support. Here's a glance of the new support areas:

Access Centre = **Academic Accommodation Support**  
 Learning Success = **Study Skills and Transition Support**  
 Math Centre = **Math Support**  
 Writing Centre = **Writing Support**

**English Language Support, Graduate Student Support** and the **Test Centre** will keep their original names. Starting Winter 2015, it will be easier to refer students for academic support by sending them to the 4th floor of the SLC. Students will be greeted by our staff and assessed according to their individual needs.

## New website and registration system

This Fall, we are launching a [new website](#) and registration system that features information on all 7 Support Areas. After selecting the specialised Support, students will have the option to book an individual appointment, join a group session, register for a workshop or view drop-in hours for any Support Area. The website has a robust Online Resources section featuring new handouts and tip sheets.


## SLS visits your class this September

SLS Student Ambassadors will be coming to your class and asking permission to conduct a short presentation to promote programs available to students through SLS. Please consider giving 5-minutes of your class time to our representatives for this presentation.

## Faculty Resources for Fall 2014

- Request customized in-class support. [Submit a request online](#) for an in-class academic skill building presentation.
- Refer your students to one of our workshops. View the [SLS Fall 2014 workshop schedule](#).
- Include us in your syllabus, [download information](#) on SLS programs and Support Areas from our website.

## Connect with SLS

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## Fall 2014 Programming & Updates



**Academic Accommodation Support** is launching Phase 2 of [Clockwork](#) in September. Phase 2 will see all Accommodation Letters kept in one online location, sorted by course. It will provide students with increased control over the accommodation process and permit Faculty to review any [Accommodation Letter online](#).



**English Language Support** appointments for speaking, writing and conversation start on September 15 and end on November 28. The Debate Club is a new program this Fall - it will offer students who use English as an additional language the opportunity to learn the structure and language of debating, and engage in lively discussions.



**Graduate Student Support** has a new Dissertation Assistance Program (DAP), designed for doctoral students. DAP will provide dedicated support for students writing their dissertation. Starting September 15 to December 12, Master's and PhD students can book individual writing appointments, register for a variety of workshops and writing/peer-review groups. Fall Dissertation Camp is from December 8 to 12.



**Math Support** drop-in starts September 8, with reduced hours from September 8 to 12 from 2-5pm. Regular hours commence on September 15: Monday to Thursday 12-8pm, Friday 12-5pm, Saturday and Sunday 12-3 pm.



**Study Skills and Transition Support.** FA-ST has changed its name to SLG "Supported Learning Groups". SLGs will continue to be free, drop-in sessions, facilitated by peer-leaders. SLGs offered this Fall are: SSH105, CHY103, CHY142, PCS120, ECN189, MTH131 and MTH140. We are offering 14 workshops, including a new workshop on "Introduction to Oral Presentations".



**Test Centre** will facilitate make-up tests and exams on Mondays 9am-12pm, Wednesdays 3-9pm, and Fridays 12-4pm, with 40 seats available each hour slot. To book a test/exam, a seat must be available for the entire duration of the test/exam. The deadline to book a make-up test/exam is 5-business days, and the deadline to book a test/exam with accommodation is 10 days.



**Writing Support** appointments start on September 15 and end on December 12. This Fall, we are increasing available drop-in hours, allowing students more opportunities to meet with a writing consultant. We are also offering more than 20 workshops and weekly writing groups to help students gain better understanding of the writing process.