New Student Orientation
Let’s take some polls!
Agenda

- Introduction to Bay Path University & TAWC
- Semesters & Sessions | Term-ology
- Bay Path Portal
- Canvas & EXT SOUL CONNECT
- Important policies
- Financial Aid
- Career Development
- Panel Discussion
- Next steps & Questions
About Bay Path University

❖ Founded in 1897

❖ Bay Path University has previously been a co-educational business school, a women’s secretarial school, a women’s junior college, and a women’s college

❖ In 1999, the One Day A Week Saturday Program was created

❖ In 2013, we established The American Women’s College

❖ On July 1, 2014 we transitioned from Bay Path College to Bay Path University

❖ Today! You become part of The American Women’s College (TAWC) at Bay Path University
Welcome to Accelerated Learning!

Term-ology:

**Semesters**
Fall and Spring

**Sessions**
3 | six week sessions during each semester
Fall *Semester*: September, November, January *Sessions*
Spring *Semester*: February, April, June *Sessions*

**Classes**
Students can take a maximum of 2 courses each six week session
**No classes during August for summer break**

**1-week break between sessions**

**Major holiday weekends are also off**

**Assignments and deadlines are in Eastern Standard Time**
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The preferred web browser for accessing the Bay Path portal is **Google Chrome**

The student portal can be found by going to **my.baypath.edu**

The portal is your connection to all things Bay Path

- Find your course schedule
- Access your degree audit
- Access your courses
- Register for classes
- Access school related forms

***If you plan to take any on-ground classes at our LMC or CMC campus, you must submit your immunization record to Health Services prior to attending your class.***
Click on the Canvas button on the portal welcome tab, under BPU applications. You can also access Canvas by entering baypath.instructure.com in a browser search window.

Your courses will be visible by clicking on the “Courses” icon. Courses are usually open to students ten days prior to start date. This is a good time to view your syllabus, prepare your pre-class assignment, and order any required books.
Bay Path University has created an opportunity for our new students to become comfortable and confident in the learning space.

**EXT SOUL CONNECT** is a zero cost, zero credit experience to orient students prior to beginning their first course.

- Connect with your peers prior to courses starting
- Learn more about important skills necessary to succeed in the online environment (e.g. time management)
- Evaluate what tools and resources would be most beneficial for YOU to be successful
- If you have not already done so, sign in to Canvas **NOW** to begin participating in this **mandatory** pre-course orientation. This course **must** be completed prior to the start of classes
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Important Policies

First Assignment

- **Online Classes:**
  - First assignment is due in Canvas on first **Thursday** *(i.e. posting in a discussion)* by 11:59 p.m. EST (Online start date)

- **On-Ground Classes:**
  - First assignment is due prior to attendance in first Saturday class (On-ground start date)

Attendance

- All students must “attend” the 1st class of each session
  - *NO exceptions can be made*
- For an **online** course, all students must log in, submit their first discussion post, and first assignment by the first Thursday, 11:59 EST
- For an **on campus** course, all students **must** attend the first Saturday class and submit their first assignment prior to attending the first class
- Failure to “attend” will result in being administratively dropped from the course(s)

Late Assignments

Assignments will be accepted late for credit according to the following guidelines:

- All late work will result in a 10% grade deduction
- Assignments more than 4 days late may not be accepted
- Late discussion submissions are not accepted
Check Your Email Often

❖ All email correspondence from Bay Path University will be sent to your Bay Path Gmail account.

❖ Important information such as course registration windows, holds placed on your account, special events you need to be aware of, correspondence from your professors regarding your courses, and other valuable information will be emailed to you.

❖ PLEASE check your email on a daily basis.
Student Financial Services

- Tuition account balances must be reconciled prior to the start of the semester

- How to check your account balance online:
  1. Log into the My Bay Path University portal
  2. Click on the Student's tab at the top of the page
  3. Click on View / Pay Bill

- How to check your financial aid and documents:
  1. Log into the My Bay Path University portal
  2. Click on the Student's tab at the top of the page
  3. Under the Financial Aid section, click on Financial Aid Portal (NetPartner)

- Payment Options:
  1. Monthly payment plan
  2. Private student loans - elmselect.com

- Contact Student Financial Services to discuss your financial aid or tuition balance

- *A hold does not prevent you from accessing & starting your classes*
Financial Aid Implications to Schedule Changes

❖ If at any point you decide to add or drop courses in a semester, you must first talk with Student Financial Services about these changes.

❖ Any adjustments made to your schedule, will also adjust the amount of aid you may be receiving.

❖ Call Student Financial Services *before* consulting with your advisor about these changes: **413-565-1256** or sfs@baypath.edu
Career Development Services

❖ TAWC’s adult women students have unique career needs; often transitioning careers or looking to move their careers forward

❖ All TAWC undergraduate students are now served by the Director of Career Development at TAWC

❖ Services include:

- Career Coaching
- Career Assessment and Exploration
- Resume/Cover Letter Reviews
- LinkedIn Profile Reviews
- Career Development webinars (e.g. Networking Skills, Transitioning Careers, Job Search Skills)

- Interview Training and Preparation
- Salary Negotiation Training and Coaching
- Opportunities to connect virtually with people in your industry
- Internship opportunities (including virtual internships)
Career Development Resources

❖ The TAWC Career Development Hub
  ○ 24/7 online career development resource, from assessment through the job interview process
  ○ Send a “Quick Career Question” function

❖ The Carpe Diem Career Network (Powered by Handshake)
  ○ RSVP for coaching sessions or other career development events
  ○ Post your resume

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TAWC Advising Community

In an effort to keep online students connected to each other and to the advising team despite the physical distance that may separate them, Bay Path has created a virtual advising community through Facebook.

❖ Advisor-run community
❖ Seek support from your peers and your advisors who are going through a similar educational experience
❖ Network with fellow students
❖ Provide and receive academic support from your peers taking similar courses

Search for us on Facebook – “TAWC Advising Community” and request to be added to the group!
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The American Women's College began the Peer Mentoring program in the Fall semester of 2016 to provide new students the powerful impact of peer to peer support.

Peer Mentors must apply and be selected, earn a 3.5GPA or higher and maintain their courses while serving in this role.

Responsibilities of being a peer mentor include:

➢ Assisting with New Student Orientations
➢ Matching with incoming students to provide personalized support
➢ Providing encouragement and support to their peers in the on-ground and virtual community.

Want to be matched with a Peer Mentor? Indicate your preference on the Orientation Evaluation survey!
Questions?

Reach out to your TAWC Educator Coach or contact TAWCAdvising@baypath.edu with any questions!

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Thank you for attending our New Student Orientation! We are excited to have you start with us. As you embark on this journey, your next step is to complete the New Student Orientation Questionnaire. Your feedback is important to us, and we appreciate your time.