

# Electrolytes and Interphases in Batteries Syllabus

## Department of Physics and Atmospheric Science

PHYC 6600 Winter 2026

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*We recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies, and contributions have enriched the part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.*

### Course Instructor(s)

Name	Email	Office Hours
Michael Metzger	michael.metzger@dal.ca	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 15.00 – 15.30, Dunn building, Room 329

### Course Description

Electrolytes are indispensable components in batteries as they determine how high the voltage of a battery is, how many times it can be charged/discharged, or how rapidly the energy stored therein can be released. The technical challenges around safety, lifetime, and cost-effectiveness of lithium-based or beyond-lithium batteries require in-depth understanding of electrolytes and interphases. This course will establish the fundamental principles for electrolyte science, before moving on to important knowledge acquired in recent years. There will be special emphasis on linking these fundamentals to real-world problems encountered in lithium-ion batteries. This course will be suitable for graduate students in physics, chemistry, materials science, and engineering, interested in electrochemical energy storage and preparing them for graduate work in batteries and/or a career in the battery industry.

#### *Course Prerequisites*

It would be useful to have taken CHEM 4311/5311 and CHEM 5312, but these are not required.

#### *Course Exclusions*

None.

## Student Resources

Office hours will be held after every lecture, i.e., Monday, Wednesday, Friday 14.30 – 15.00, in the Dunn building in room 329. There will be a help page on Brightspace for questions and answers regarding course materials and assignments. Announcements related to the course will be communicated through the course website on Brightspace. Additionally, please check your Dalhousie email for course related communications.

## Course Structure

### *Course Delivery*

The course will be delivered in person and not recorded. We will use slide decks for each chapter (see below) to discuss the relevant contents. PDFs of all slides will be made available on the Brightspace page prior to lectures. During the course, examples may be given by the instructor using a document camera. It is expected that the students will write down these examples in their notebooks for later reference.

### *Lectures*

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.35 – 10.25, Studley SIR JAMES DUNN BUILDING 221C

### *Laboratories*

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### *Tutorials*

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## Course Materials

Course website: Brightspace. Included is a complete set of lecture notes, problem sets and other reference materials.

Recommended textbook: K. Xu, “Electrolytes, Interfaces and Interphases”, 1st edition, RSC (2023). Fifteen copies of this book have been requested to be available at the Dal Bookstore.

Other applied textbooks: K. W. Beard and T. B. Reddy, “Linden’s Handbook of Batteries”, 5th edition, McGraw Hill (2019); T. F. Fuller and J. N. Harb, “Electrochemical Engineering”, 1st edition, Wiley (2018).

Other fundamental textbooks: J. Newman and N. Balsara, “Electrochemical Systems”, 4th edition, Wiley (2021); J. O. M. Bockris and A. K. N. Reddy, “Modern Electrochemistry”, 2nd edition, Plenum Press (1998); A. J. Bard and L. R. Faulkner, “Electrochemical Methods. Fundamentals and Applications”, 2nd edition, Wiley (2001).

Other resources: Selected chapters of Ph.D. theses as well as research papers will be provided.

## Assessment

### *Assignments*

There will be problem sets provided as homework assignments on the Brightspace page. Students will need access to a computer to upload their solutions to the Brightspace page. Some assignments may consist of typical quantitative problems, some of which are analytical, and some are computational. Other assignments will involve reading selected literature and presenting the key takeaways in writing. There will also be presentations and written reports (see below for details).

Assessment	Weight (%)	Date
Assignment #1	10	<u>Start: January 30, 2026 / Due: February 11, 2026</u>
Assignment #2	10	<u>Start: February 11, 2026 / Due: February 25, 2026</u>
Assignment #3	10	<u>Start: February 25, 2026 / Due: March 11, 2026</u>
Assignment #4	10	<u>Start: March 11, 2026 / Due: March 25, 2026</u>
Presentation	30	<i>To be scheduled towards end of term.</i>
Written Report	30	<u>Due: April 8, 2026 (end of day)</u>

### *Tests/quizzes*

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### *Final exam*

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### *Other course requirements*

All students will be required to meet with the instructor on a minimum of two separate occasions (each ~15 min) to discuss early drafts of their in-class presentation.

