



## Online Student Orientation

A Virtual Walk to Class

## **Outcomes**

Upon completion of this orientation, you will be able to:

- Access your online courses.
- Locate important information on the Moodle portal and within your online courses.
- Navigate your courses in Moodle.
- Find resources using the Phillips Library and contact a librarian for help.
- Recall other important university services, such as the writing center, financial aid, academic advising, the bookstore, and the office for students with disabilities.
- Review and apply tips for success in your online program.







An Overview of AU's Moodle Portal

**ACCESSING YOUR ONLINE COURSES** 

### Introduction to the **Moodle Portal**

Visit <a href="http://aurora.learninghouse.com/">http://aurora.learninghouse.com/</a> to begin.







This site is for fully online courses only. If you have required face-to-face meetings for your course, please access Moodle via the Moodle for on-campus courses.

#### Course Access Information

- · Failure to access your online course shell by 3pm of the first Friday of the course will result in an administrative drop from the course.
- Students must use WebAdvisor to add or drop courses via valid dates listed on the Academic Calendar located to the right under Student Resources. Please contact Student Accounts at 630-844-5470 or student.accts@aurora.edu for the refund policy.

- Are you having problems logging in? Contact ITS Help at itshelp@aurora.edu or 630-844-5790.
- For all other technical problems with Moodle please use the help desk located on the right hand side of this page. (24/7)
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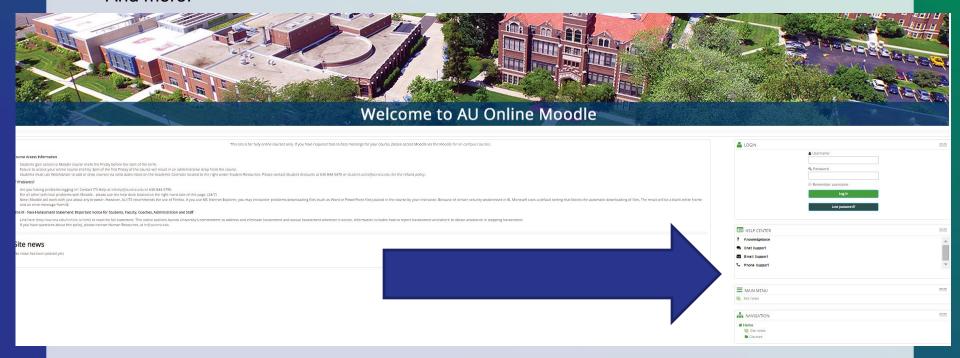




#### **Moodle Blocks**

Moodle Blocks, located on the right side of the Moodle portal, contain important links to:

- 24/7 Technical Support
- School Resources
- Student Orientations
- And more!





### Logging in to Moodle

Log in on the right-hand side of the portal beneath the Welcome to AU Online Moodle banner.

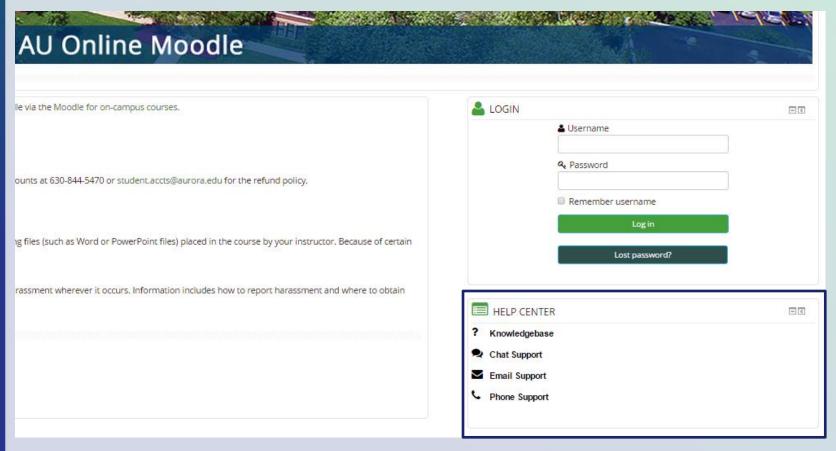
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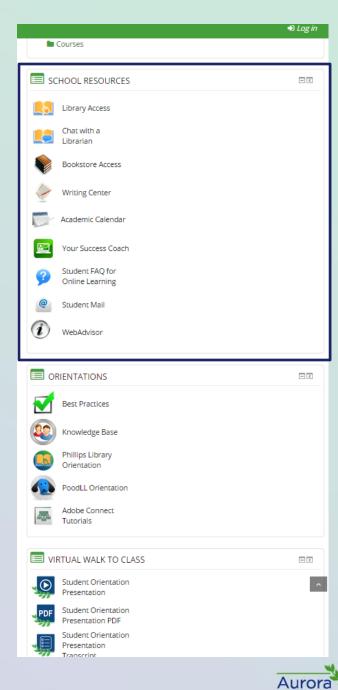
- For Moodle technical questions
- Available 24/7
- Options for live chat, email support, or call support





