

# ACADEMIC ADVICE

Wayne State College Advising 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.

## 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 spring.
4. Discuss your choices with your advisor.
5. Register for classes according to the time schedule listed in WebCat. **Registration begins 11-14-05.**



## 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 24th. Contact your advisor to discuss mid-term low grades.
3. Do you have a major? Check the Academic Schools pages at <http://ecampus.wsc.edu> or call 375-7557 for assistance.
4. No more than 2 hours of each athletic squad participation credit can be accepted toward graduation.
5. Honors Courses cannot be taken "pass/fail."

## 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/advising\\_services/](http://www.wsc.edu/advising_services/)

## Applying For Graduation???

Students need to formally apply for graduation at least one semester prior to their intended graduation date. Application forms are available from the Office of Records & Registration, Hahn 105. If you are unsure of whether or not you are eligible to graduate we recommend you schedule an appointment with your academic advisor to review the online audit, resolve any problems or discrepancies, and determine your appropriate graduation date.

## 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

### Communication Art & Language Literature Departments

Students interested in earning credits in Spanish or Communications Arts may want to plan for a **Study Abroad** month in Costa Rica in the summer of 2006. Pre-requisite: **SPA 110** which will be offered in the Spring '06 and May '06. See Dr. Deb Whitt or Dr. Adolfo Cacheiro for more information.

### Art Department

If you are interested in Art as a major or minor you are invited to come in and schedule a visit with an Art faculty member or the department chair. Call 375-7359.

### Music Department

Non-Music Majors! Consider participating in a vocal or instrumental course next semester. Contact the Music Dept. for more information at 375-7359.

## School of Business and Technology

### Business and Economics Department

What does business have to offer you, the NON-BUSINESS MAJOR? Even though you may not be a business major, we offer many classes that could be useful to you. In the Spring 2006 term please consider Bus Law I (BUS 222), Accounting I (BUS 240), Principles of Marketing (BUS 370), or ECO 202, 203. These courses provide an excellent introduction to topics that are meaningful to any major.

### Computer Technology & Information Systems Department

Computing minors make a great addition to any major. Enhance your marketability, employability, computer literacy, and career satisfaction with a computing minor. See any of the CTIS faculty in Gardner Hall (or call 375-7545) to discuss a minor in Management Information Systems, Computer Information Systems, or Computer Science.

**CTIS** students: If you are a CIS or CSC major wanting to take CIS 356 Visual Basic, it is offered in Spring 2006 Semester. It will not be offered in the Fall 2006 Semester, as CIS and CSC students will be provided other elective courses in the Fall.

The **CTIS** Department will offer two Spring 2006 courses for students interested in the popular "Dreamweaver" web authoring/website design package and the Macromedia Suite packages. There will be a 3 credit hour daytime section that introduces the package and then goes a bit more in-depth. There will also be a 1 credit hour introductory evening course on Monday evenings for those who just want the basics. Hurry to sign up, because these courses will fill fast.

## School of Education and Counseling

### Counseling & Special Education Department

WSC students to apply for admission to the Human Service Counseling major need to:

- Complete an application for admission
- Earn at least a C in these courses: CSL 202, CSL 324, CNA 100, ENG 102
- Pass the Writing Section of the PPST (minimum score of 172)

A student transferring to WSC with an associate degree who is thinking of majoring in Human Service Counseling, should be encouraged to take three of the courses required for the major the first semester (especially CSL 202 and CSL 218).

### Educational Foundations & Leadership Department

Students may choose teaching endorsement programs in Elementary Education (K-8), Early Childhood (Birth-grade 3) in association with the Elementary Endorsement or Middle School Education (4-9). The Middle School endorsement requires the student to specialize in two content areas as soon as possible as there are some specific General Education choices tied to selected content areas. Call 375-7389 for more information.

## School of Natural and Social Sciences

### Health, Human Performance and Sport

Students interested in sports and physical fitness might consider majors in Applied Human and Sport Physiology or Sport Management, teaching endorsements in Health and Physical Education and coaching. Call 375-7301 with questions.

### Life Sciences Department

Students interested in Biology can work with faculty studying Black Terns (Dr. Szczyz); the ecology of the Elkhorn River (Dr. Borgmann-Ingwersen); visit the La-Porte Cemetery to work on ecology projects (Dr. Hammer); participate in science and medically related conferences (Dr. Percy and Dr. Christensen); help out with recycling plastic on the campus; work on undergraduate research projects with faculty or join the Biology Club (see Ms. DeBoer). For more information contact Dr. Kietzmann at 375-7329.

### History, Political Science and Geography Department

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. Call 375-7329 for more information.

## **Sociology, Psychology, and Criminal Justice Department**

CJA 396 Issues in Law Enforcement and Corrections(3). This is a catch up class for those under older catalogs who have not yet taken CJA 330 (Issues in Corrections) or CJA 340 (Issues in Law Enforcement). These two classes no longer will be offered, so anyone in their senior year in CJA should take this class **NOW**. Starting in Fall 2006, we will be offering CJA 475 under a new name, which will include the content formerly in CJA 330 and CJA 340, modified, and will be adding CJA 488 Senior Seminar. **If you are a CJA major graduating in May 2006, Aug. 2006 or Dec. 2006 and have not yet had CJA 330 or CJA 340 (whichever is required in your program then you must take CJA 396 now).** Juniors will be taking the new requirements (new CJA 475 and new CJA 488) by substitution. Seniors in CJA who have not yet taken CJA 475 must take it Spring Semester 2006. See your advisor if you have questions.