### Details on presentation

Your presentation is intended to outline a *current topic* in the field of batteries. The suggested topics are meant to complement the material from the course outline. You will present your topic in person at the scheduled time and date. Other students will be in attendance and will ask

questions during and after your presentation. Your slides will be made available to the class as part of their collection of course materials.

### **Presentation Format**

Your presentation must be 20 min in length, to be followed by ~5-10 min of questions and discussion from the audience (including the instructor). The presentation must be conducted through PowerPoint (or similar format). The presentation file must be emailed to the instructor at least 24 hours prior to your presentation, so that the slides can be posted to the course website.

Students are required to meet with the instructor on two separate occasions. The first meeting (~15 min) is intended to go over a ‘rough outline’ of your presentation. You should have a sense of the material you want to discuss on a slide-by-slide basis and need to come prepared with a written draft outline. The instructor will provide suggestions to improve your presentation, and may ask that you cover additional material, or omit some. The second meeting (minimum 1 week prior to final presentation) will include a formal ‘practice talk’, including feedback from the instructor. The aim of these meetings is to ensure that everyone does the best possible job with their talks, and to ensure that appropriate material is presented for the benefit of the class.

### **Dates for meeting 1 & 2**

1st meeting: minimum 2 weeks before your presentation

2nd meeting: minimum 1 week before your presentation.

The students will be responsible for scheduling these meetings with the Instructor via an MS Outlook calendar invite.

### **Grading**

The presentation constitutes 30 % of your final grade, with breakdown as follows:

- a) 1st meeting to discuss presentation outline - *5 marks*
- b) 2nd meeting with full practice talk - *5 marks*
- c) Formal presentation (Level of depth of presented material, speaking style / slide quality, level of understanding of material based on audience questions) - *20 marks*

### **Topic Selection**

A list of potential topics will be provided; however, you are free to pick any topic with an emphasis on batteries, electrolytes, and interphases. A literature search of your topic would be a good place to start. The topic can be close to your own research, but you should not be presenting data obtained through your “own” work.

Once you have selected a potential topic, you must email me your topic for approval. This includes a minimum of 2 references (attach copies) and a descriptive title. It would be helpful to also provide a short abstract of what you hope to cover. Topics will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis, with a tentative presentation date determined by the instructor.

**\*\*\* Deadline for *selection and approval* of your topic is March 6 (end of day) \*\*\***

### **Details on written report**

You are asked to write a mini scientific review of the same general topic that you will present in class. The review should therefore be a direct complement to your seminar. While the research that went into your topic might be the same, the format of a written review allows you to cover the material in a different way. Your writing style should be formal, using properly formatted paragraphs (*i.e.*, do not write in point form). The material you describe must be fully cited, with references included at the end of the report, in proper scientific format. Websites may be used for some of your references, though you must include a minimum of eight peer-reviewed scientific publications amongst your reference list.

Your report will have a strict limit of **4000 words** (not including reference). The report should be prepared in Microsoft Word (single column, double spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman font). Use subheadings as appropriate to break up the main topics of your report.

Your report must also include the following:

- (1) **A descriptive title:** <120 characters
- (2) **Abstract:** < 150 words, summarizing the most important aspects of your review
- (3) **Keywords:** 5-10
- (4) **Background:** Provide immediately relevant background on your chosen topic. Note that this is a focused mini review, and so you cannot cover everything in your background. The first paragraph should very quickly funnel down from the broader field to your specific topic. Get to the point as quickly as you can, so that you have more opportunity to expand on that specific area.
- (5) **Main Body:** Your literature review is presented in this section (include subheadings where appropriate). Focus on recent works (preferably in the last 5 years). Do not attempt to cover too many articles. I suggest no more than 10, but it could be as few as 3. Include relevant figures or tables (taken straight from your referenced articles) as appropriate. I expect a minimum of 2 figures or tables, but no more than 8 in total. Figure captions and table headers are included in your word count limit.