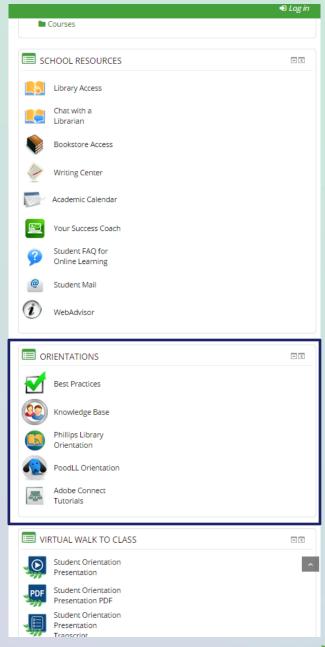
### **School Resources**

- Library Access
- Chat with a Librarian
- Bookstore Access
- Writing Center
- Academic Calendar
- Your Success Coach
- Student FAQ for Online Learning
- Student Mail
- WebAdvisor



#### **Orientations**

- Student Moodle Tutorials
- Student Online Orientation
- Phillips Library Orientation
- PoodLL Orientation
- Adobe Connect Tutorials









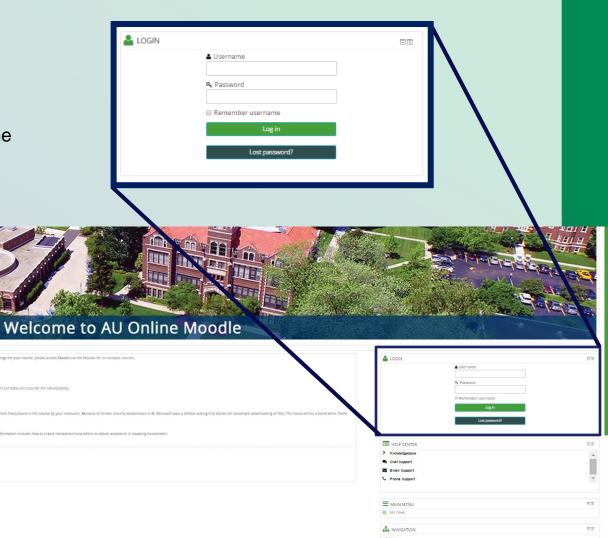
What to Expect and Where to Find Important Information

