



An Overview of AU's Student Portal

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What is a portal?

- Web based gateway to information and knowledge in network computing.
- Goal is to resolve access to information scattered across a number of sources (internet, intranet, database, document storage, etc.).
- Serves as a single point of entry with the ability to display and customize access to content.

Types of Portals

- **Commercial (public)** – Offer broad content for diversified audience (yahoo, msn, lycos, etc.).
- **Publishing** – specific interests (zdnet.com).
- **Personal** – target specific filtered info.
- **Affinity** – support communities like hobby groups or political parties.
- **Mobile** – accessible from mobile devices.
- **Voice** – web portals with audio interfaces (can be accessed by cell phone)
- **Corporate** – also known as enterprise – provide access to rich content to corporate and corporate partners.

Athabasca University's Portal (myAU)

- myAU was developed to provide admitted students with a single point of entry to access information about AU and specific information pertaining to their academic careers at AU.

AU's Governance Structure

- **myAU Managers Group** – cross functional management group who direct the day to day operations of myAU.
- **myAU Web Steering Committee** – cross functional representatives group who review new initiatives and prioritize the evolution of myAU.

myAU



Notices provide information about new features or changes

LOGIN

Log-in

myAU

SECURE

Login allows student to login

FAQ's provide general overview

ABOUT MYAU

myAU is a web portal system that provides Athabasca University (AU) students with individualized web services and information - all from one simple and secure login point. Once you successfully "logged in," myAU will act as a gateway to all the resources you will need as an AU student.

FAQS

- > [How do I get an account \(a Student ID and password\) for myAU?](#)
- > [Is myAU secure?](#)
- > [Is my browser compatible?](#)
- > [How do I reset my password?](#)

HELP

- > [myAU Help Page](#)

NOTICES

- ▶ Change to log-in procedure for all students using myAU
- ▶ Vice President, Advancement Search
- ▶ Career opportunities

NEWS


- ▶ In the News: New website brings Alberta's labour history to life, Edmonton Journal
- ▶ Athabasca University in British Columbia
- ▶ AU student's novella nominated for Alberta Book Award
- ▶ Wharton in the Running
- ▶ Diaries from Torino
- ▶ Roman Warrior

Visit the [Newsroom](#) for AU News, press releases, newsletters, events, journals and publications.

News provide information pertaining to the AU community

Athabasca University

myAU



User ID:

Password:

Login

- ▶ Reset your password
- ▶ Help for students
- ▶ Contact us

You are logging into: <http://my.athabascau.ca/Authentication>

Direct interface with AU's Central Authentication System (CAS) and is a "single" sign on system for all AU services (except Library)

Need help logging into myAU?

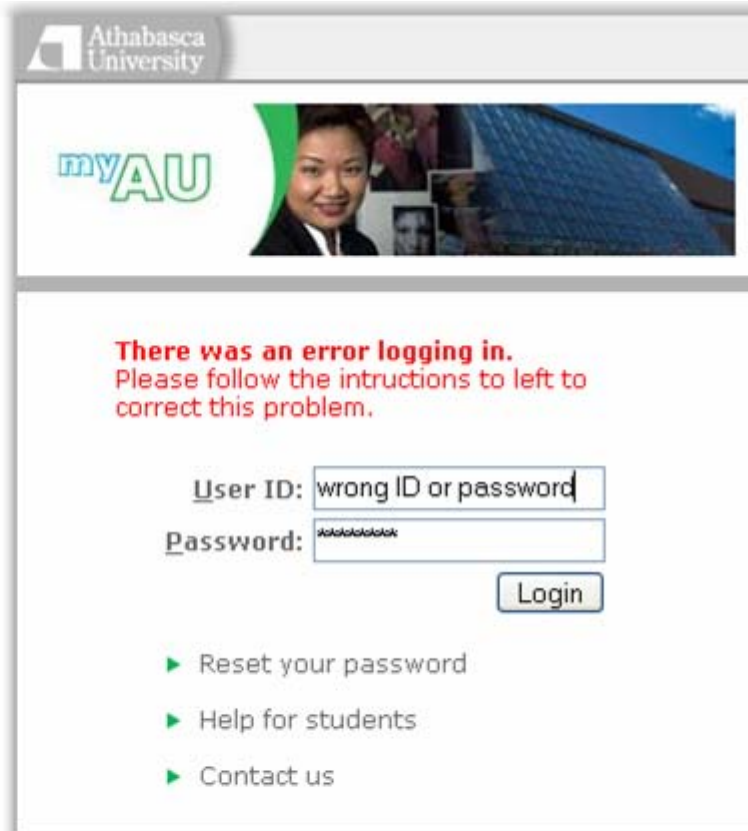
The following should help correct the problem.

