



Center for Student Success



New Semester Resolutions

As you plan your New Year's resolutions, the start of a new semester is also a great opportunity to reflect and plan for a new beginning. Throughout the first week of classes, instructors introduced course work, materials, and also their expectations. Here are some ideas for how to start off this spring semester on a high note.

Get Involved

Your instructors put a lot of time and effort into giving you hints and tips on where you can improve on your writing assignments. Before you start your next assignment, pull out those old papers and review their feedback. Try to understand what suggestions they made based on your writing skills. If you didn't understand their notes, ask to meet your instructor during office hours to review your questions or concerns.

Form a Study Plan

Regardless of what course you are in, all instructors have set aside time where you can visit them to review your concerns and questions. If you realize that you are struggling with your homework or did not perform well on the exams, go meet with your instructor and ask for help! Find out where you went wrong and be sure you have understood how to improve. This is valuable time that instructors are sitting by to assist their students, so be sure to take advantage of this opportunity for seeking help!



Student Activities

There are thirteen active undergraduate student clubs organizing and planning events throughout the semester! Learn about what clubs are doing by participating in their meetings. These clubs will give you the opportunity to meet students from other programs and also help you develop your personal skills such as communication and team work!

Seek Help

Oftentimes students wait until the very last minute to ask for support—do not wait until the night before an exam or the week of finals to resolve your problems! Reach out to your instructor and visit them during office hours to understand how you can improve. Moreover, the Center for Student Success offers advising support to devise strategies for time management and study skills customized to your needs. Finally, don't forget to come by the Math & Writing Center to review your writing or math assignments with our consultants!

Start thinking about your semester resolutions and how you'll work towards them!

Happy New Semester!

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STAYING ON TASK

With the start of a new semester, check out these two electronic resources that could help you stay on track!



Google Calendar

Plan to divide your assignments to complete over time—from something as small as starting to do research to reading your assignments.

StayFocusd

In case you are tempted by Facebook or your inbox, try using StayFocusd. This app allows you to temporarily turn off all social media websites including your email.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Noemi Akopian always finds time to organize and write for the Drama Club. In her first year at AUA, Noemi established the AUA Drama Club beginning with as few as 10 members. Today, the club consists of 25 active members. Akopian also finds time to be involved in the Writer's On The Storm (also known as the Creative Writing Club). Together, Akopian wrote the script for the play performed in December. "Being involved in student clubs is just part of the college experience....I met people who don't have anything to do with my courses. Most of my friends are members of all the clubs." Noemi began her acting career at the age of five with roles as small as the Winter Season to playing the role of a racist white priest in *A Proud Canadian Family*. Akopian's leadership skills have influenced the club to focus on including as many members as possible instead of performing plays that only give a few lead roles. "I want to get as many people involved as possible—either behind the stage or a role in the next performance." For further information, please be sure to visit the Center for Student Success's website to learn more about these clubs: <http://studentsuccess.aua.am/undergraduate-student-clubs-information/>



ENJOYING + STUDYING

Tigran Tovmasyan, a first year undergraduate student in the English & Communications Program, shares some of his reflections and experiences in hopes of inspiring other AUA students.

Growing up in Russia, Tigran remembers restrictions, but it shaped him to be a scribes himself as liberated and finds his school". Aside from the liberal arts being offered opportunities to choose his the supplemental readings, he says "I esting...when I see interesting workshops come." After his first semester, Tigran open community. Most of the people I those people was my Freshmen English instructor as a person who "helps students. He keeps everyone in-rything from the course but was grateful gaging. Aside from the curriculum, Tovmasyan describes the students as friendly and welcoming. "I like seeing people from different places on campus and enjoy communicating with others." In thinking about his future, Tigran explains, "I don't know what I want to be in the future but will probably find an opportunity to get a job in Armenia - something related to humanitarian work."



his schooling experience as very strict with many hard-working student. Today, Tovmasyan de-AUA experience as "coming to freedom from structure of the program, Tigran appreciates be-education - from coursework to workshops. Of went back and read ones that were most inter-at the Center for Student Success, I always try to says, " I am happy to be here in a friendly and met have helped me feel comfortable. One of Instructor, Nareg Seferian." Tigran describes his dents anytime and is always willing to talk to stu-volved." Tovmasyan didn't necessarily enjoy eve-that Mr. Seferian made it entertaining and en-gaging. "I like seeing people from different places on campus and enjoy communicating with others." In thinking about his future, Tigran explains, "I don't know what I want to be in the future but will probably find an opportunity to get a job in Armenia - something related to humanitarian work."



