

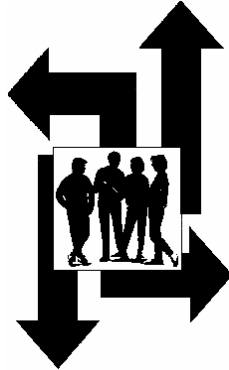
# ACADEMIC ADVICE

Wayne State College Advising Newsletter

Fall 2004

## THINGS TO DO NOW

1. Pick up a class schedule from an academic building, the Records & Registration Office or the Counseling Center. **Signs will be posted when schedules are available.**
2. Make an appointment with your advisor.
3. Plan classes for fall.
4. Discuss your choices with your advisor.
5. Register for classes according to the time schedule listed in WebCat. **Registration begins 11-15-04.**

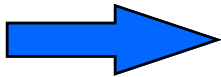


## REGISTRATION REMINDER

WebCat online registration begins November 15, 2004 and will remain open through January 14, 2005. 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, scroll to WSC Online Resources and then click on WebCat.

## 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.**



## ADVISING NOTES

1. Remember to check your e-mail for important messages from your advisor. Update your e-mail address and local address in WebCat.
2. Mid-term low grade reports were sent to you on October 25th. Contact your advisor to discuss mid-term low grades.
3. Do you have a major? Check the Academic Schools Pages for information on a particular major, minor or endorsement. The links can be found on the WSC E-campus Page at <http://ecampus.wsc.edu> or call 375-7557 for assistance.

## ONLINE ADVISING

What is online advising and does Wayne State College offer that service to students? Yes, Wayne State College has many advising resources available on the Academic Advising website and there is online advising available for distance education students and others. Students can send a question via the online advisor and either get a direct answer or the question will be referred to the department that is most knowledgeable about that program of study. Check out the advising website and look under the quick links for the online advisor at:

[http://www.wsc.edu/student/services/advising\\_center/](http://www.wsc.edu/student/services/advising_center/)



**English as a Second Language:** A new course will be offered in the Spring 2005 semester. Designed for students who do not have English as their first language. GST 196-25 ESL Writing and Reading Skills will be offered on Tuesday from 2:00 - 2:50 p.m. for one credit hour. For more information call 375-7496.

## 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, 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.

# ACADEMIC NEWS

## School of Arts and Humanities

### Art and Design Department

Students interested in the arts might consider a major in Art Education, Graphic Design or Studio Arts. Visit the Nordstrand Art Gallery to see art exhibits from visiting artists. Students interested in trying out this major could enroll in ART 101 Design or ART 110 Drawing. To learn more call 375-7359.

### Communication Arts Department

A special section of CNA 100 (Health Topics) will be offered in the Spring, 2005. Any student interested in health related careers should take this section. MWF 11:00 A.M. CNA 100 Honors will be on TTh at 11:00 A.M.

### Language and Literature Department

The Department of Language and Literature invites you to consider the many opportunities we offer for career enhancement and pre-professional preparation. Our English majors not only prepare you for a wide variety of careers in teaching, editing, publishing, and marketing, but also serve as a wonderful foundation for advanced study in Law, Public Administration, and many other fields. Our Modern Language programs enhance your career choices. For more information call 375-7395.

### Music Department

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 Music Dept. for more information at 375-7359.

## School of Business and Technology

### Business and Economics Department

Many students are interested in pursuing a major and career in the business field. A student group of business majors, Delta Sigma Pi, organizes a Shirtsleeves Workshop each year which showcases alumni who talk about careers in business. If you want to try a major in the Business and Economics Department, check out **BUS 124 Intro to Business** (check with the instructor for permission for non Business majors) or **ECO 202 Principles of the National Economic System**. For more information call 375-7245.

### Computer Technology & Information Systems Department

Students looking for an excellent elective course that provides a combination of theory and skill-building should consider enrolling in CIS 130 Intro. to Computer Information Technology.

**CIS 356 Visual Basic**, will be offered during Spring 2005. It will not be offered during Fall 2005, so students wanting or needing the course should consider registering for it now.

Students needing **CIS 466 Advanced Database** in their academic programs should contact their advisor to discuss course sequencing. For more information call 375-7245.

## School of Education and Counseling

The **School of Education/Counseling** offers three introductory courses (two in Education and one in Human Service Counseling) that may be useful to students who are exploring their career choices.

### **EDU 110 Overview of Elementary Education (1)**

A 1-hour class that meets two days a week for one-half of the semester. Emphasizes how effective elementary teachers interact with children.

### **EDU 201 Introduction to Professional Education (3)**

Introduction to American schools and society. Combined with 25 clock-hours of field experience in public schools.

### **CSL 202 Introduction to Human Service Counseling (3)**

Summarizes the personality characteristics, skills, and knowledge needed for effective human service counseling.

## School of Natural and Social Sciences

### Health, Human Performance and Sport

The HHPS Dept. offers majors in Physical Education, Sport Management, Exercise Science, Applied Human and Sport Physiology and also provides several services through the Wellness Program. This includes Personal Training, Diet Analysis, Exercise Assessment, Body Composition measurement, Noon Hour Aerobics and workshops on health and fitness topics. For more information call 375-7301.

### Life Sciences Department

Students interested in Biology can pursue a minor in Environmental Studies or a major in several topics in Biology. Several faculty are conducting research through a grant this year. Students interested in Biology related research can contact the Life Sciences Department at 375-7329.

### History, Political Science and Geography Department

Classes from this Dept. may be of interest to students this election year. Students wanting to know more about how our country works could get involved with the Democracy Matters student group or attend one of the many forums offered by the American Democracy Project. For more information call 375-7292.

### Physical Sciences and Math Department

Students interested in the sciences can consider science or math majors as well as several pre-professional programs of study. To get another look at the field of science, plan to visit the Fred G. Dale Planetarium. Visit the Earth Science website to find interesting links about the Mars Mission, Hubble Space Telescope and other space related fields. To learn more call 375-7329

### Sociology, Psychology, and Criminal Justice Department

Visit a Criminal Justice faculty member to learn more about Criminal Justice graduate's jobs. These alumni are employed as Police Officers, State Patrol Officers, Probation Officers, F.B.I. Agents and Campus Security Officers to name a few. Sign up for CJA 105 (Introduction to Criminal Justice) if these sound interesting to you. Call 375-7292 for more information.