**COURSE SHELL OVERVIEW** 

# Step 1: Log in to Moodle

Site news

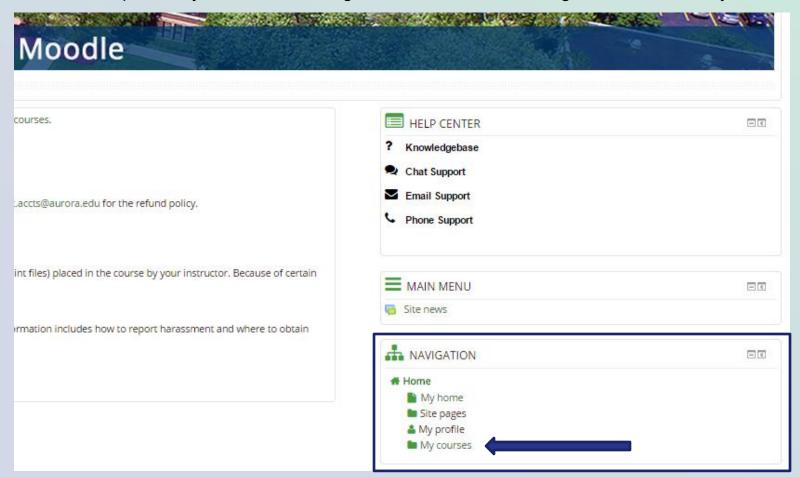
Log in at the upper right corner of the Moodle portal using your username and password.





# **Step 2: Finding Your Courses**

Under the Help block, you'll find the Navigate block. Inside the Navigate block, click "My courses."

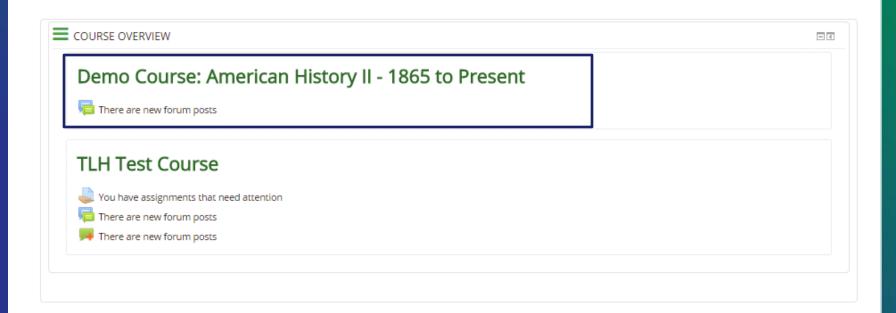




# **Step 3: Course Overview Page**

The Course Overview page shows you all of the online courses you are registered for in the given term.

To navigate to a specific course, click the course title.

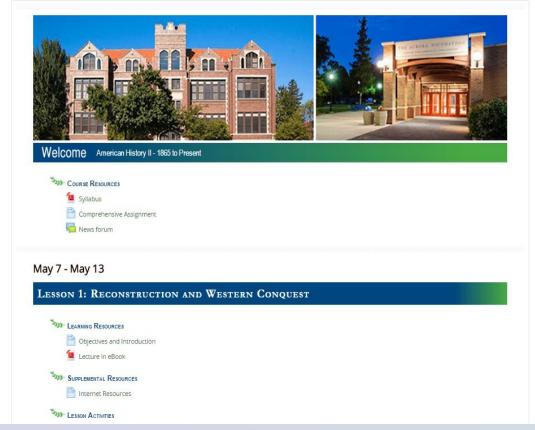


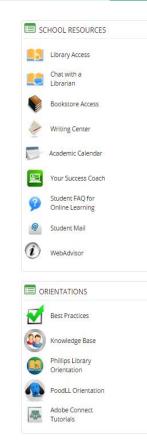


# **Step 4: Inside the Online Course**

Inside each course you will see the syllabus, class resources, weekly assignments, grades, and other course-specific information.





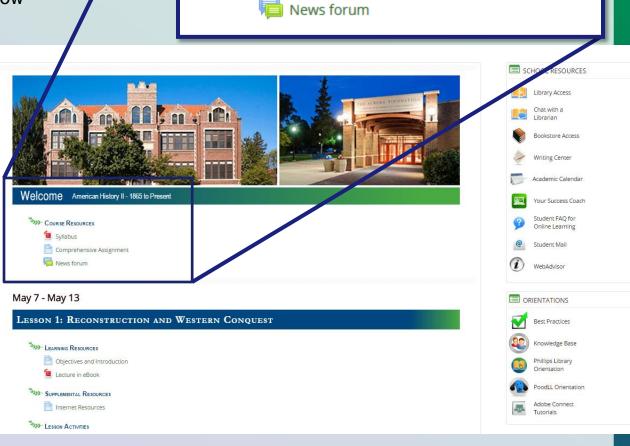




### **Locating the Syllabus**

- The course syllabus contains important course information.
- It will always be located on the main course page just below the Welcome banner.