**(6) Concluding Remarks:** This is not meant to be a summary of the review (that's what the abstract is for). Instead, this short section (~100-150 words) should provide some comments on what the reader should take away from this topic. Where does the future lie in this area? What problems remain to be overcome? How does it compare/compete against other related topics?

**(7) References:** Reference formats are specific to journals. Use the *Journal of the Electrochemical Society* format.

### Deadlines

The report is due on the last day of class (April 8, end of day). A draft copy of the written report can be submitted to the instructor for feedback. The draft is not graded, but the feedback may help you in preparing the final report.

### Grading

The following breakdown will be used to assess your report. The report itself is worth 30% of your final grade.

- a) Style (Basic format, referencing, figure/ table layout, font styles and grammar) - 5 marks
- b) Structure (The overall 'flow' of document, paragraph structure, conveying a clear message) - 5 marks
- c) Depth (Includes sufficient depth, with material relevant to the overall objectives of this class) - 20 marks

Conversion of numerical grades to final letter grades follows the

[Dalhousie Grade Scale](#)

A+ (90-100)	B+ (77-79)	C+ (65-69)	D (50-54)
A (85-89)	B (73-76)	C (60-64)	F (0-49)
A- (80-84)	B- (70-72)	C- (55-59)	

## Course Policies on Missed or Late Academic Requirements

Students are expected to use the Student Declaration of Absence form for late or missed homework assignments. If a homework assignment is handed in up to 1 week late, it will count 50%. If a homework assignment is handed in more than 1 week late, it will count 0%.

## Course Policies related to Academic Integrity

It is encouraged that students discuss assignment problems as a group. However, it is an academic offense to copy the solution of someone else or to use generative AI and large language models (e.g., ChatGPT). Allegations will be submitted to an Academic Integrity Officer of the Faculty of Science for evaluation and possible sanction. The minimum sanction is zero point on the assignment.

## Learning Objectives

Students will develop an in-depth understanding of battery technology with an emphasis on electrolytes and interphases. We will discuss the latest developments in the field to prepare students for graduate work in batteries and/or a career in the battery industry.

## Course Content

During the term, we will attempt to cover the course material grouped in the below chapters. Some topics may have to be skipped in the interest of time. If appropriate and available, experts from academia or industry will be invited to give guest lectures.

### *Table of Contents*

#### **1 Modern Electrolytes – Lectures 1-4**

- 1.1 What is an Electrolyte
- 1.2 Types of Electrolytes
- 1.3 In Bulk Electrolytes: Ionics
  - 1.3.1 Solvent Molecules: Dipole and Dielectric Medium
  - 1.3.2 Dielectric Constant: Capability of a Solvent to Resist an Electric Field
  - 1.3.3 Dissolution of Solutes in Solvents: Solvation Sheath
  - 1.3.4 Revisiting the Dielectric Constant: How Ions Affect It, and Its Application
- 1.4 Static Stability of Electrolytes

## **2 Interface vs. Interphase – *Lectures 5-8***

- 2.1 When Electrolyte Meets Electrodes: Interface
- 2.2 When Charge Transfers Across an Interface: Electrodics
- 2.3 When an Electrode Operates Beyond Electrolyte Stability Limits: Interphase
- 2.4 Electrochemical Stability Window
  - 2.4.1 Electrochemical Stability of Aqueous and Non-aqueous Electrolytes
  - 2.4.2 Expanded Electrochemical Stability Window by an Interphase
  - 2.4.3 The Function of Interphases
- 2.5 Correlation Between Electrochemical Stability Window and Interphases

## **3 Electrochemical Devices – *Lectures 9-12***

- 3.1 How Does an Electrochemical Energy Device Work?
  - 3.1.1 Fuel Cells
  - 3.1.2 Electrochemical Double-layer Capacitors
  - 3.1.3 Batteries
  - 3.1.4 Pseudo-capacitors
- 3.2 Comparison and Transition Between Capacitors and Batteries

