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Success rate in courses shows adults can return to education

Of all students who enrol in a part-time credit course at Wilfrid Laurier University, 92 per cent complete the course.

That's the word from Clifford Bilyea, director of part-time studies at Laurier. The university has a long record in providing part-time studies in Ontario. The first were offered in 1962 and now are given regularly at a number of centres in Ontario.

For Brampton, Mississauga and area this fall and winter, Laurier will be offering a number of classroom courses, as well as some through WLU Telecollege on TVOntario, and through Rogers and MacLean-Hunter cable television. Some teleaudio courses also will be available.

WLU Telecollege lectures are augmented in several ways, including teleconferencing when all students in an area gather together at a predetermined location and take part in a conference call with their instructor. Microphones and loudspeakers enable all to hear and take part from a number of centres.

In teleaudio courses, every lecture enables students in all centres to communicate with each other and their instructor through a conference call. Most students enjoy and benefit from this kind of classroom interaction.

In addition, the instructor visits each centre to deliver the lecture and meet students face-to-face.

For those who may be wondering whether they can make a success of university, Wilfrid Laurier University will hold an information night Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Brampton Public Library, 65 Queen Street East.

"One of the main reasons we hold these nights," said Bilyea, "is to lessen the fear that many-- especially those who have been away from school for a while-- have about going to university."

The information night is offered without charge and will provide information on courses available, a short film about studies at Laurier, and academic counselling will be provided by members of the university staff.

Bilyea reminded potential students that it is not necessary to have completed high school to be admitted to the university. Those with Grade 12 and two years work experience or those 21 or over may qualify as adult students.