

# FIRST YEAR

## RESOURCE GUIDE



ASPER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
**COMMERCE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
CREATE YOUR LEGACY

# INTRODUCTION



Welcome to the CSA First-Year Resource Guide! Starting university can feel overwhelming with new classes and expectations. This guide is here to give resources and advice to help your transition into Asper and set yourself up for success.

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# First-Year Essentials



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Read your syllabus thoroughly for each class. Keep track of all important dates like assignment deadlines, exams, and quizzes

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Find the contact information of your instructor and their office hours.

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Take advantage of resources available in Asper such as renting lockers to store your belongings, accessing the study spaces and breakout rooms for group work, and checking out the CSA events calendar for academic and networking opportunities.

# Key Student Services



Asper has a wide array of student support designed to help academic success and personal growth.



## Academic Advisors

Help you with course selection and navigating the majors offered at Asper.



## Career Development Centre

Offer resume reviews, interview prep, networking events, and co-op Guidance.



## Commerce Students' Association

Offers first-year tutoring and a Mentorship Program linking new students with upper-years for guidance and support, and a wide variety of events and initiatives for students.



# IMPORTANT DEADLINES



## REMINDER

### Fall Term

Start and End date: Sept 3 to Dec 8, 2025

Last date to drop without penalty: Sept 16, 2025

Fee deadline: Oct 1, 2025

VW date: Nov 18, 2025

Break: Nov 10 to 14, 2025

Exam period: Dec 9-20, 2025

### Winter Term

Start and End date: Jan 6 to Apr 9, 2026

Last date to drop without penalty: Jan 19, 2026

Fee deadline: Feb 5, 2026

Break: Feb 16 to 20, 2025

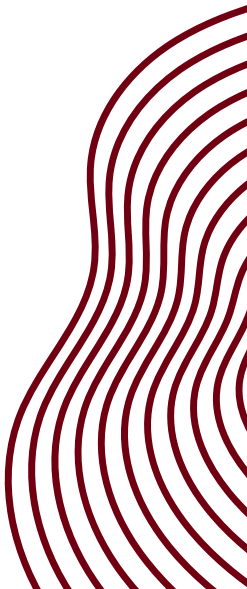
VW date: Mar 19, 2026

Exam period: Apr 11-25, 2026

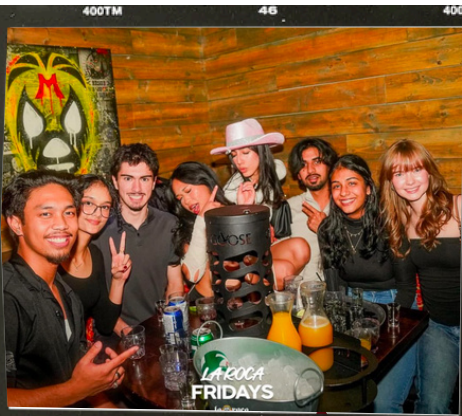


Get involved with clubs, CSA events, and student groups. Build platforms to brand yourself with LinkedIn and attend networking events.

# Best Involvement opportunities



# The First Year Committee



The First Year Committee is a great starting point to anyone looking to get involved and build connections. They organize exciting events such as the First-Year-Social, networking events, fundraising drives, and volunteering opportunities designed to help students meet their peers.

**APPLY NOW!**

✉ [committees.aspercsa.com](mailto:committees.aspercsa.com)

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# Volunteering & Leadership opportunities



CSA Volunteering & Leadership opportunities give students the chance to get involved beyond the classroom. You can join our new initiative **Street Squad** or apply for **Case Competitions** that allows you to analyze and present real-world business problems while developing teamwork and presentation skills. The CSA also recruits subcommittee members to help organize major events such as the **Business Banquet** and the **National Business School Conference (NBSC)**, giving students valuable experience in event planning, networking, and professional development.

# Student Action Groups (STAGS)



Student Action Groups (STAGS) is a great way to meet new people and expand your network while learning about careers that may suit you.

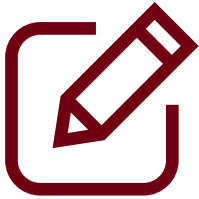
# FIRST-YEAR CLASSES

Course	Title	Hours
<b>ECON 1010</b>	Introduction to Microeconomic Principles	3
<b>ECON 1020</b>	Introduction to Macroeconomic Principles	3
<b>MATH 1524</b>	Mathematics for Management and Social Sciences	3
<b>STAT 1000 OR STAT 1150</b>	Basic Statistical Analysis 1  Introduction to Statistics and Computing	3
<b>6 credit hours of Non-Business Electives or 3 credit hours Non-Business Elective plus MATH 1300</b>		6
<b>3 credit hours of Written English "W"</b>		3
<b>GMGT 1010</b>	Business and Society	3
<b>GMGT 2070</b>	Introduction to Organizational Behaviour	3
<b>MKT 2210</b>	Fundamentals of Marketing	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		30

## IMPORANT NOTES

- Students can take ECON 1200 (6 credit hours) instead of taking ECON 1010 and ECON 1020
- MATH1524 is the preferred math course for Asper Students, students who choose to take MATH 1500 or MATH 1510 are required to complete one of the following: MATH 1300, MATH 1310, MATH 1210, or MATH 1220.
- GMGT 2070 and MKT 2210 can be completed in Year 2 if entering with 24 credit hours.
- For first year Students Interested in pursuing Actuarial Mathematics, you should take MATH 1700 and MATH 1300 as your Non-Business course Electives.
- Students who require STAT 2000 have the option of taking STAT 1150, allowing you to bypass both STAT 1000 and STAT 2000.

# Exam Preparation



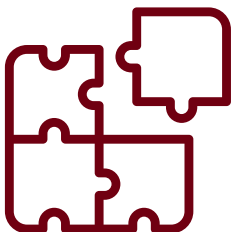
Create a study plan



Figure out key details like the date, location, and method of the exam



List the contents that will be assessed



Build your plan around addressing the topics you find the most challenging



Dedicate topics to study sessions and days