## **4 Lithium-metal, Lithium-ion and Other Batteries – *Lectures 13-16***

- 4.1 Why Lithium?
- 4.2 The Quest for the Holy Grail: Lithium-metal Batteries
  - 4.2.1 Irreversibility
  - 4.2.2 Dangerous Morphology
- 4.3 Circumventing Irreversibility and Safety Hazards
  - 4.3.1 The Bypass via Dual Intercalation
  - 4.3.2 The Birth of Lithium-ion Chemistries
- 4.4 Emerging Chemistries and Electrolytes
  - 4.4.1 Anode
  - 4.4.2 Cathode

## **5 Phase Diagrams of Liquid Electrolytes – *Lectures 17-19***

- 5.1 Phase Diagram of a Pseudo-binary Non-aqueous Electrolyte
- 5.2 Experimental Mapping of Pseudo-binary Phase Diagrams
- 5.3 Thermodynamic Calculation of Higher Order Phase Diagrams

## **6 Ion Solvation – *Skipped in the interest of time, but slides will be provided.***

- 6.1 Bernal–Fowler Three-layer Model
- 6.2 The Four Basic Questions
  - 6.2.1 Solvating Site
  - 6.2.2 Solvation Number
  - 6.2.3 Preferential Solvation

- 6.2.4 Ion Solvation in the Concentrated Regime
- 6.3 Solvation Sheaths, Solvation Cages and Solvation Sites
- 6.4 Anion Solvation

## **7 Ion Transport – Lectures 20-23**

- 7.1 Phenomenological Understanding: Ion Conductivity
  - 7.1.1 Why AC (Alternating Current) Techniques?
  - 7.1.2 Ion Conductivity for Practical Battery Electrolytes
  - 7.1.3 Electrolyte Engineering for Battery Applications
  - 7.1.4 Ionicity
- 7.2 Mechanistic Understanding: Speciation
  - 7.2.1 Ideality of Electrolytes: Revisiting the Einstein Equations
  - 7.2.2 The Real Meaning of Ion Transport Number
  - 7.2.3 In Practical Electrolytes: Transport Number versus Transference Number
  - 7.2.4 A Few Classical Approaches to Transference Numbers
  - 7.2.5 Reference Frame for Ionic Transference
- 7.3 Newman's Ion Transport Theory: A Brief Introduction
  - 7.3.1 Concentrated Solution Theory
  - 7.3.2 Limitations of Newman's Concentrated Solution Theory

## **8 Interfaces – Lectures 24-25**

- 8.1 Defining an Interface
  - 8.1.1 Ionic Fluxes in Bulk and Across an Interface
  - 8.1.2 Concentration Profiles in the Bulk Region
  - 8.1.3 Concentration Profiles in the Interfacial Region

## **9 Interphases – Lectures 26-30**

- 9.1 Defining an Interphase
- 9.2 Interphase is Created by Electrode-Electrolyte Mismatch in Electron Energy Levels
- 9.3 What Is a Good Interphase?
- 9.4 Charge Transfer in the Presence of 2D Interfaces and 3D Interphases
- 9.5 Two Distinct Manners of Forming Interphases
  - 9.5.1 Proto-interphase and Interphase in an “Anode-free” Lithium-metal Cell
  - 9.5.2 Rationale Behind Electrolyte Additives
- 9.6 Chemistry of Interphases
  - 9.6.1 In Lithium-ion Batteries
  - 9.6.2 In Lithium-metal Batteries
  - 9.6.3 Interphasial Chemistries Brought by Additives
  - 9.6.4 In “Beyond Lithium-ion” Chemistries
  - 9.6.5 Stability of Interphasial Ingredients
  - 9.6.6 Interphasial Components Under Debate