Log in again. You may have mis-typed either your user ID or password.

Reset your password. You may have forgotten your password.

Contact us

Message to students who are having problems



The screenshot shows the Athabasca University myAU login interface. At the top, the Athabasca University logo and the myAU logo are visible. Below the logos is a banner image featuring a woman's portrait and a blue sky. The main content area displays a red error message: "There was an error logging in. Please follow the instructions to left to correct this problem." Below the message are input fields for "User ID:" and "Password:". The User ID field contains the text "wrong ID or password" and the Password field contains masked characters. A "Login" button is positioned to the right of the password field. At the bottom, there are three links with green arrow icons: "Reset your password", "Help for students", and "Contact us".

Athabasca University

myAU

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Password: [masked]

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Dr. Dietmar Kennepohl - Acting VP Academic

Welcome
message on
first login

Students must
agree to terms

WELCOME

Hello, I'm Dietmar Kennepohl, Acting Vice-President Academic at Athabasca University. Welcome to myAU, your very own customized portal space. Here you have access to a wide variety of services in one convenient location. You can register for courses, check your student record and take part in discussion boards. We'll be adding other resources from time to time. And we'll be sending information to you as well.

There are a few important things you need to know before you continue. The first is about the security of this site. Athabasca University is committed to providing you with web sites that respect your privacy. Please read the [conditions of use and privacy](#) on AU websites. Any personal information you provide voluntarily to Athabasca University through this portal will be used only for the purpose for which it was collected. We have in place reasonable processes and procedures to keep this personal information safe and secure. **Remember to log off and exit your browser before leaving your terminal. Anyone with access to your terminal will have access to all your student records as long as the connection is still active.**

The other thing you need to remember are rules regarding behaviour on this site. You will be accountable for your actions. Please read the [non-academic misconduct policy](#). Please help us keep this site enjoyable by reporting any messages or uses of the site that you feel do not conform to this policy by contacting [Public Affairs](#).

Athabasca University will not be responsible for any injury or damage arising from the personal use of this site. Below, you are asked to agree to this code of conduct before you can proceed into the portal.

One final message before you begin to explore. Athabasca University prides itself on serving students in a way that encourages success. This promise is made to students in a document entitled "Expect the Best: Service Standards" (for North American students [Service Standards](#) and for International students [International Service Standards](#)). We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the service standards and to contact us if you believe we are not meeting these expectations.

I hope you enjoy your customized portal space. And good luck with your studies! We hope to meet you on the road of life-long learning many times over the years.

☐ I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS AND CONDITION AS STATED ABOVE.



MY COURSES



MESSAGE CENTRE



STUDENT RECORD



MY LETTERS



CAREER



Tabs allow information to be housed in specific categories or "pages".

Channels allow information to be housed in specific sub categories or "chunks".

Channels can be minimized or maximized which are set to the student's next login



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CAREER



Home (as displayed here) is the student's home page.

Student Services provides links to policy information, the AU Calendar and forms

Community provides links to community discussion boards, blogs a personal journal

Library provides links to services such as the library catalogue and journal databases

MY COURSES



Philosophy of the Environment (PHIL375)

- > [Course](#)
- > [Grades](#)
- > [Syllabus](#)

Taxation I (TAXX301)

- > [Course](#)
- > [Grades](#)
- > [Syllabus](#)

STUDENT RECORD



My Courses Channel displays a list of the student's current courses

The Course link takes the student to the online learning resources for the course

The Grades link takes the student to their online grade book for that specific course

The Syllabus link takes the student to the course outline



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STUDENT RECORD

When you enter personal information into an AU web form as part of a secure web transaction, your information is encrypted using standard http secure (https://) Internet protocol. However, **remember to log out** before leaving your computer. Anyone with access to your computer will have access to your account as long as the connection is still active and AU can not be held responsible.