Course Resources

Syllabus

Welcome American History II - 1865 to Present

Comprehensive Assignment



# **Instructor Contact Information**

- Instructor contact information is located at the top of the first page of the syllabus.
- Important information about the course can be found in the Course Information section.
- Pay special attention to:
  - Course polices and procedures.
  - Grading and evaluation information.
  - Class schedule.



#### **Aurora University**

Course Title, Course Number, Term, Year

#### **Professor Contact Information**

- Name:
- Email:

Feedback is one of the critical elements for student success in distance learning. This is particularly true in the eight week courses, where the pace is accelerated. For this reason, you can expect a response to your email within 48 hours.

- Office Hours:
- Telephone:

#### **Course Information**

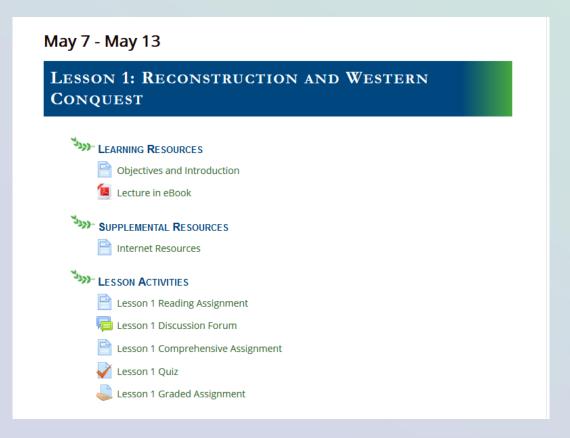
- Course:
- Section:
- Course Number:
- Credit Hours
- Prerequisites:

Required Course Materials



### **Course Layout**

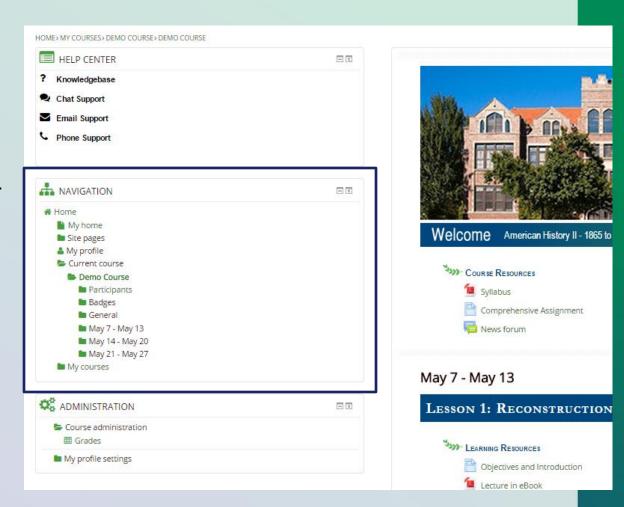
- Each week's resources and activities are located in a lesson.
- Learning resources are required.
- Lesson activities contain weekly assignments.
- Supplemental resources.





### **Navigation Block**

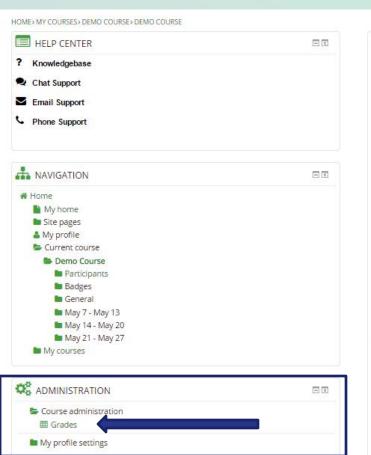
- This block can help you find information in the course.
- View specific modules, your profile, and your courses here.





### **Viewing Grades**

- On the left-hand side of the page, under the heading "Administration," and "Course Administration," click "Grades."
- You will see the grade item, grade range, percentage, and instructor feedback for each assignment.

