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## Grad Connect - News from Utica College

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### Graduate Orientation

The Office of Graduate Studies will hold Graduate Student Orientation on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 from 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm in the Economic Crime and Justice Studies building. All graduate students as well as 500 level seniors in the OT or PT program are invited. Orientation is intended for anyone accepted to UC between Spring 2014 and fall 2014.



You may be wondering why you should attend, whether you are entering graduate school straight from undergrad or returning back to the academic world after a hiatus, there is something for everyone. The theme of Orientation is how to be a successful graduate student and will begin with check-in and a resource fair from 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm. Here you get the opportunity to meet and interact with UC staff and learn what services are available to you, such as student support, student financial services, library services, among others. From the resource fair everyone will transition into the Carbone Auditorium for welcome remarks and introductions from 4:45 pm -5:00 pm. The panel discussion will run from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Panel members will include students as well as faculty who can offer tips and suggestions based off their personal experiences. This will include first hand advice on how to be successful at Utica College.

Following the main event will be a social hour at the Pioneer Pub from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. If students would like to stick around

### Important Dates

Please note the upcoming deadlines:

**July 28** - Last day to withdraw from a D2 course

**August 8** - SOOT opens for D2 courses

**August 14** - Full term courses end

**August 17** - D2 courses end

**August 17** - SOOT for D2 courses closes

**August 17** - Deadline to submit a completed Phase III form and Thesis / Capstone submission to OGS

**August 21** - Comprehensive Exam and Portfolio deadline

**August 22** - Degree conferral date for August 2014 degree candidates

afterward to enjoy the pub a bit longer, Comedian Bryan O'Sullivan will be performing in the pub from 8:00 pm -9:00 pm thanks to the Utica College Programming Board.

Graduate Student Orientation is free; we only ask that you RSVP online at the Graduate Orientation website so that we can have a head count. Any questions regarding Graduate Student Orientation can be directed to the Office of Graduate Studies at ogs@utica.edu or 315-792-3335. The whole event presents a great networking opportunity so remember to mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 27, 2014 from 3:30-6pm!

## The Write Idea: Finding Reputable Resources

Before you start and while you write you have to conduct research. The validity of your sources and information can jeopardize the content of your paper and your argument. In order to avoid this, it is important to know how to identify reputable/scholarly resources.

There are four main types of sources: 1) Scholarly (Peer Reviewed), 2) Substantive, 3) Popular, and 4) Sensational.



Scholarly journals also known as Academic journals typically focus on research. A simple way to identify a scholarly article is by the footnotes, citations, or references used to clearly identify its sources. The author may indicate that they have a professional degree or an institutional affiliation. Observe the language used in the text, scholarly or academic articles tend to use terminology common to their industry.

Substantive articles, such as newspapers, tend to have a more attractive and less serious appearance. Periodical authors can include staff writers as well as freelance. The language used in substantive articles will be geared to a more general audience. Keep in mind news articles posted online are subject to updates so make sure you have the most current version.

Popular articles such as magazines are designed to be attractive and include pictures or graphics. The source of the article's information may come second or third hand causing its validity to become questionable (similar to a game of telephone). Their main purpose is usually entertainment.

Sensational articles aim for shock and awe. The article title can be the biggest clue for example: "Rare Big Foot Spotted". The information may be embellished in order to draw attention. These are not known for being a reputable resource.

When conducting research a simple search can turn up thousands of results. One way to limit your results is to utilize the

**August 26** - Deadline to be eligible to be placed in 998 Continuous Enrollment (\$0 fee)

## Support your Local Farmer's Market

Looking for something different to do? Check out your local Farmers Market! They are a great outlet to help support local business, and discover ones you did not know existed. Not only are they a source of fresh produce, you may find craft fair type items, wine vendors, confections, and more. In Utica for example there is one every Saturday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm the Oneida County Public Market is held at Historic Union Station in Utica. More information about other local Farmer's Market locations can be found here. Find a farmers market near you and help support local businesses. Who knows maybe you will stumble across inspiration for a new dinner recipe!

## Fun Fact

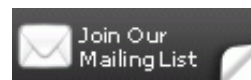
Summer-time in Utica is well know for its "Saranac Thursday" events. "Saranac Thursdays" are held at the F.X. Matt Brewery Courtyard on Varick Street every Thursday in the

library's databases. Look for an area in the database that says either limit or refine your results and select the "Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals" option. This will save you time deciding if the article is of academic quality because the filters do most of the work for you.

Be careful not to jeopardize your argument by choosing an unreliable source. Avoid the issue from the start by ensuring you are using reputable resource. When in doubt ask a librarian or your instructor. The Utica College Library's website offers more information to help you with research, and when in doubt as a librarian! A video on how to distinguish Scholarly from Popular articles can be found here.

Summer from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Proceeds from "Saranac Thursdays" go to help the local chapter of the United Way. The band line-up can be found online at Saranac.com under events. You must be 21 or older to attend and admission is \$5. Come out and support the United Way!

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