Manage Your Courses

- > [Register in a Course](#)
- > [Apply for a Course Extension](#)
- > [Withdraw from a Course](#)
- > [Request an Exam](#)
- > [Complete a Tutor-Marked Exercise Form \(DOC\)](#)
- > [Check Your Course Status](#)
- > [Check Your Grades](#)

Manage Your Program

- > [Change Your Program](#)
- > [Check Your Program Admission Status](#)

Manage Your Student Record

- > [Change Your Personal Information](#)
- > [Change Your Password](#)
- > [Reactivate Your Student Record](#)
- > [Request Transcripts](#)

Review Financial Information

- > [Apply for Scholarships](#)
- > [Obtain Your T2202A Income Tax Form](#)

Find more forms on the Student Services tab.

MESSAGE CENTRE

The Message Centre delivers administrative messages from AU to all students. For specific course-related messages, refer to My Courses.

Subject	Date
New online transcript request available	2006-May-01
Online transcript FAQ	2006-May-01
au.world ... next week	2006-Apr-20
Watch for convocation invitations in the mail soon	2006-Apr-10
Eligible to graduate? Application for graduation forms must be received by May 12th	2006-Apr-10
Change to log-in procedure for all students using myAU	2006-Mar-13
2005 T2202A's - Tuition and Education Tax Credit Certificate information is now available	2006-Jan-30
Tell Your Story	2005-May-16

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CAREER

Links to student record related services (registration, withdrawal, exam request, program, T2202A, etc.)

Current Messages to students

Electronic Letters (to be discussed in Gilbert's presentation)

Career related links (jobs.com, etc.)



[Home](#) [Student Services](#) [Community](#) [Library](#) [Help](#)

Welcome James Doe

May 7, 2006

Quick Nav :

[At Your Service](#) | [Forms](#) | [What We Offer](#) | [Resources](#) | [Policies & Standards](#)

AT YOUR SERVICE

FORMS

Links to AU Service
Departments
(Advising, Access
for Students with
Disabilities, etc.)

Links to forms
(PDF and online
services)

Links to calendar,
course info,
program info,
transfer credit and
PLA info

Links to policy info
and service
standards

WHAT WE OFFER

RESOURCES

POLICIES & STANDARDS

POLICIES

[Academic Appeals](#)
[Academic Misconduct Policy](#)
[Course Materials Returns & Refunds](#)
[Course Extension Policy](#)
[Grading Policy \(Graduate\)](#)
[Grading Policy \(Undergraduate\)](#)
[Information Technology Electronic Data Security Policy](#)
[Non-Academic Misconduct Policy](#)
[Protection of Privacy Policy](#)
[Student Confidentiality Policy](#)
[Students With Disabilities](#)

Other Policies

EXPECT THE BEST - AU SERVICE STANDARDS

[Service Standards \(for Canadian Students\)](#)
[Service Standards \(for International Students\) \(PDF - 2.3 MB\)](#)



COMMUNICATION TOOLS

PERSONAL TOOLS

[Blog](#)
[Personal Journal](#)
[Bookmarks](#)

DISCUSSION BOARDS

GENERAL

- > [Open](#)
- > [Learning at a Distance](#)

ACADEMIC AREAS

- > [Business](#)
- > [Music](#)
- > [Psychology](#)
- > [Science](#)

GROUPS

- > [Grad Students](#)

Links to
personalized info
and discussion
boards

Links to current
news and events

COMMUNITIES

[AU Undergraduate Students' Union](#)

Links to other
community info
(students' union)

Staff Profile (this is
the only content
related entry)

NEWS

STAFF PROFILE

EVA KNISLEY

Information Centre Acting Coordinator/Trainer



I started with AU in 1984 in the Office of the Registrar but after a couple of years I left to raise four children. I returned in 1996 and joined the Info Centre as an attendant. Since June 2004 I have been acting coordinator and trainer.

The best part of my job is keeping my staff well trained and well informed so they can provide the best service to our students and potential students. They need to be on top of their game: the Info Centre handles an average of 11,000 calls and answers an average of 18,000 "Ask AU" questions per month.

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Welcome jamesda4

May 7, 2006

WELCOME

WELCOME TO AU LIBRARY SERVICES

[AU Library Home](#)

Access the Library's web site where you will find a wide array of online resources and services to meet the needs of distance learners.

[Contact the Library Information Desk](#)



VIEW YOUR ACCOUNT

When you click on this button, you will be automatically authenticated with the Library catalogue system. You can search the catalogue, request some types of material, manage your library account, and place interlibrary loans through this system. It may sometimes ask you to log in again. You may type your information again. Or, you can close the window and click to enter the library catalogue again.