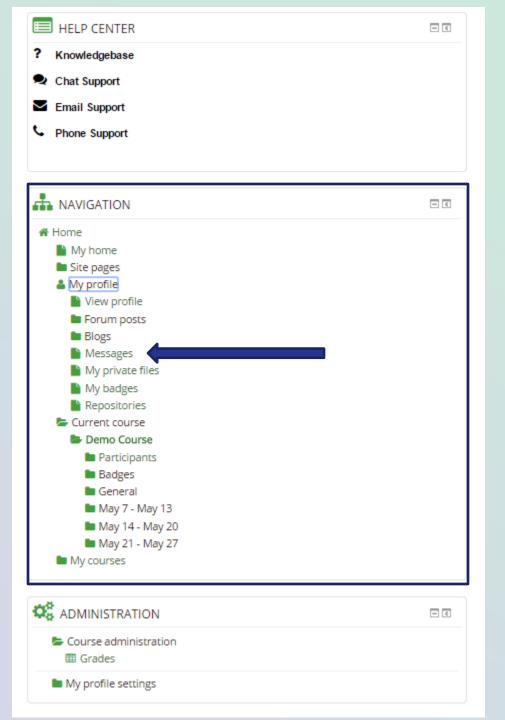






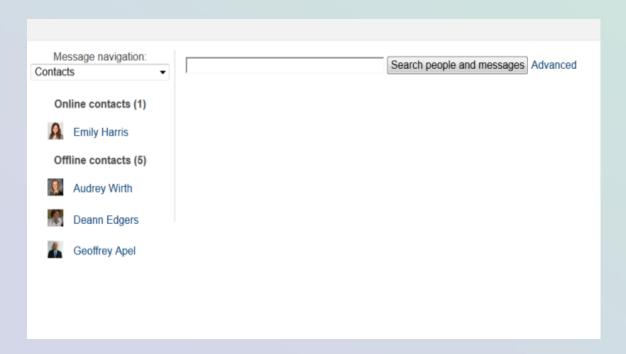
### **Sending a Message**

- In the **Navigation** block, open "My Profile."
- 2. Click on the **Messages** link.



# Sending a Message, continued

4. You will then see the Messages page. You can see contacts on the left, and you can add new contacts by searching people.





# Course Expectations

 Print and read the syllabus to understand course procedures and policies.

 Download and save the Aurora University Student Handbook.

If you have a question, ask your instructor.



## Office Hours and Communication

 Office hours may be held virtually by set times or by appointment.

- Contact your professor to schedule a meeting.
  - All emails must go through your Aurora University email account or the Moodle messaging system.





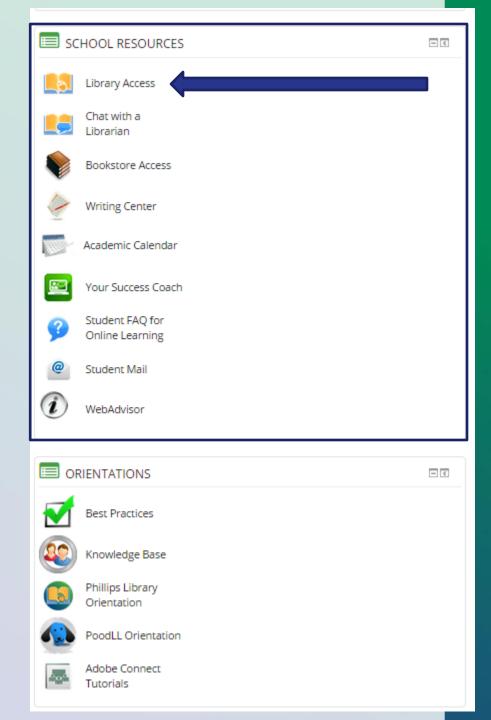


An Overview of Services

PHILLIPS LIBRARY

# **Accessing the Library Site**

- Click on the "Library Access" link under the School Resources block in Moodle.
- Visit <u>www.aurora.edu/academics/library</u>.