## 9.6.7 How Working Ions Travel Across Interphases

### 10 New Concepts and Tools – *If time permits*

- 10.1 Super-concentrating: Unusual Properties
  - 10.1.1 Ethers Could Be Anodically Stable
  - 10.1.2 Esters Could Be Cathodically Stable
  - 10.1.3 Exotic Solvents Could Be Electrochemically Stable
  - 10.1.4 Water Could Have a Wide Electrochemical Stability Window
  - 10.1.5 Concentrated Electrolytes, Aqueous–Non-aqueous Hybrid Electrolytes
- 10.2 Beyond Liquid Phases: Liquefied Gas and Frozen Ice
- 10.3 Solidifying Electrolytes
  - 10.3.1 Polymer Electrolytes
  - 10.3.2 Liquid–Inorganic Interfacing
  - 10.3.3 True Solid Electrolytes and Their Interfaces/Interphases
- 10.4 Nano-confining Electrolytes
- 10.5 Artificial Interphases
- 10.6 Dynamic Interphases
- 10.7 New Characterization Techniques
- 10.8 Computer Simulations
  - 10.8.1 Molecular Simulations
  - 10.8.2 Prediction of Properties and Performances
  - 10.8.3 Computational Design of Materials

### 11 Outlook – *If time permits*

#### *Tentative course schedule lecture-by-lecture*

Week	Date	Lesson Topic(s)	Assignment
1	January 7	Lecture 1: 1 Modern Electrolytes	Reading
1	January 9	Lecture 2: 1 Modern Electrolytes	Reading
2	January 12	Lecture 3: 1 Modern Electrolytes	Reading
2	January 14	Lecture 4: 1 Modern Electrolytes	Reading
2	January 16	Lecture 5: 2 Interface vs. Interphase	Reading
3	January 19	Lecture 6: 2 Interface vs. Interphase	Reading

3	January 21	Lecture 7: 2 Interface vs. Interphase	Reading
3	January 23	Lecture 8: 2 Interface vs. Interphase	Reading
4	January 26	Lecture 9: 3 Electrochemical Devices	Reading
4	January 28	Lecture 10: 3 Electrochemical Devices	Reading
4	January 30	Lecture 11: 3 Electrochemical Devices	Start: Assignment #1
5	February 2	Lecture 12: 3 Electrochemical Devices	Reading
5	February 4	Lecture 13: 4 Li-metal, Li-ion and Other Batteries	Reading
5	February 6	Munro Day	-
6	February 9	Lecture 14: 4 Li-metal, Li-ion and Other Batteries	Reading
6	February 11	Lecture 15: 4 Li-metal, Li-ion and Other Batteries	Due: Assignment #1 Start: Assignment #2
6	February 13	Lecture 16: 4 Li-metal, Li-ion and Other Batteries	Reading
7	February 16	Nova Scotia Heritage Day	Study for Midterm
7	February 18	Winter Study Break	Study for Midterm
7	February 20	Winter Study Break	Study for Midterm
8	February 23	Lecture 17: 5 Phase Diagrams of Liquid Electrolytes	Reading
8	February 25	Lecture 18: 5 Phase Diagrams of Liquid Electrolytes	Due: Assignment #2 Start: Assignment #3
8	February 27	Lecture 19: 5 Phase Diagrams of Liquid Electrolytes	-
9	March 2	Lecture 20: 7 Ion Transport	Reading
9	March 4	Lecture 21: 7 Ion Transport	Reading
9	March 6	Lecture 22: 7 Ion Transport	Due: Topic Selection
10	March 9	Lecture 23: 7 Ion Transport	Reading
10	March 11	Lecture 24: 8 Interfaces	Due: Assignment #3 Start: Assignment #4
10	March 13	Lecture 25: 8 Interfaces	Reading

11	March 16	Lecture 26: 9 Interphases	Reading
11	March 18	Lecture 27: 9 Interphases	Reading
11	March 20	Lecture 28: 9 Interphases	Reading
12	March 23	Lecture 29: 9 Interphases	Reading
12	March 25	Lecture 30: 9 Interphases	Due: Assignment #4
12	March 27	Lecture 31: Presentations 1 & 2	Finish written report
13	March 30	Lecture 32: Presentations 3 & 4	Finish written report
13	April 1	Lecture 33: Presentations 5 & 6	Finish written report
13	April 3	Good Friday	-
14	April 6	Lecture 34: Presentations 7 & 8	Finish written report
14	April 8	Lecture 35: Buffer	Due: Written Reports

