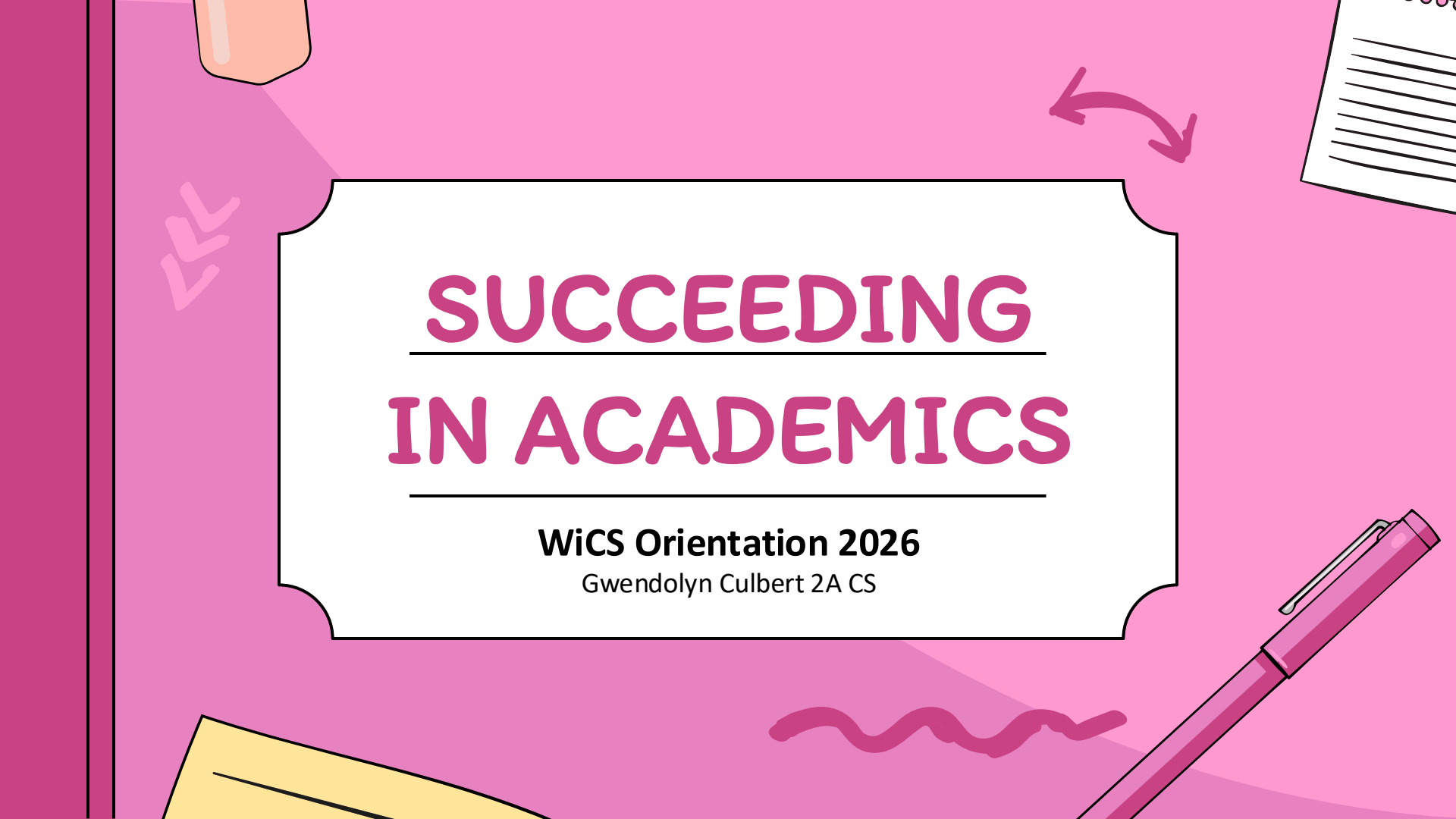




SUCCEEDING IN ACADEMICS

WiCS Orientation 2026

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Welcome to Waterloo!



Agenda

1. Intro
2. Advice from Students
3. Resources

You got this!

It will be challenging and it will take work

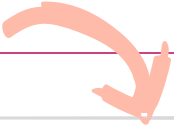
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How to succeed in courses - advice from students

Attend Class

Whether you attend lectures or not, it'll be on the final (sorry)



Do the homework

There are practice questions in course notes and/or slides

Pre/Post Studying

Anything to cement your understanding, and figure out what works for you



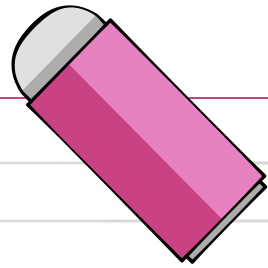
More Ideas

Use the Solutions

They are a tool and not to be feared, they can be useful when you are stuck

Midterms

Don't underestimate their importance + do well and finals are less stressful



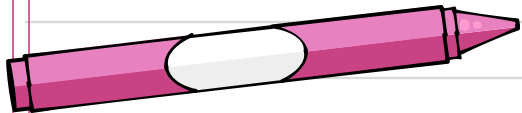
Mathsoc Exam Bank

[link](#) (with keys!)

General

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Prof Dan Wolczuk's YouTube videos on 'Learning How to Learn'



Last Tip

Try Different Profs!

You can change your
schedule and teaching
styles vary

[Quest](#)>Course Selection>Search for Courses

[UW Flow](#)



Resources!

Your Friends

Learning the same material at the same time

Course Notes

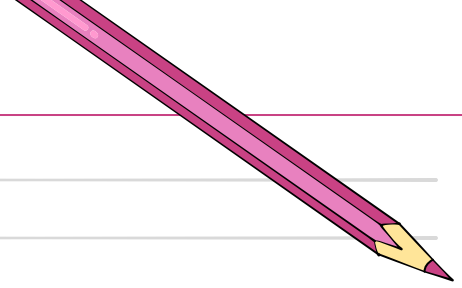
Essentially an online textbook usually found in Learn

Profs

Office hours! They will happily take the time to explain

TAs

Office hours! Are students too and can help you from their experiences



More Resources



Tutoring Centre

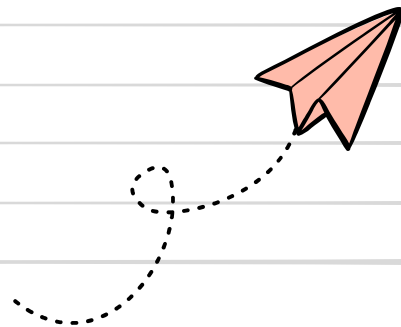
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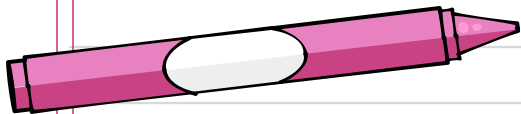
Career Centre

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Academic Advisors

- Want to a second opinion on you schedule
- Enrolling/dropping advanced courses
- Learning about program requirements and future courses
- If you're worried about or do fail a course
- General advice on life at uni
- If you need someone to watch your plants while you're on co-op

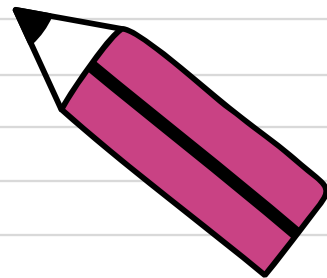
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You got this!

And please remember to have fun outside of academics