[VIEW YOUR ACCOUNT](#)



The Future Evolution of myAU

- Graduate student portal
- Two way messaging (like instant messenger)
- AU email accounts
- Staff portal
- Access to finance account
- Interactive program planning
- Targeted information push (for example, specific to a course, specific to a student's course contract with AU, specific to a program, specific to a demographic, etc.)
- Conditionalized content (for example, specific to a program, specific to a cohort of students, etc.)

Some Statistics

- Between January 1 and April 30, 2006
 - There were 335,835 log-ins in total and 20,505 unique instances
 - 20,411 students accessed their student record using myAU
 - 20,413 students accessed e-letters through myAU
 - 32,776 students accessed their T2202A through myAU
 - 16,455 students accessed registration services through myAU.

Questions?



Electronic Letters at Athabasca University

Presented by: Gilbert Perras

Why E-letters?

- Cost-savings
- Better Student Service
 - More timely delivery
 - Expectations
 - Not dependent on Canada Post
- Plan for Growth

The Project

- Project Proposal – March 18, 2005
- Implementation - December 15, 2005
- Duration of 9 months
- Cost of \$165,000



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- ALUMNI & FRIENDS

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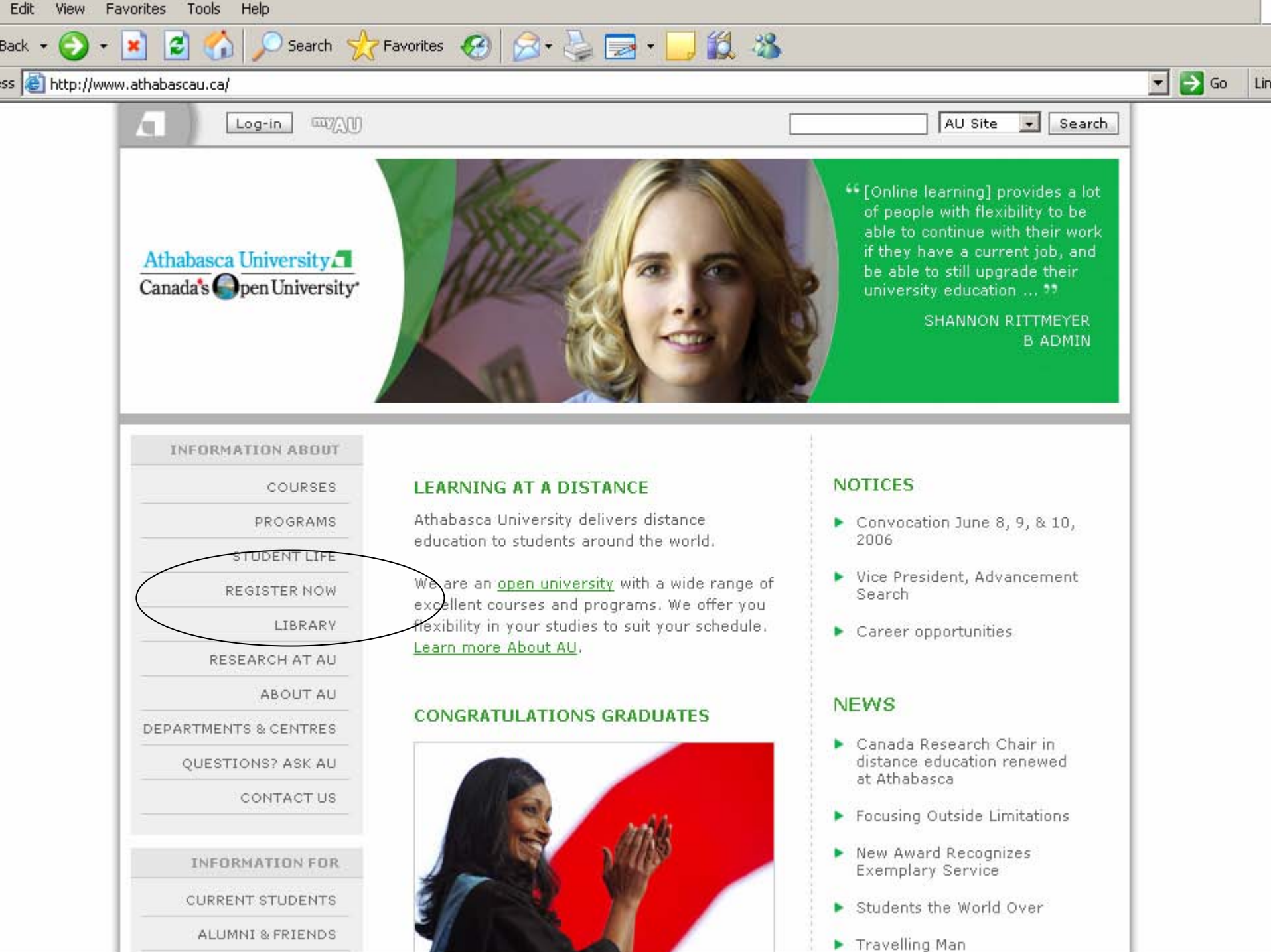


