



Supporting Students: Faculty Resource Guide 2023-24

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Contact Student Affairs

For a full list of contacts, general information on student supports, resources, and key contacts, please visit the [Student Affairs myDal site](#).

Student Health & Wellness

Dalhousie Student Health & Wellness has health clinics on both Halifax and Truro campuses, and comprises physical, sexual, and mental health support. Dalhousie Student Health & Wellness offers gender-affirming care through four trained WPATH physicians, group counselling for mental health and capacity building, and regular clinics for sexually transmitted infections and vaccinations.

[Blue Folder:](#) The Dalhousie Blue Folders are guides to help faculty and staff with recognize and respond to students in distress. They educate on the signs of a student in distress, provide steps required to make a student referral, educate on the resources available to students, and provide quick access to emergency numbers.

[Student Declaration of Absence Form:](#) The Student Declaration of Absence (SDA) Form was introduced in select courses to replace sick notes for absences of three days or fewer that result in missed or late academic requirements. The SDA Form functions the same as a sick note did. As an instructor, you make the decision on whether you will arrange alternate coursework, tests, etc.

[Student Referral:](#) Faculty and staff have the option to refer students of concern to the Student Health and Wellness Team using this online referral form. Referrals are managed by Dalhousie's Case Manager who will assess, triage, and assist the student to meet their needs.

[Presentations & Videos:](#) Our Student Health & Wellness Team has a variety of videos to support students' health and well-being, ranging from visiting the Student Health & Wellness Centre in Halifax, accessing resources at Health Services in Truro, taking care of your sexual and mental health, and more.

[Spiritual support:](#) Dalhousie Multifaith Services offers an open door to all Dalhousie and King's students, staff, and faculty. They support the spiritual wellness of students through initiatives like private counseling and immediate crisis response, promoting opportunities for inter-faith dialogue and spiritual development, and working cooperatively with partners on and off campus.

Student Conduct & Classroom Behaviour

Issues inside and outside the classroom may require support from our [Student Conduct Office](#), as well as other resources within Dalhousie.

Behaviour Intervention Team (BIT): Led by Dalhousie's Social Worker and Case Manager, the BIT reviews and responds to situations that involve behaviours of concern through a collaborative approach. Faculty can make a referral to the BIT through the [Student Referral Form](#).

Code of Student Conduct: The primary purpose of the Code is to ensure that appropriate Student behaviour is well understood. This includes transparency and consistency in expectations for conduct and an educational and restorative approach to remedies. The Student Conduct Office helps navigate issues related to student conduct.

Academic Support

There are many places for students to find support with courses, writing, and studying through the Student Success Centres in both Halifax and Truro.

Academic Advising: We have advisors in different departments to help support students at Dalhousie. This web resource will help determine the appropriate department for students to get in touch with an advisor, based on their faculty.

Studying, Tutoring and Writing Support: Students can get [writing support](#) at any time during their degree program through the Dalhousie Writing Centre, as well as [study skills and tutoring support](#) through Dal's Studying for Success team.

Registrar's Office Faculty and Staff Guide: Updated annually, the Faculty and Staff Guide is an overview of university and academic regulations and [policies and procedures](#) for faculty members, advisors and other academic staff. This guide addresses procedural issues related to these regulations and policies.

Accessibility

The Student Accessibility Centre (Halifax) and the Student Success Centre (Truro) are Dalhousie's centres of expertise on student access, inclusion, and accommodation support. They work collaboratively with Dalhousie and King's students, faculty, and staff to create an inclusive educational environment for students. The Centre is responsible for administering the university-wide [Student Accommodation Policy](#) working across all programs and faculties.

[Faculty and Staff Guide to Student Accommodation & Student Accessibility](#): A guide to educate faculty and staff on student accommodation and accessibility, to advise about strategies and tools for inclusive classrooms, and to outline the steps required to implement a student's accommodations.

[Request for Accommodations](#): Students who need accommodations for classroom or exam-related instances can access the Request for Accommodations process, managed by the Student Accessibility Centre.

Supporting Graduate Students

While support services apply to all students, the following are some resources specifically designed to help support graduate students.

[Contact information](#): For more specific questions or requests related to graduate students and the Faculty of Graduate Studies, please consult their contact page.

[FGS myDal site](#): FGS SharePoint/myDal site can also be accessed from the [FGS Website](#) and contains resources plus forms for faculty and staff.

Cultural and Community Support

The student journey is comprised of time spent both inside and outside the classroom. Communities of care can be accessed across both the Truro and Halifax campuses, creating spaces for students to feel a sense of belonging and support.

[AC Student Success Centre](#): The Student Success Centre on Dalhousie's Agricultural Campus offers holistic student support for students in Truro. Services include student accessibility support, academic advising, health and wellness services, career and leadership development, and student communities.

[2SLGBTQIA+ advising](#): The Advisor supports students through 1-1 advising, group programming, and campus-wide educational events to create a student experience that is meaningful and facilitates a sense of belonging. The Advisor also serves as a resource for members of the Dalhousie and University of King's College community, including faculty and staff, to further support 2SLGBTQIA+ students.

[Black Student Advising Centre](#): The Black Student Advising Centre is open to all Black students at Dalhousie and King's, and offers services such as programming and events, tutoring and advising, and career development.

[Indigenous Student Centre](#): The Indigenous Student Centre offers a supportive environment for Indigenous students to gather, meet other students, and have access to supports and services.

[International Centre](#): The Dalhousie International Centre supports current and future international students at Dalhousie, as well as students engaged in exchange and study abroad programs. The Centre offers immigration support, advising, and events and programming for students.