## University Policies and Statements

### Recognition of Mi'kmaq Territory

Dalhousie University would like to acknowledge that the University is on Traditional Mi'kmaq Territory. The Elders in Residence program provides students with access to First Nations elders for guidance, counsel, and support. Visit or e-mail the Indigenous Student Centre at 1321 Edward St or [elders@dal.ca](mailto:elders@dal.ca). Additional information regarding Mi'kmaq and Indigenous Relations (including the Elders in Residence program, Land Acknowledgements, Understanding Our Roots, and much more) can be found at: <https://www.dal.ca/about/mission-vision-values/mikmaq-indigenous-relations.html>

### Internationalization

At Dalhousie, 'thinking and acting globally' enhances the quality and impact of education, supporting learning that is "interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, global in reach, and orientated toward solving problems that extend across national borders." Additional internationalization information can be found at: <https://www.dal.ca/about/mission-vision-values/global-relations.html>

### Academic Integrity

At Dalhousie University, we are guided in all our work by the values of academic integrity: honesty, trust, fairness, responsibility, and respect. As a student, you are required to demonstrate these values in all the work you do. The University provides policies and procedures that every member of the university community is required to follow to ensure academic integrity. Additional academic integrity information can be found at: [https://www.dal.ca/dept/university\\_secretariat/academic-integrity.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/academic-integrity.html)

### Accessibility

The Student Accessibility Centre is Dalhousie's centre of expertise for matters related to student accessibility and accommodation. If there are aspects of the design, instruction, and/or experiences within this course (online or in-person) that result in barriers to your inclusion, please contact the Student Accessibility Centre ([https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/academic-support/accessibility.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/accessibility.html)) for all courses offered by Dalhousie with the exception of Truro. For courses offered by the Faculty of Agriculture, please contact the Student Success Centre in Truro ([https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/ssc.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/ssc.html)).

## **Conduct in the Classroom – Culture of Respect**

Substantial and constructive dialogue on challenging issues is an important part of academic inquiry and exchange. It requires willingness to listen and tolerance of opposing points of view. Consideration of individual differences and alternative viewpoints is required of all class members, towards each other, towards instructors, and towards guest speakers. While expressions of differing perspectives are welcome and encouraged, the words and language used should remain within acceptable bounds of civility and respect.

## **Diversity and Inclusion – Culture of Respect**

Every person at Dalhousie has a right to be respected and safe. We believe inclusiveness is fundamental to education. We stand for equality. Dalhousie is strengthened in our diversity. We are a respectful and inclusive community. We are committed to being a place where everyone feels welcome and supported, which is why our Strategic Direction prioritizes fostering a culture of diversity and inclusiveness (Strategic Priority 5.2). Additional diversity and inclusion information can be found at: <https://www.dal.ca/about/mission-vision-values/equity-diversity-inclusion-and-accessibility/about-office-equity-inclusion.html>

## **Student Code of Conduct**

Everyone at Dalhousie is expected to treat others with dignity and respect. The Code of Student Conduct allows Dalhousie to take disciplinary action if students don't follow this community expectation. When appropriate, violations of the code can be resolved in a reasonable and informal manner - perhaps through a restorative justice process. If an informal resolution can't be reached, or would be inappropriate, procedures exist for formal dispute resolution. The full Code of Student Conduct can be found at:

<https://www.dal.ca/content/dam/www/about/leadership-and-governance/governing-bodies/code-student-conduct.pdf>

## **Fair Dealing Policy**

The Dalhousie University Fair Dealing Policy provides guidance for the limited use of copyright protected material without the risk of infringement and without having to seek the permission of copyright owners. It is intended to provide a balance between the rights of creators and the rights of users at Dalhousie. Additional information regarding the Fair Dealing Policy can be found at: <https://www.dal.ca/content/dam/www/about/leadership-and-governance/university-policies/fair-dealing-policy.pdf>

## **Student Use of Course Materials**

Course materials are designed for use as part of this course at Dalhousie University and are the property of the instructor unless otherwise stated. Third party copyrighted materials (such as books, journal articles, music, videos, etc.) have either been licensed for use in this course or fall under an exception or limitation in Canadian Copyright law. Copying this course material for distribution (e.g. uploading to a commercial third-party website) may lead to a violation of Copyright law.

