Hello and welcome to Learning Services portion of the new graduate student orientation. First let's introduce the Learning Services Team from left to right, you'll see my colleagues, Joanna Heather Jason Shannon and me Victoria.

You might be wondering what kind of support does learning services offer. Well, we can provide you support with time management. So things like creating a thesis timeline, goal setting and planning, presentations, whether they're in class conferences or defenses. We can help with all of those, reading and note, taking procrastination and perfectionism, and more.

There are three main ways that learning services support students through workshops through resources and through consultations. I'll chat a little bit about each of these different ways.

First, we have workshops. Learning Services offers many different workshops for students, which are all free to attend as a student. You may even see one of the learning specialists in in one of your classes. Two of our most popular workshops are first Brain Food Thesis and Dissertation series, which is offered through a number of departments in the library, including information literacy and second, Presentation Bootcamp Online. I've hyperlinked both of these resources for you in case you want to check out for some more information.

Next we have some resources that our staff created to help you. We have plenty of resources to help you in your studies, or if you are a TA, available to help your students as well. Some helpful places to search are at the library website. The one I've linked here is specific to Learning Services. We also have Libguides, which are quick tools and information for various topics and our Digital Learning Commons, which includes things like downloadable PDFs and short videos.

Lastly, all of us in Learning Services do consultations. All of the appointments and consultations that you would receive are free to you as students and completely confidential. You can meet one on one with one of the Learning Services staff members or a learning specialist, as we call ourselves to get support. For example, you can practice the presentation and get feedback, make a personalized schedule, map out a timeline for your thesis completion and much more. Of course, we all know that unfortunately we won't be able to be on campus full time in the fall, so we're going to be offering all of our consultations virtually. You can visit our website to book an appointment or, if you happen to be on the library main page you can select the “writing and studying” tab, select “studying resources and workshops”, scroll down to “get assistance” and then click “book an appointment”.\n
Once you get to that page, you'll notice it brings you to an outside page. To book consultations, Learning Services uses the same system as Writing Services and it's called WC online. What you do when you get there is you'll have to make an account using your U of G ID and then select the time management presentations and studying schedule to book an appointment.

That was a really quick intro to our services, but we don't want to overwhelm you. So, if you need more information, email us: learning@uoguelph.ca or check out the library website www.lib.uoguelph.ca.

And if you're interested, you can always follow us on social media. On Facebook or Twitter or Instagram @uglibrary or on Facebook /McLaughlinLibrary. Thanks for listening and all the best with your fall semester.

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