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- Change Password**

ADMISSION

- Graduate Application**
- Graduate Admission
- Undergrad Application**
- Reactivation**

COURSES

- Course Availability**

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HOW TO BECOME A STUDENT AT AU:

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- > Once admitted to AU a student account is created and you are issued a Student ID number.
- > Use your **Student ID number** to [Login](#). Now, you may access all online services provided by AU including course registration.
- > Undergraduate students may register in a course immediately.



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Undergraduate General Application

Bachelor Degrees, University Diplomas, University Certificates, Unclassified Studies

** Fields marked with an asterisk are required fields.***Please fill in your Personal Information, and proceed to the next page of the application.**

International Applicants inside of Canada holding a current Study Authorization should submit their General Application in our traditional format by fax to 1-780-675-6174 or by mail. Here is a link to our [Printable General Application Form](#).

Students who are enrolled in a program listed on the the [Canadian Virtual University](#) website and wish to be admitted to Athabasca University to take courses as a visiting student should complete the Canadian Virtual University [LOP/Visiting Student Admission Form](#) to have application fees waived.

Students attending a collaborating institution and taking an Athabasca University course for credit should contact Athabasca University to complete their application.

First Name: *Preferred First Name: Middle Name: Last Name: *Former First Name: Former Last Name: Street Address1: *Street Address2: Street Address3: City: *Province/State: *Postal/Zip Code: Country: *e-mail Address:

Note: Street Addresses must be provided
(No Post Office Box Numbers) for addresses
outside Canada and the United States.

Required if in Canada or the United States.

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Business:

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Fax:

Ext:

International Phone Numbers

Number (including country code)

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Fax:

Letter Delivery Method ([What is this?](#))

☐ e-letters

☐ Printed Letters*

Letter Delivery Confirmation:

Have you read and understood the difference between [e-letters](#) and [printed letters](#)?

☐ Yes☒

☐ No☒*

Citizenship:

☐ Canadian Citizen

☐ Other*

If Other, please specify below:

☐ Permanent Resident/Landed Immigrant

Country of Citizenship:

Gender:

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Not Specified*

Date of Birth:

(DD/MM/YYYY)*

Occupation:

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Country of Citizenship:

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RESEARCH AT AU

WELCOME TO ELECTRONIC LETTERS (E-LETTERS)

This new feature gives you the option to view certain letters online should you choose this option. By choosing to receive your letters electronically, you will be able to view, save, and/or print the following letters:

Admission - This letter confirms that you have been admitted to Athabasca University. Please note that there are several different types of admission letters. Not all admission letters will be available online, and these letters will be mailed to you.

Registration - This letter confirms that your registration request has been processed. Please note that this letter appears after the 11th day of the month prior to your start date (e.g. the letter for a course you are beginning on December 1 will appear after November 11). Please also note that this letter is generated once a tutor has been assigned to the course you have registered in.

Pre-registration - This letter confirms that your pre-registration request has been processed. This letter is sent to you when you pre-register in a course more than two months in advance of your start date.

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Pre-registration - This letter confirms that your pre-registration request has been processed. This letter is sent to you when you pre-register in a course more than two months in advance of your start date.

Re-registration - This letter confirms that you have been registered in a course in which you were previously registered.

Tutor - This letter introduces and provides contact information for the tutor of your course.

Withdrawal - This letter confirms that your withdrawal from a course has been processed.

Extension - This letter confirms that your request for a course extension has been processed.

Exam - This letter confirms your request for an exam has been processed.

Final grade - This letter confirms your final grade for a course.

We have enabled you to view your letters online to provide a more convenient and timely way for you to access your letters. We recommend that you save all letters to your PC because e-letters will only be available online six months after they have been created. Not all letters are available online; those not available will be printed and mailed to you through Canada Post. In the future, we hope to provide more letters electronically.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, or are experiencing any difficulties with accessing e-letters, please [contact us](#).

