

ACADEMIC ADVICE

Wayne State College Advising Center Newsletter

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What is Academic Advising?

Academic Advising is a process through which advisors assist students in developing life plans and career goals and in clarifying institutional requirements, policies, procedures, resources and educational options.



FROM THE ADVISING CENTER (Room 103, Student Center)

The Advising Center has many resources to help you through the registration process. Call 375-7557 with advising questions. Drop-in assistance is available daily:

1:00 - 8:00 Monday-Thursday

1:00 - 4:00 Friday

THINGS TO DO NOW

1. Pick up your class schedule booklet from an academic building, the Records & Registration Office or the Advising Center—available after **11-04-02**.
2. Make an appointment with your advisor.
3. Plan classes for spring.
4. Discuss your choices with your advisor.
5. Register for classes according to the time schedule listed in WebCat. **Registration begins 11-18-02.**

Suggestions from the Records & Registration Office

1. Log in to your WebCat online account and verify your personal information. Notify the appropriate office if changes need to be made.
2. When planning classes for next semester, select alternatives that are new classes, not just different sections of the same classes. Call numbers found in the first column of the schedule booklet are required in online registration.
3. PIN's cannot be given out over the phone. Students must bring their picture ID to the Records & Registration Office or request that their PIN be mailed.
4. Remember, students need to obtain Department Chair and Instructor signatures to enroll in closed classes. Faculty signatures alone are not sufficient to enroll in a closed class.
5. Reminder to veterans and students in the military--you do not need to take PED 103 & 203.
6. If you have questions about your academic progress, please check with your assigned advisor.
7. Has your academic advisor "released" you for web registration?
8. **Athletes & Veterans:** Enrollment must be in applicable courses in order to meet eligibility requirements; check with appropriate personnel before repeating previously passed courses to retain athletic eligibility or veterans' benefits.

—ADVISING NOTES—

- Remember to **check your e-mail** for important messages from your advisor. You can check your e-mail on your personal computer, in the Student Center game room, or use the computers in the Library. Update your e-mail address in WebCat.
- Mid-term low grade reports were sent to you on October 28th. Contact your advisor to discuss mid-term low grades.
- Check the Academic Web Pages for information on a particular major, minor or endorsement. The links can be found on the WSC Home Page at www.wsc.edu.

REGISTRATION REMINDER

WebCat online registration begins November 18, 2002 and will remain open through January 17, 2003. Check the class schedule booklet for the earliest date you can register based on your current classification. Start on the WSC Home Page. Click on E-Campus and then on WebCat.

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ACADEMIC NEWS

School of Arts and Humanities

Art Department:

Interested in Art—visit the web page on careers in art or come over to the Studio Arts Building and visit the art department. An appointment can be set up with any of the art faculty to discuss the art programs. **The address for that site is:**

http://www.wsc.edu/student/services/advising_center/program_information/career_exploration/what_can_i_do_with/

Communication Arts Department:

Join the Wayne Stater, KWSC Radio Station, WSC TV, WSC Theatre, or the Communication Honor Society. Build your resume with undergraduate experiences that will enhance your poise, self-confidence, and leadership abilities. The Communication Arts Department offers majors in Mass Communication, Speech Communication, and Theatre, which prepare students for careers in radio, T.V., Journalism, Theatre, Public Relations, Corporate and Community Relations, Organizational Consulting, Advertising, Organizational Leadership, Management, Teaching, Law, and Public Service.

CNA 100 - Principles of Human Communication—Note three special sections:

1. CNA 100-Section 10-Special Topics in Health Communication-MWF at 12:00. The course will cover the general education requirements of Public Speaking, Interpersonal, Small Group, and Organizational Communication from a Health Communication perspective. Students majoring in health related fields should consider this class. Visit with Randa Garden for more information.
2. A special Service Learning project will be incorporated into CNA 100-Section 3 on MWF at 9:00. Visit with Samantha Volquardsen for more information.
3. CNA 100-Honors Section 11 will be taught by Ron Whitt on T TH at 9:30. Visit with him for more information.

Music Department:

Attention Musicians! Are you undeclared? The demand for music teachers is higher than it has been for many years. The Department of Music offers endorsements in instrumental and vocal music education. Other majors include Music Performance and Music Merchandising. The Music Merchandising degree combines music and business courses to prepare students for careers in the music industry. A music minor is also available.