# Library Overview





#### **Phillips Library**

#### HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8am to 2am Friday: 8am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 5pm Sunday: 1pm to 2am

#### THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Tuesday, November 25: 8am to 10pm Wednesday-Saturday, November 26-29: CLOSED Sunday, November 30: 1pm to 2am (regular hours)

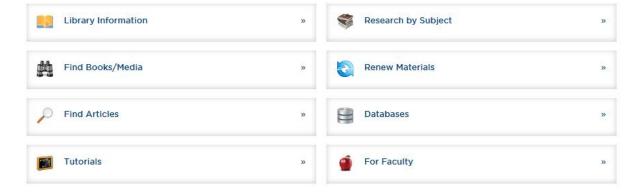
#### General Information 630-844-5437 (phone)

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#### Reference Questions 630-844-7534 (phone) 630-796-7615 (text)

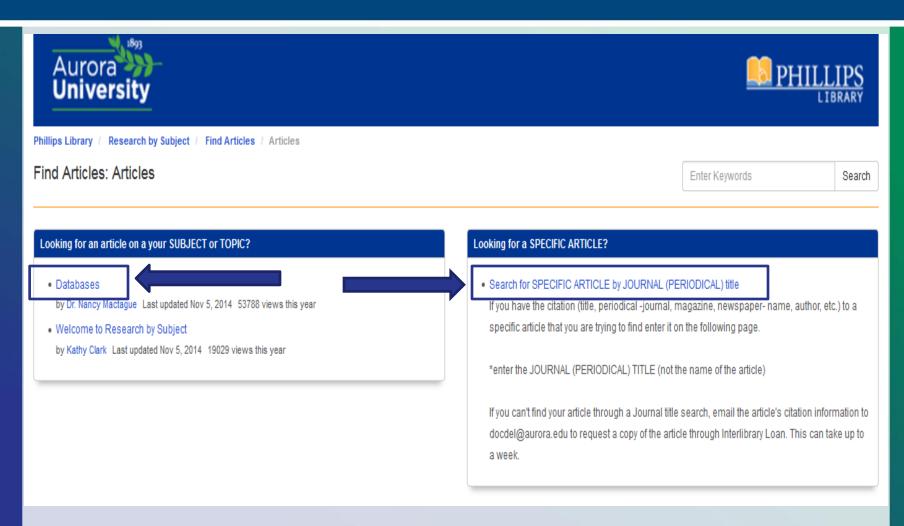
#### Interlibrary Loan 630-844-5439

Hours change during breaks and holidays. Click here for more information.





# Finding Articles





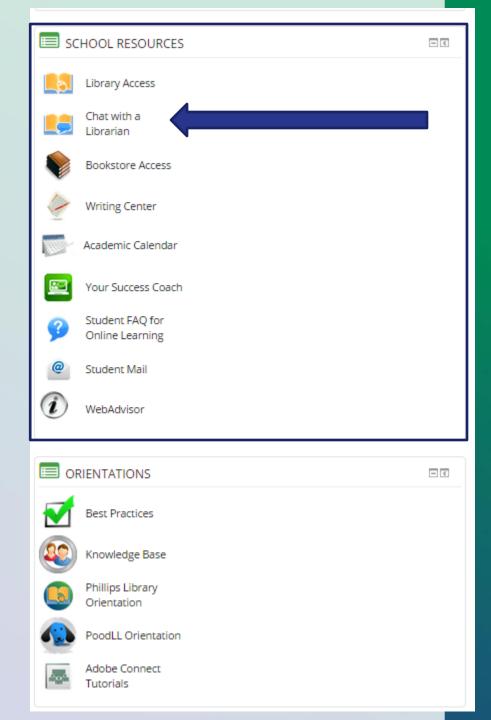
#### Chat with a Librarian

Research assistance from librarians via:

Live chat

• Text: 630-796-7615

• Phone: 630-844-7534





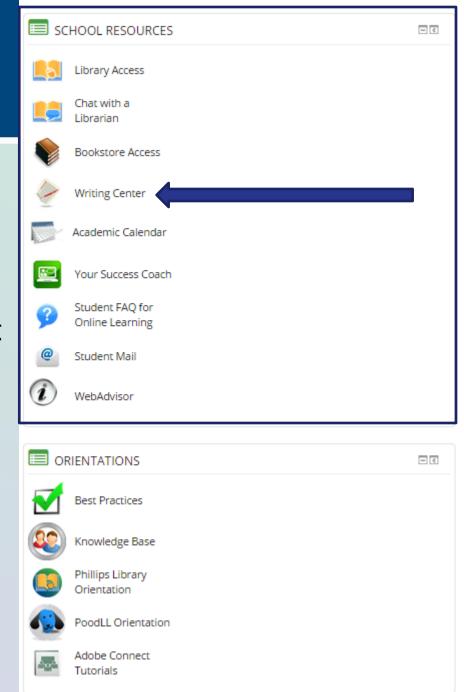


Writing Center, Financial Aid, Academic Advising, and the Bookstore

**OTHER UNIVERSITY SERVICES** 

# Writing Center

- The Writing Center contains many useful handouts and writing tips.
- If you want one-on-one help, you can make an appointment with a writing consultant.
- Click on the "Writing Center" link in the School Resources block in Moodle to access the Writing Center's website.



## Financial Aid

### Contact Information

- Located in Eckhart Hall, Room 205.
- o Call 630-844-6190 or 800-742-5281.
- o E-mail finaid@aurora.edu.
- o Fax: 630-844-6191.

### Office of Financial Aid Hours

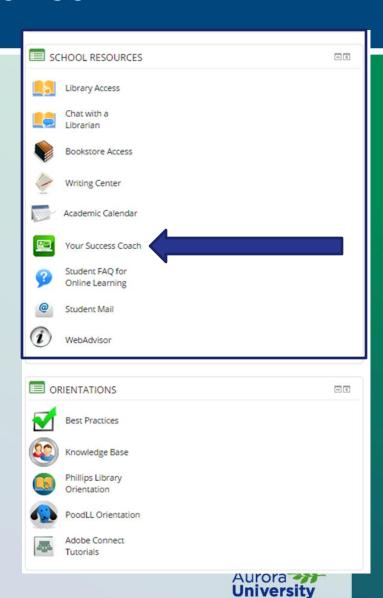
- Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- o Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Visit <a href="http://www.aurora.edu/admission/financialaid/">http://www.aurora.edu/admission/financialaid/</a> to learn more!



## Success Coaches

Ensure your success in your program

 Click the link for "Your Success Coach" in the School Resources block



## **Bookstore Services**

- Purchase textbooks, supplies, and gear.
- Textbook buyback.
- Visit <a href="http://www.aurora.edu/bookstore/">http://www.aurora.edu/bookstore/</a> to learn more!

 Order textbooks online at <u>http://www.aurora.bkstr.com</u>.



# Services for Students with Disabilities

## Location

Center for Teaching & Learning,
 Southeast corner of Phillips Library.

## Getting Started

- Meet with the Disability Resource Office.
- Submit appropriate documentation in support of your request(s) for accommodation.
- Website:

http://www.aurora.edu/academics/resources/ada/



# **Information for Current Students**

Visit <a href="http://online.aurora.edu/current-students/">http://online.aurora.edu/current-students/</a>
 to learn more!

 You can also live chat to have your questions answered.



# Other Important Contacts

### Student Accounts:

- Email student.accts@aurora.edu.
- o Call 630-844-5470.
- Location first floor, Eckhart Hall.

# Registrar:

- o Email registrar@aurora.edu.
- o Call 630-844-5462.
- Location first floor, Eckhart Hall.







Strategies for Success

**HELPFUL TIPS** 

# Tips for Success

- Check your Aurora email account daily.
- Order your books before class begins.
- Print and read the syllabus.
- Log in to class often.
- Schedule time to work on school.
- Create a "school space" at home.
- Communicate with your instructor.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.



# Questions? We Can Help!

Please contact your **Student Success Coach** or your **Online Academic Advisor** with any questions!