STUDENT SUCCESS



Gasia Atashian, a first year undergraduate student, Computational Sciences Program

It did not take Gasia Atashian too long to integrate into AUA student life. She was interested in developing her speaking skills so Atashian decided to join the King's Speech Club. As a member of the club, Gasia met students from other programs and quickly made new friends. Gasia says she knew she had to work harder on her writing assignments and often made writing consultation appointments with her favorite consultant Rozalina Monjian. Over time, Gasia saw progress in her own writing. Additionally, Gasia says she attended nearly every workshop offered at the Center for Student Success. "Each one offered something interesting and gave new knowledge. And since it is not a class, it's fun." Atashian also noted that one of her favorite programs from last semester was International Education Week, namely the country presentations. Atashian looks forward to the new semester and plans to stay involved in AUA activities.

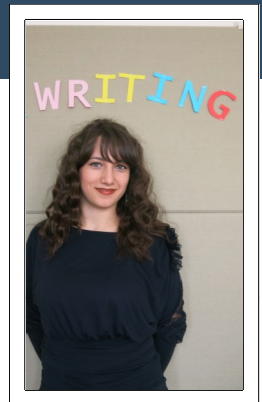
WRITING CONSULTANT'S BLOG

The need for writing in the future

"Too much writing! Why do I even need this?" These are the complaints we hear and the questions we ask ourselves every day at university. For example, when a student studies higher-level mathematics, he constantly questions the necessity of knowing how to write different

genres of essays. Unfortunately or fortunately, at some point in our lives we will be required to write down our findings (science) or reports in order to share our discoveries with others, to summarize the progress of work or to merely make our points clear. If the language and structure that we use in our reports is not

comprehensible and clear, our valuable findings may be ignored and not appreciated by the scientific community or by our manager. So whenever you feel down about the amount of writing you were assigned, think that there is yet so much more to come!



Arusyak Chakhoyan, MA TEFL, "15

NEW APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING SYSTEM

We listened to *YOU!* We have upgraded our appointment request system to an automated service. AUA students can log into their account—from home or on campus—and request appointments 30 minutes in advance! If a time is available, you select the slot and receive automatic notification! It's as simple as that.

You are also welcome to walk-in as always and see if there are any available consultants too. We wanted to improve our services and hope you will take advantage!

The link has not changed:

<http://studentsuccess.aua.am/schedule-appointment/>

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- STUDENT CLUBS & ACTIVITIES
- MATH AND WRITING CENTER
- FACULTY REQUESTS
- DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES
- ADVISING SUPPORT SERVICES
- WELCOME WEEK
- EVENTS CALENDAR
- PICTURES
- INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

Schedule an Appointment

Math ▼

02/09/2015 - 02/13/2015 (Show Full Week)

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Calendar of February Workshops

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| #18 | Effective PowerPoint Presentations | Center for Student Success Lounge | February 5th 4:00-5:30pm |
| #19 | You 2.0 | Center for Student Success Lounge | February 12th 2:30-4:30pm,
February 19th 3:00-5:00pm |
| #20 | Setting goals for a new semester | Center for Student Success Lounge | February 17th 2:00-3:00pm |
| #21 | Forum Theatre for Emancipation | Center for Student Success Lounge | February 25th, 4:30-6:00pm |



Mission Statement

The Center for Student Success is a learning environment that extends outside of the classroom and aims to promote student achievement of academic goals while enrolled at AUA. Through a holistic approach to education, the Center provides a unique range of support programs including math and writing consultations, academic support services, disabilities services and workshops to enhance overall personal and academic development in a welcoming space. The Center encourages AUA students to challenge and support one another, to accept responsibility and to collaborate in serving the best interests of all students.

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