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CHOOSING E-LETTERS AS THE LETTER DELIVERY METHOD

If you choose e-letters as your letter delivery method, you will not receive certain printed letters (as listed above) through Canada Post. This requires you to access these letters online in the [myAU](#) student portal or through the [Office of the Registrar Online Services \(OROS\)](#). You should check your e-letters on a regular basis – at least every two weeks. If you prefer to have your Athabasca University letters printed and mailed to you, please choose printed letters as your letter delivery method.

CHOOSING PRINTED LETTERS AS THE LETTER DELIVERY METHOD

If you choose printed letters as your letter delivery method, you will receive print copies of Athabasca University letters via Canada Post. If you would like to conveniently view your letters online, please choose e-letters as your letter delivery method.

E-LETTERS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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If you choose e-letters as your letter delivery method, you will not receive certain printed letters (as listed above) through Canada Post. This requires you to access these letters online in the [myAU](#) student portal or through the [Office of the Registrar Online Services \(OROS\)](#). You should check your e-letters on a regular basis – at least every two weeks. If you prefer to have your Athabasca University letters printed and mailed to you, please choose printed letters as your letter delivery method.

CHOOSING PRINTED LETTERS AS THE LETTER DELIVERY METHOD

If you choose printed letters as your letter delivery method, you will receive print copies of Athabasca University letters via Canada Post. If you would like to conveniently view your letters online, please choose e-letters as your letter delivery method.

E-LETTERS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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ELECTRONIC LETTERS (E-LETTERS) FAQ

1. What exactly are e-letters?

E-letters are electronic letters available online to undergraduate students. [Find out more.](#)

2. I am a graduate student. How come I cannot see any e-letters?

E-letters are only available to undergraduate students. We hope to provide e-letters to graduate students in the future.

3. How long will my letters be available online?

Your e-letters will be accessible for six months. Therefore, we recommend that you save all your letters to your PC.

4. What does letter delivery method mean?

You can choose between two different letter delivery methods: [e-letters](#) or [printed letters](#).

5. How do I know what my letter delivery method is?

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5. How do I know what my letter delivery method is?

In [myAU](#), check out the section titled 'Letter Delivery Method' to find out what your letter delivery method is.

You can also check your letter delivery method at the [Office of the Registrar Online Services \(OROS\)](#). Click on Electronic Letters in the Student Record section on the left, and check out the section titled 'Letter Delivery Method.'

6. Can I switch my letter delivery method any time?

Yes. Please note that most of the letters are created overnight and therefore will not be accessible until the day after your request. However, some letters are only produced once a month. [Read more.](#)

7. How do I get an original copy of my acceptance letter sent to my sponsor for funding?

You can print the letter off and send it to them or [contact us](#) to have a letter sent for you.

8. I asked for an extension but my course registration letter still shows the original contract date. Why?

Your original course registration letter will always show the original contract date. An extension letter will be available to you to confirm your request for a course extension. The extension letter will indicate your new contract date.

9. I am having problems accessing my e-letters. What should I do?

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10. Will I receive an e-mail notification each time I have a new e-letter to view?

No, we do not require all students to have an e-mail address. For those students that do have an e-mail address, AU has found it very cumbersome and time consuming to maintain and ensure e-mail addresses are active. However, AU does recognize that this would be a better service to students. We are currently undertaking a project that may resolve issues we had with maintaining e-mail addresses. Please stay tuned.