Attention Non-Music Majors! Students need not be music majors in order to be a part of the Music Department. If you have always wanted to learn music, we also offer private lessons for

non-majors in voice, piano, or almost any other instrument. If you sing or play an instrument, you are welcome to join one of our many ensembles, including band, choir and string ensemble. Contact the Department of Music for more information.

Language and Literature Department:

Are you considering an English major? Do you enjoy writing poetry? Plan to attend the **Plains Poetry Festival** on November 21, 2002. State Poet William Kloefkorn and 20 visiting writers will be on campus. Plan to listen to the poets read their own work to the WSC community. The **Plains Poetry Festival** will be held in the Humanities Building. A Poetry Slam will be held in the evening. Contact J.V. Brummels at 375-7401 for more information.

School of Business and Technology

Computer Technology and Information Systems Department:

ARE YOU UNDECLARED AND LOOKING FOR A MAJOR OR MINOR? Consider a major or minor in Computer Information Systems or Computer Science. Computing and Information Systems are very dynamic and exciting areas with great career potential. Stop in and visit with one of the CTIS Department faculty members in the Gardner Hall 206 office pod area or call (402) 375-7545.

ALREADY HAVE A MAJOR? Can you name an academic field or an employment sector that is *not* being affected by computing and other related information technologies? Don't feel bad, neither could we? The bottom line—having a second major or a minor in a computing or information systems area is a great way to set yourself up for success in your chosen major and the career you wish to have beyond graduation. Take a good look at the Management Information Systems (MIS) minor. Discover what many students already know—the MIS minor makes a great companion to most of the majors offered at WSC, and in most cases it can be completed within the general electives hours found in a student's major degree program. If you want an even stronger dose of computing and information systems background, consider the Computer Information Systems (CIS) minor or the Computer Science (CSC) minor.

CSC 396 - Web Administration—will be offered as an elective course in the Spring of 2003 semester. This course will count as a committee-approved elective for Computer Science majors. Students who are Computer Information Systems majors may also use this as a committee-approved elective. Other students with an interest in Web Administration should visit with the course's Instructor, Lori Nicholson, in Gardner Hall 206K to see if they have the necessary background to succeed in the course.

CIS 350 - CICS Application Programming—normally offered in the Fall semesters, was not offered during the Fall of 2002. It is being offered in the Spring semester of 2003. Students who need this course in their degree program should discuss this with their advisor to see if they should be in the course in the Spring of 2003.

Computer Technology and Information Systems Department (Continued):

CIS 356 - the ever-popular Visual Basic Course, will be offered in the Spring of 2003. Demand for this course is usually very high and comes from students in a variety of majors. Those students who need this course should plan on registering for it early in the registration period.

CIS 132 - Principles of Computing and Information Systems—is a required first year course for all Computer Information Systems and Computer Science majors.

CIS 130 - Introduction to Computer Information Technology—is open to all undeclared students as well as students with majors and/or minors in non-computing areas. CIS 130 makes a great elective and is required for students with Business Administration majors.

School of Education and Counseling

Counseling and Special Education Department:

CSL 202 - Introduction to Human Service Counseling—has initiated a service learning component to help students apply principles of the course to helping people. Students volunteer for a minimum of one hour a week for at least ten weeks. Some of the agencies that welcome them as volunteers include R-Way, TeamMates, Head Start, Professional Partners, Tower School, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Liberty Centre. Students share their experiences as volunteers in small groups on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:20 p.m. The groups, which are led by the instructor and graduate students in counseling, also help students make an informed decision about counseling as a career choice. During weeks that the group meetings are held, the class does not meet on Fridays.

School of Natural and Social Sciences

Physical Science Department:

PHS 196 - Physical Science for General Education—try this class rather than chemistry or physics as your general education choice for Physical Sciences. This course will take a look at the world we live in, from the smallest of the small to the largest of the large. The class will meet on Wednesday evenings.

