

Weekly Newsletter

September 9, 2021 | Welcome Back!

Welcome to or Welcome Back to MassBay!



We know that starting classes can be overwhelming. Your attention is pulled in a lot of directions; most of you are working and going to school, and many of you have family responsibilities as well. Getting back into school can be a challenging transition-- whether it's been 3 weeks, 3 months, or 3 years since your last class.

To help you stay focused and get connected, we've put together a guide to help you focus on what is important throughout the first half of the semester to set you up for success now and into the future. See below to find a guide to your first week!

Week 1: My MassBay

Your first week is all about getting comfortable here at MassBay. Make sure to check out the virtual support centers to get your questions answered. Start to settle in to a new routine and attend all of your classes this first week, look for emails from your faculty (your MassBay email of course) or messages in Blackboard about how to log-in to all of your Remote Classes. If you are enrolled in any Online Classes, be sure to log in to Blackboard and go that course's homepage on Sept. 8th.



THIS WEEK YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON:

Finalize your schedule!

You have the first few days of class to make sure you are enrolled in the classes you want, you can add or drop courses to better fit your schedule and learning style. Make sure you talk to an advisor in the <u>Virtual Advising Center</u> and check your financial aid award letter before making changes to your schedule. Order any textbooks or other materials you need for classes if you haven't already.

Get Organized!

Start keeping a schedule and planner now. Whether you use a paper calendar or prefer apps, make sure you have a system to keep track of your classes, activities, work schedule, and major due dates. Trust us—the sooner you start developing a system that works for you, the better! Get into the habit of checking your student Outlook email account every day!

Take a Deep Breath

We know it's overwhelming, and you aren't the only one feeling that way! Take a chance and introduce yourself to your classmates over email or discussion boards, check out programs and activities that are available to you, and start to think about what resources you could use to be successful. Always check our Weekly Calendar to see virtual events available that week.



MassBay's Online Virtual Event Calendar!

MassBay has an online event calendar that all students can access through OneLogin!

- This is the central location for students to get the calendar of events each week.
- This calendar has the most up-to-date information for MassBay student events.
- The event descriptions will have event links included in them so that you can easily access each event online.
- There is an option to subscribe to the calendar so that you get a weekly email with all the events coming up.

• You can also add individual events to your personal calendar or sign-up for reminder emails/texts so that you don't forget about them!

Visit the <u>Virtual Events Calendar</u> in OneLogin for more events and event links and information!



Click on the Virtual Events Tile in OneLogin:



OR Use this link and sign-in with your MassBay username & password:

https://mbccweb.massbay.edu/virtualmeetings/

* Make sure you subscribe to the calendar so you don't miss any updates!

* You can also sign-up for email or text reminders for any events you may want to attend!



NEED HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?

VISIT THE VIRTUAL Q & A CENTER!

Connect virtually with a member of our Support Squad through WebEx.

The MassBay Support Squad is available to answer a wide range of questions!

www.massbay.edu/ask

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