### **Other**

#### **Basic Military Science and Army ROTC at WSC**

Military Science 102 and 202 are once again being held on the WSC campus during the Spring 2006 Semester. Each of the courses will meet on Wednesday afternoons for the core curriculum and opportunities for hands-on leadership labs and physical training will be scheduled during the first two weeks of the semester. The MSL courses are taught by an Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, (ROTC), instructor via a partnership agreement between WSC and the University of South Dakota. The courses are tuition free and Army ROTC provides books and materials for each course. The MSL 102 course, Basic Leadership, is one credit-hour course designed to introduce fundamental concepts to build leadership traits. The MSL 202 course, Leadership and Teamwork, is a two credit-hour course that examines leadership dynamics using team-building as a means to develop leadership styles. More information on these courses can be found on the WSC website: [www.wsc.edu/partner/wsc\\_rotc](http://www.wsc.edu/partner/wsc_rotc) or by contacting the instructor via e-mail at: [ddonahoe@usd.edu](mailto:ddonahoe@usd.edu).

**Study Abroad** Talk to your academic advisor about studying abroad. Your academic advisors may be able to point out considerations for students studying abroad that are specific to your major, minor or college of enrollment. Being aware of how your study abroad coursework can potentially fulfill your personal requirements can help you fulfill degree requirements more efficiently and quickly, thereby helping you graduate on time. If you want to fulfill a second language requirement/proficiency during a study abroad opportunity talk to the department advisor or a language department advisor.

### **What's In A Degree: B.A. vs. B.S.**

So, you've decided on a major, filed the necessary Change of Major form with the Registrar's Office, and are feeling relieved. However, there's one other item you might consider when planning your program of study.

Would a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree help you realize your goals more quickly? Many students express their bewilderment regarding the differences between a B.A. and a B.S. Here are a few things to consider.

Both degrees require that students complete the General Education requirements as well as major and minor programs or subject/field endorsements where applicable. The major difference between a B.A. and B.S. is that students who earn a B.A must complete at least five hours of study in a foreign language at (or above) the 200 course level. Having a background in language is extremely beneficial for students who anticipate entering graduate school as it provides a breadth of understanding which comes from language studies. Even if graduate school is not in your immediate future, a background in a second language can make you more attractive to prospective employers as it demonstrates some experience with other peoples and cultures.

Students should contact their respective advisors for more specific advice on how a B.A. or a B.S. fits into their academic studies.

### **Choosing a Minor?**

You made a big decision about what to major in. You may have always known what your major was going to be or maybe you researched, discussed the issue with you advisor, family and friends and finally came to a decision. You are happy with your choice of major. The next questions to arise concern how to decide what minor should accompany your major.

Some students don't have to choose a minor. If you are pursuing a teaching program, you will have already chosen one field or two subject endorsements. If you have chosen a large comprehensive major, a minor isn't required. Some students choose a double major so they don't have to choose a minor. However, those of you who don't meet any of those criteria will have to choose a minor field of study.

These are some issues to consider when pursuing your choice of minor.

1. *Do you have a second area of interest?*
2. *Have you accumulated credits in a field of study that you previously explored that could become a minor?*
3. *Do you have transfer hours from a previous college or university that could be applied to a minor?*
4. *Do you wish to select a minor that will compliment or support your career choice?*
5. *Do you want to consider a field that compliments or accommodates a hobby or other interest that could give you a broader academic background when job hunting?*

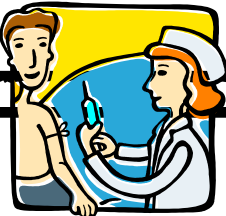
*Remember there are many things to consider when deciding on a choice of minor. It's up to you to determine what works for you.*

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. The name of the vaccine is "menomune" and the cost is \$80.00. For more information call Student Health at 375-7470.



**Reminder from  
Student Health**

On September 26, 2005 our office mailed 236 notices to WSC students who were not in compliance with the immunization and Student 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](mailto:advising@wsc.edu)



# CALENDAR



## Fall 2005

**October 20-21 (Thursday-Friday):** Mid-term break

**October 24 (Monday):** Mid-term low grades mailed

**November 4 (Friday): Last Day to Withdraw from a Class.** There will be no tuition or 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 9 (Wednesday):** CLEP Exam

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

**November 14 (Monday):** Course registration for Spring 2006 begins via Web for Students at 7:30am - Remember you won't be able to register on-line until your advisor electronically releases you.

**November 23-25: Fall Break**

**December 2 (Friday):** Last day for official withdrawal from school

**December 7 (Wednesday):** CLEP Exam

**December 6-12: (Tuesday-Monday):** Study Week

**December 13-16:** Final Exam Week. (Check your final exam schedule.)

**December 16 (Friday):** Commencement - 2:00pm

**December 21 (Wednesday):** CLEP Exam - Get a head start on the Spring Semester by earning CLEP credit

## REGISTRATION REMINDER

WebCat online registration begins Nov. 14, 2005 and will remain open through January 13, 2006. Check the class schedule booklet for the earliest date you can register based on your current classification. Start on the WSC E-Campus page, scroll to WSC Online Resources and then click on WebCat.