History, Politics and Geography Department:

GEO 325 - Geography of Recreation, Tourism, and Sports—Thinking about Geography as a career? Consider this class to learn about applied and academic aspects of indoor/outdoor recreation, international/regional tourism, and professional/amateur sports. Students will conduct surveys of many organizations. The course is open to all students seeking an upper-division elective and is also a requirement in the Sport Management major.

MAJORS/MINORS FAIR

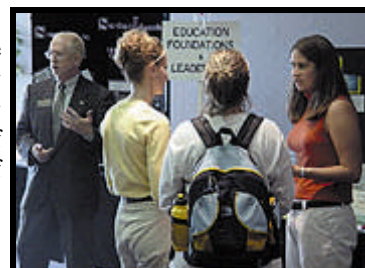


The Drama club brings the Theatre major to life.

The annual Majors/Minors Fair was held on 9/24/02 this fall. Over 300 students attended the Fair and learned about many majors and minors offered at WSC. Several student clubs and organization members helped out at the door, directing students to the correct department tables or assisting with refreshments. Door prizes were awarded to some of

the lucky students who entered the drawing.

If you were unable to attend the Majors/Minors Fair, you are invited to visit with faculty across campus to answer questions about programs of study. The Advising Center staff is also available to assist you to answer questions or refer you to the best source of information. Stop by the Advising Center in the Student Center, Room 103. **It is time to think about your major choice and future career now!**



Students visit the Education booth.

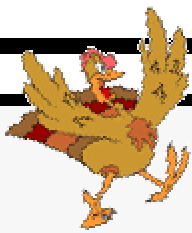


Students learn about a major in Counseling.

Dr. Dalal answers a student's question.



Students pick up questions to enter the door prize contest.



CALENDAR

(Note these events)

November 8 (Friday): Last Day to Withdraw from a Class. There will be no fee adjustment. (The last withdrawal date for those classes which do not meet for the entire semester will be one week following the mid-point of the class.)

November 11 (Monday): CLEP Exam

Ongoing: Advising for **Undeclared** students. Declared students should contact their faculty advisors for an appointment.

November 18 (Monday): Course registration for Spring 2003 begins via Web for Students

November 25 (Monday): CLEP Exam

November 27-29 (Wednesday-Friday): Fall Break (Thanksgiving weekend)

December 2 (Monday): CLEP Exam

December 6 (Friday): Last day for official withdrawal from school

December 10-16 (Tuesday-Monday): Study Week

December 17-20 (Tuesday-Friday): Final Exam Week

December 20 (Friday): Commencement - 2:00 pm

January 13 (Monday): Classes begin at 8:00 am

January 13 (Monday): CLEP Exam

BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE

All students are required to pay any outstanding bills, library fines, parking tickets, etc., prior to Spring 2003 course registration.

Students wishing to pay their Spring 2003 account balance in installments may pick up an application at the Business Office. FACTS Payment Plan applications are due in the Business Office by Wednesday, November 20, 2002.

Student account balance information may also be obtained via WebCat.

From the Office of Student Health **MENINGITIS IMMUNIZATION**

Meningitis: A word that strikes fear into the hearts of parents. Many a parent thinks of this infection when their infant has a fever, is listless and irritable. But college students?

Meningitis describes an infection of the tissue and fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord. It is caused by viruses, bacteria, and other organisms. The most common cause in college students is the bacteria meningococcus. When it occurs, it spreads to small clusters of individuals who have close contact. In the 18-23 age group, the incidence is 1.4 cases per 100,000 per year. However, in college freshmen living in dorms, the incidence is 4.6 cases per 100,000. Even in this day of antibiotics, there is a mortality rate up to 10%.

If meningitis is rare and treatable, why mention it at all? There is a vaccine, that provides protection against 2 of the 4 strains of this bacteria. The Center for Disease Control, American College Health Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics all recommend that college freshman consider getting the vaccine. Students who are on campus please call the Student Health Office 375-7470 so we can answer your questions and arrange for you to receive the vaccine.

Reminder from Student Health



On September 27, 2002 our office mailed 336 notices to WSC students who were not in compliance with the immunization and Health form requirements. If you are one of these students, contact the Student Health Office, Room 104 of the Student Center, or call us at 375-7470. Failure to comply will cause a hold to be placed on class registration.

**E-mail your advising questions to:
advising@wsc.edu**