Week 5: Academic Success

Welcome to the module on Academic Success. Achieving academic success in the US will require not only consistent effort but also an understanding of the American education system. We recommend you review the following resources related to U.S. education and classroom culture:

- U.S. Classroom Culture and the Assent of Success (attached).
- Brought to you by Carnegie Mellon, Cultural Variations in the Classroom is resource geared toward American faculty. This may be helpful in gaining more of a professor's perspective.
- A Different Place: The Intercultural Classroom, a simulation video and post discussion, presents cultural differences of international students, American students and an American professor (perhaps an extreme scenario but to demonstrate the range of communication and cultural dimensions).
- University Libraries - An Introduction: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lOv-gNvNlk

Undergraduate Students
Undergraduate freshmen will be assigned an academic advisor from the Academic Support Center. Undergraduate transfer students on the other hand may be assigned an academic advisor from the Academic Support Center or the student's academic department. Your academic advisor will reach out to you after you register for New Student Orientation this June.

Your experience in the classroom at UAlbany may be very different from what you're used to. Not only are you transitioning from high school or college in your home country to the U.S., but you will also be learning in a new cultural environment. Your academic success is very important, so please visit the main page of the Academic Advisement Center to learn more about its programs and services.

Finally, you can get academic assistance, tutoring and extra help through our Advising Plus office. Whenever you have any concerns with your grades go there first for help.

Graduate Students (Masters and Doctoral Levels)
Graduate students get their advisement directly from their academic department. Your advisor's name was listed on your acceptance letter. You are encouraged to review your graduate program curriculum and contact your advisor for academic registration and support. Please note that advisors may be on summer break and responses may be delayed.

Exchange and Visiting Students
Study Abroad & Exchange students who are coming to UAlbany for a short term stay and will be getting their degree from an institution other than UAlbany are advised by the office of Study Abroad & Exchanges. Contact Jacqueline Ledermann (jledermann@albany.edu) for additional information.