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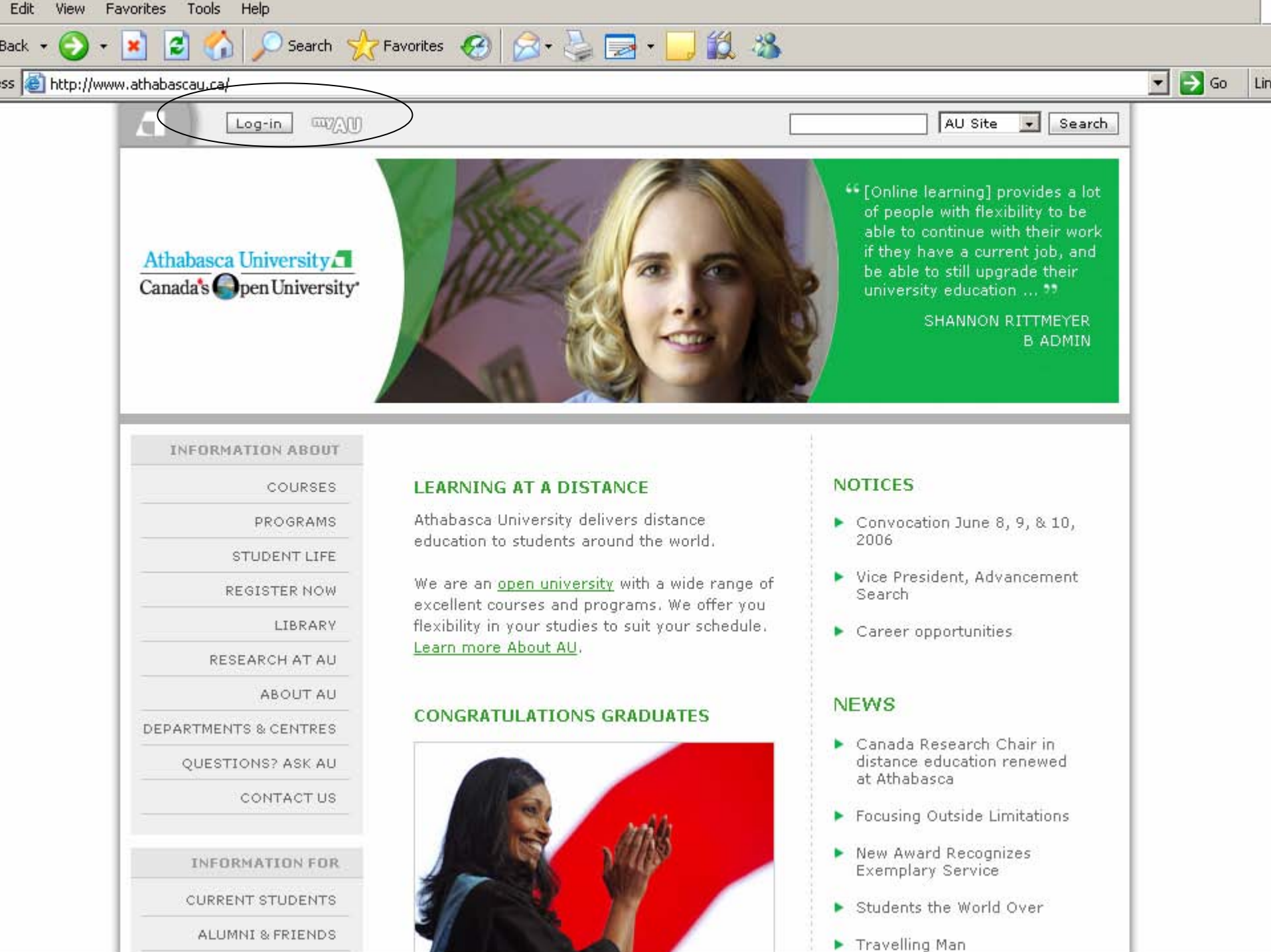


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ABOUT MYAU

myAU is a web portal system that provides Athabasca University (AU) students with individualized web services and information - all from one simple and secure login point. Once you successfully "logged in," myAU will act as a gateway to all the resources you will need as an AU student.