## Faculty of Science

# Student Resources and Support

## University Policies and Programs

Important Dates in the Academic Year (including add/drop dates):

[http://www.dal.ca/academics/important\\_dates.html](http://www.dal.ca/academics/important_dates.html)

Classroom Recording Protocol: <https://www.dal.ca/content/dam/www/about/leadership-and-governance/university-policies/class-recording-protocol.pdf>

Dalhousie Grading Practices Policies:

<https://www.dal.ca/content/dam/www/about/leadership-and-governance/university-policies/grading-practices-policy.pdf>

Grade Appeal Process: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/academic-support/grades-and-student-records/appealing-a-grade.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/grades-and-student-records/appealing-a-grade.html)

Sexualized Violence Policy: <https://www.dal.ca/content/dam/www/about/leadership-and-governance/university-policies/sexualized-violence-policy.pdf>

Scent-Free Program: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/occupational-safety/scent-free.html>

## Learning and Support Resources

General Academic Support – Advising (Halifax): [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/academic-support/advising.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/advising.html)

General Academic Support – Advising (Truro): [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/ssc.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/ssc.html)

Student Health & Wellness Centre: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/health-and-wellness.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/health-and-wellness.html)

On Track (helps you transition into university, and supports you through your first year at Dalhousie and beyond): [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/academic-support/On-track.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/On-track.html)

Indigenous Student Centre: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/communities/indigenous.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/communities/indigenous.html)

Mi'kmaq and Indigenous Relations: <https://www.dal.ca/about/mission-vision-values/mikmaq-indigenous-relations.html>

Elders-in-Residence (The Elders in Residence program provides students with access to First Nations elders for guidance, counsel, and support. Visit the office in the Indigenous Student

Centre or contact the program at [elders@dal.ca](mailto:elders@dal.ca) or 902-494-6803:

<https://www.dal.ca/about/mission-vision-values/mikmaq-indigenous-relations/elders-in-residence-and-traditional-knowledge-keepers.html>

Black Student Advising Centre: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/communities/black-student-advising.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/communities/black-student-advising.html)

International Centre: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/international-centre.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/international-centre.html)

LGBTQ2SIA+ Collaborative: <https://www.dal.ca/about/mission-vision-values/equity-diversity-inclusion-and-accessibility/about-office-equity-inclusion/community-specific-groups/lgbtq2sia-collaborative.html>

Dalhousie Libraries: <http://libraries.dal.ca/>

Copyright Office: <https://libraries.dal.ca/services/copyright-office.html>

Dalhousie Student Advocacy Services: <https://www.dsu.ca/dsas?rq=student%20advocacy>

Dalhousie Ombudsperson: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/safety-respect/ombudsperson.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/safety-respect/ombudsperson.html)

Human Rights and Equity Services: <https://www.dal.ca/about/mission-vision-values/equity-diversity-inclusion-and-accessibility/about-office-equity-inclusion/human-rights-and-equity-services.html>

Writing Centre: [https://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/academic-support/writing-and-study-skills.html](https://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/writing-and-study-skills.html)

Study Skills/Tutoring: [http://www.dal.ca/campus\\_life/academic-support/study-skills-and-tutoring.html](http://www.dal.ca/campus_life/academic-support/study-skills-and-tutoring.html)

Faculty of Science Advising Support: <https://www.dal.ca/faculty/science/current-students/undergrad-students/degree-planning.html>

## Safety

Biosafety: <http://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/biosafety.html>

Chemical Safety: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/chemical-safety.html>

Radiation Safety: <http://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/radiation-safety.html>

Laser Safety: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/safety/programs-services/radiation-safety/laser-safety.html>