



Faculty of Computer Science

Information for Parents & Supporters

Q&A SESSION

AUGUST 2020

COVID & online classes

All CS courses are online / Alternative Delivery this Fall

- A very few courses in other subjects will be in-person
- This is not "Learn on your own" – There is still plenty of interaction
- For attending from home:
 - ✓ A good Internet connection
 - ✓ A computer, ideally with camera + microphone

Winter plans have not been officially announced

- Online again is a good bet

Some likely student concerns

"I'm missing the on-campus experience"

- We will have several Orientation activities – info to arrive soon
- Two types of activities – FCS & UNB
- Encourage your children to get involved!
- PLUS ... Once we're back on campus, we'll do our best to make up for it

"Is it harder to learn this way?"

- The biggest challenge is emotional – staying motivated
- Students: Do whatever you can to feel connected with the people
 - Attend live lectures, ask questions, turn on your camera

For parents: High school vs UNB

The student is our client

- We can't answer parent questions about student performance
- ... but we LOVE to receive information from parents so we can help

Our goal – help your child grow into a competent & confident professional

- Standing on their own two feet is critical
- Outside-the-classroom activities are part of the education
 - Asking for advising, dealing with administrators, etc.

More student concerns

"What if university classes are too hard for me?"

"But I've heard lots of people fail in first year. How do I avoid that?"

- The biggest problem – bringing the "high school approach" to UNB

How parents can help

Encourage students to seek help for life challenges

- Illness, money problems, relationships, family emergencies, on and on...
- Don't try to "tough it out on your own"
- You can't "make it up later"
- Most students have no idea how much help is available

Be a motivator

- Yes, attendance for some UNB classes is "optional" ... if you want to fail

Our Co-op program

Work terms vs Study terms

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- A kick-butt resume
- Motivation for the classroom
- Figuring out what type of career suits you best

How to decide whether to take part

"What if I don't know enough to be useful?"

"But I don't want to take longer to get my degree!"

A few useful links

Our Faculty home page:

<https://www.unb.ca/fredericton/cs/>

Our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/UNBCS/>

Summer Orientation & Registration information:

<https://www.cs.unb.ca/soar>

Course Timetables – check to see if your courses are "AD":

<http://es.unb.ca/apps/timetable/>

Our Co-op handbook:

<https://www.unb.ca/fredericton/cs/assets/documents/coop-handbook.pdf>

And now for the most important part...

QUESTIONS?