FAQS

- > [How do I get an account \(a Student ID and password\) for myAU?](#)
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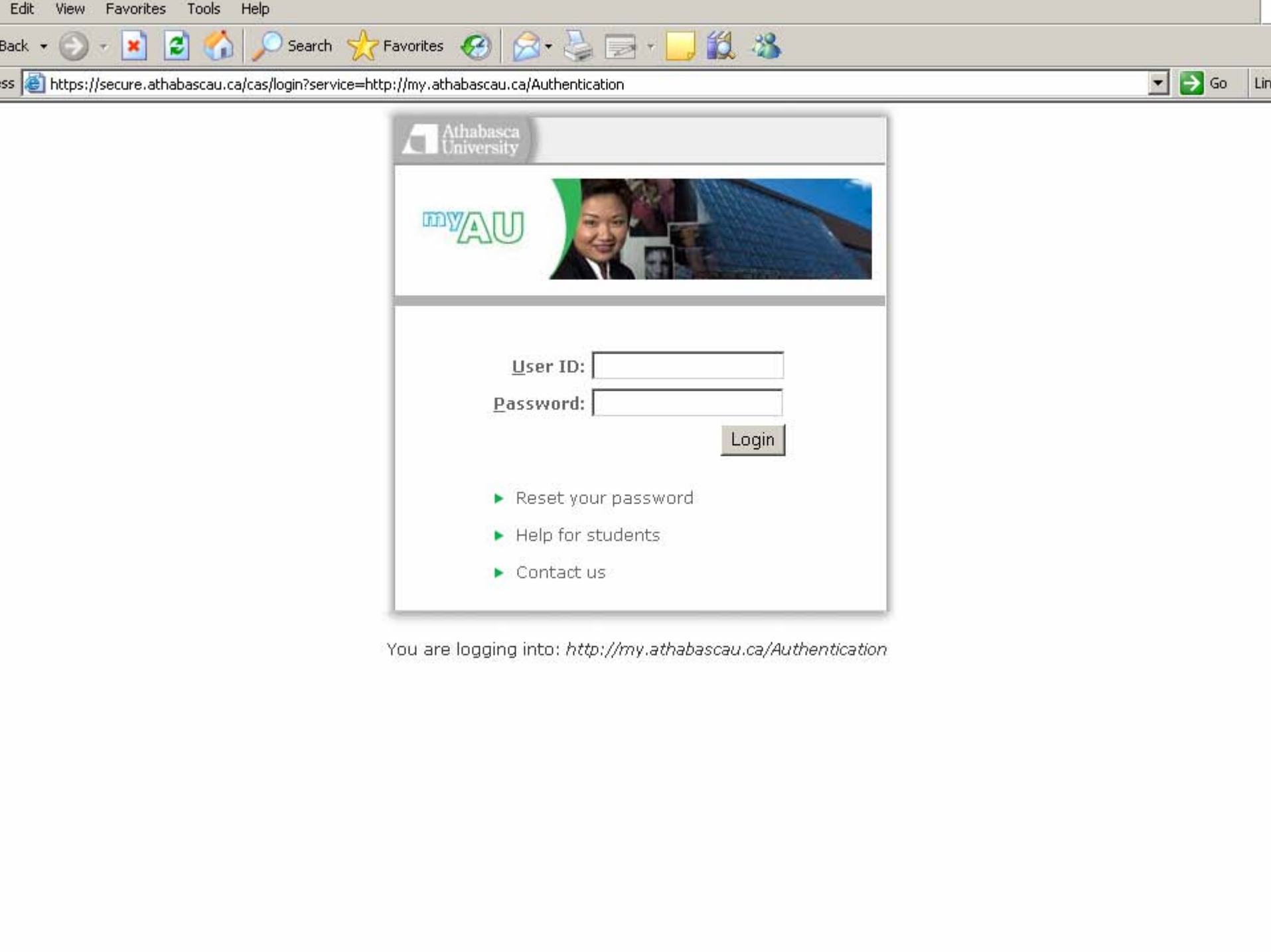
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Welcome to the AU Electronic Letters download page. Your letter should have begun automatically downloading. If this does not happen within a few seconds, please [download](#) your letter.

When you are finished, you may [GO BACK](#) to the service you came from.

Opening **ADMISSION LETTER75714.pdf**



The site has suggested that "ADMISSION LETTER75714.pdf" be handled as an attachment. It is of type application/pdf (Adobe Acrobat Document) and located at:



<https://tux2.athabascau.ca>

What should Mozilla do with this file?

☐ Open it with the default application (AcroExch)

☐ Open it with

Choose...

☒ Save it to disk

☐ Always perform this action when handling files of this type

OK

Cancel

Athabasca University

Office of the Registrar

March 31, 2006
ID: 9606472

Trenton David Adams
62 Birch Street
Athabasca, AB T9S 1T4

Dear Trenton:

Welcome to Athabasca University. You are enrolled in the Unclassified Admission category. This category allows you to complete courses for credit without being enrolled in a credential program.

Should you decide in the future to enroll in a credential at Athabasca University, the courses you successfully complete may be considered for credit to the extent the credential regulations allow. If you require assistance in planning a program please contact a Student Advisor at our Learning Centres. Call 1-800-788-9041 and ask to speak to an Advisor.

Cost Savings

- Staffing costs of \$165,000
- Cost savings of \$75,000 annually
 - Based on \$0.60/letter
 - Staff savings of 0.2 FTE
- ROI of approx. 2 years

Usage patterns

- Day 1: 210 e-letters (70 non-e)
- Week 1: 1850 e-letters (813 non-e)
- Month 1: 7200 e-letters (3600 non-e)
- Year 1 (estimate): 110,000 e-letters



The Future of Eletters at AU

- Graduate students
- Add other existing letters
- Create new letters
 - Reminder letters

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