



ONLINE ORIENTATION

Personalized Learning in a Digital Format

Preparing Students for a Successful Start at GBC

Student orientation and transition supports play an important role in college student retention and success.

GBC's Online Orientation helps students:

- Feel welcomed by the College and supported by staff and faculty
- Carry out practical and administrative tasks (e.g., Student ID, locker rental, academic accommodation planning, fitness membership) before they start the semester
- Become aware of the academic, health and well-being, and community engagement services available to support their success
- Connect with their community of peers and College employees



WHY

FLEXIBILITY

Students can prepare for College on their own schedule, on any device, at their own pace, from anywhere in the world!

ACCESS

In addition to In Person Orientation, all new students in their first semester now have access to the critical information, tools, and resources they need to have a successful start at College.

DIGITIZATION

Students avoid lineups during the busy semester startup period by completing their administrative tasks online in advance instead of in line.

WELL BEING

Students access services and supports early, improving their mental health and well-being by being more prepared for College.

WHO

- Students in their initial semester at the College
- Staff & Faculty at the College

HOW

Log into Blackboard with your GBC username and password

WHEN

- Students get access through Blackboard after the fee payment deadline for each intake
- Access is available until the end of student's first term



Through a web browser:

- Visit <https://bb-gbc.blackboard.com/>
- Log in with your GBC credentials
- Select the 'Online Orientation' image on your dashboard

Through the Blackboard app:

- Log in with your GBC credentials
- From the Menu, select Organization and then Online Orientation
- Select Content Organization followed by Online Orientation, then click Start Now

MODULES

You Belong!

Module 1 welcomes students to the George Brown family. Students learn about the College's values and the meaning of and importance of academic integrity in their exams, assignments, and collaborative projects.

START MODULE 1 >

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Start Now!

In Module 2, students complete a to-do list of tasks that prepares them for a successful start. They get their Student ID card, book their placement test, register for classes on Stu-View, apply for financial support, and download all important dates into their preferred calendar with a single click!

START MODULE 2 >

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You're Supported!

Module 3 highlights the many career, learning, and peer services and supports available to students at the College. Students become aware of the College's policies and how to access them. Students with disabilities are encouraged to register early to establish academic accommodation plans.

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Get Connected!

In Module 4, students learn how they can get connected on campus. Whether it is through social media, clubs, athletics, or the Student Association, students learn how to connect to what they are interested in.

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You Got This!

Module 5 focuses on student health and well-being for a successful transition to College. Students learn that they are not alone: that there are peer mentors, counselling services, and diversity & equity services at George Brown available to support them in their journeys.

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Resource Hub

Module 6 is a resource hub with essential forms, documents, contact information, how-to's, and web apps for students to download.

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WHATS NEXT?

Help Spread the Word!

1. Encourage students to visit the Online Orientation as a key source of information about College services and supports.
2. Online Orientation can be used as an employee Onboarding Tool to orient new employees to the many College services and supports available to students at George Brown.
3. Send any feedback you have about the Online Orientation to orientation@georgebrown.ca for continual improvement of this College transition support for students!

