

# Hello, Brock Parents, Families, and Supporters



**November 2024!**

It is November and we're excited to support our community through the final stretch of this semester! Students are preparing to complete their fall courses with only a few weeks of classes remaining before exams. Whether your student is just starting their university experience or approaching the end of their academic journey, Brock University is here to offer resources, guidance, and encouragement.

## Preparing for the End of the Semester



Brock University's fall semester will wrap up with the end of 2024! Although there are only a few weeks left, there are still many exciting opportunities for students to grow and learn before exams. November is a very busy time for students as they finish their fall courses. Let's explore

how we can best support them by understanding what is typically on a student's mind in November at Brock.

## **Final Assignments**

One thing that will most likely be on the mind of every student are final assignments. These final assignments can be worth a significant portion of their grade. With these final assignments potentially happening across multiple courses, it is very important for students to be aware of when they are due and set out ample time to complete them. Making a plan and scheduling early can go a long way to ensure everything gets done on time!

## **Exams Schedule**

Final exams may feel stressful as they are often high-stakes and can be worth a lot of the final grade. The [exam schedule](#) has now been released and students can check this in their my.brocku.ca portal, by clicking 'Student Exam Schedule.' Brock's Learning Services has many tools to support students to create a solid study schedule including a [Five Day Study Plan Workbook](#). Encourage your student to talk to their professor or TA and ask questions to prepare.

## **Due Dates**

A staple of finishing a semester is having many upcoming due dates. Support your student by encouraging them to make a list or calendar detailing all upcoming due dates, assignments, and exams. This will allow students to stay on track and get things in on time! Although, if your student feels they are not able to meet a deadline, they should contact their professors as soon as possible. Details regarding extension procedures are located in course syllabuses.



## How Can You Support Your Student During This Busy Time?

- **Encourage Time Management:** With deadlines approaching, encourage students to create a study schedule to stay on track.
- **Support Self-Care:** November can be intense, so remind them to take breaks, stay active, and get enough rest to maintain focus and well-being.



- **Make Use of Resources:** Brock offers academic support, mental health services, and quiet study spaces that can help students stay motivated and organized.
- Remind them that there are many events to participate in such as the Night Against Procrastination in Market Hall on Nov. 14, 2024!

## Important Dates To Note!

- **November 11** – Remembrance Day Ceremonies (classes will be held as usual).
- **December 3** – Official Last Day of Classes
- **December 5** – Reading Day
- **December 7** – First Day of Exam Period
- **December 19** – Final Day of Exam Period

**Residence Move Out:** Students are required to move out of residence no later than 12 noon of the day following their last exam.

### **Messages from the Office of the Registrar:**

- The [my.brocku.ca](http://my.brocku.ca) student portal will be temporarily frozen for enrollment reporting to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.
- This freeze typically lasts for the first 10-15 days of November and February.
- This will affect:
  - Processing of registration, course adds/drops/withdrawals, and fee assessments.
  - Financial Assessment / Refund request processing, including any adjustments to fees resulting from course changes, will be on hold until the freeze is lifted.

### **Academic Advising Support**

**Drop-in Advising:** This service is offered Monday through Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., with no appointment required. Students can simply stop by the main Thistle corridor near the doors to Alphonse's Trough to get assistance from the advising team.



## Brock International

### **Study Abroad Opportunities at Brock University**

Brock students have the opportunity to study, travel and make lifelong friends around the world! The Student

Exchange Program allows undergraduate students to study overseas at a partner institution while paying the same Brock tuition. This experience will complement your student's degree, allow them to develop new skills, broaden their perspectives, and become a true global citizen. The Student Exchange Program is open to any undergraduate program, and students have over 200 universities from around the world to choose from. Students will receive structured support before, during and after their exchange to help make their studies abroad successful.

### **Interested?**

- There are numerous information sessions happening throughout October and November. You can find them on ExperienceBU [here](#).
- Students can learn more at the Study Abroad Fair happening on **Monday, November 18th**.

### **Important Dates!**

- December 15: ORA (Ontario/Rhone-Alpes) Exchange Program application deadline
- January 5: Student Exchange Program application deadline

**To learn more about the Student Exchange Program, visit [our website](#) or email [exchanges@brocku.ca](mailto:exchanges@brocku.ca). For any information related to any summer programs or additional study abroad opportunities, please email [studyabroad@brocku.ca](mailto:studyabroad@brocku.ca)**

### **Three tips on how to best support students who are on a Student Exchange or Study Abroad experience:**

1. Stay open-minded and get involved.
2. Build connections and document your experiences.

3. Stay organized, be proactive, and seek support when needed

**Three tips on how to best support students who have returned from a Student Exchange or Study Abroad:**

1. Listen, be patient and encourage sharing.
2. Celebrate their growth & encourage new interests .
3. Offer tangible support.

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