

# 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. **Schedules are available now.**
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 11-13-06.**

## 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 19th. 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 or you can obtain the forms online at [www.wsc.edu/records\\_registration/graduation\\_apply/](http://www.wsc.edu/records_registration/graduation_apply/). 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

## Advising Update

1. Military Personnel: WSC has made special provision for military personnel returning from recent deployment to receive priority registration. Please ask your advisor to contact the Office of Records and Registration to request that your name be added to the priority list.

2. What is CAP? The Cooperative Advising Program (CAP) is a new program developed to help students who have been academically suspended return to academic good standing. A CAP advisor works with the students who have been readmitted and given another opportunity to improve academic performance at WSC. A CAP advisor works with the student's current academic advisor.

3. General Education is undergoing some changes. A new General Education program has been adopted by WSC and will go into effect in the fall of 2007. Departments from across campus are submitting classes to fit into the new General Education guidelines. Classes to fit into the new General Education requirements will be selected during the spring semester and be in effect for new students starting at WSC next year. Current students have the option to move to the new General Education requirements. Students who choose this option must change major requirements to the new catalog as well so it is a good idea to talk it over with your academic advisor before making that decisions. Contact the Office of Records and Registration for more information.

## School of Arts and Humanities

### Communication Arts Department

Consider a major in Theatre, Broadcasting or Speech. Participate in a play, be a DJ for a day while considering a Broadcasting program or imagine yourself in charge of public relations for a big company. To find out more about these possibilities contact a faculty member in Communication Arts.

### Language & Literature Department

The Department of Language and Literature is offering two sections of American Sign Language I in the spring term. MLC 110-01 meets Wednesday nights on campus, and MLC 110-80 meets Thursday nights in South Sioux City. MLC 110 will count toward general education requirements. For more information, contact Alan Bruflat (375-7103); albruf11@wsc.edu.

### 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.

Visit the Nordstrand Art gallery on the 2nd floor of the Fine Arts building to see displays of local and visiting artists. Check out Senior Art student shows as another way to learn more about life as an Art major.

## School of Arts and Humanities (cont.)

### 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 & Economics Department

Students interested in majoring in Business must complete 15 hours of Business Foundations classes with a grade of C or better in the following classes: BUS 222 Business Law I, 226 Business Statistics, 240 Accounting I, 241 Accounting II, CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication, ECO 202 Principles of the National Economic System, 203 Principles of the Market System and ENG 102 Composition Skills. There are 30 hours in the Business Core requirements and an additional 21 hours of general electives.

### Technology & Applied Science Department

If you are interested in Applied Science please note: the Planning and Design Concentration is incorporating more emphasis on construction systems, estimating and scheduling. This program will be of interest to students who want to be actively involved with their program of study. The Safety Concentration may be of interest to students thinking about careers in many technical fields as safety is a growing concern for most companies.

### Technology & Information Systems Department

A minor in a computing area such as Management Information Systems (MIS), Computer Science (CSC), or Computer Information Systems (CIS) makes a great addition to almost any major offered on the WSC campus. To discuss how one of these minors could benefit you, please call (402) 375-7545 or visit with a CTIS Department faculty member on the second floor of Gardner Hall.

The CTIS Department will be offering CIS 477 Project Management during the Spring Semester of 2007. This is an excellent course for anyone who is currently managing, or anticipates managing in the future, projects of any type. Please call (402) 375-7545 or visit with CTIS faculty to see if this course is right for you.

Undergraduate Education majors and students seeking graduate degrees in Education should consider the relatively new Information Technology Supplemental Endorsement as a means of improving their computing skills and marketability. This 15 credit-hour endorsement is offered in a convenient manner through a combination of online and hybrid (part face-to-face, part online) coursework. Please contact the CTIS Department on the second floor of Gardner Hall for details or call (402) 375-7545.

Robots invade WSC!! The CTIS Department is offering two courses on robotics on Monday evenings during the Spring 2007 semester. The CSC 196 course and the CSC 396 course will appeal to students from many backgrounds. Please contact the CTIS Department at (402) 375-7545 or come to the second floor of Gardner Hall to discuss the courses if you would like more details.

## School of Education and Counseling

### Counseling & Special Education Department

The Counseling faculty would like to remind majors in Human Service Counseling that the number of possible internship sites has been expanded. A book listing possible locations is available from faculty in the Counseling and Special Education Department. Seniors in Human Service Counseling who have completed all coursework except CSL 490 Seminar in Counseling may elect to complete their internship during the spring semester of their last semester. This requires approval of Dr. Willis or Dr. Conway.



### Educational Foundations & Leadership Department

Students who are interested in working with younger children may be interested in a Field Endorsement in Early Childhood Education Unified Birth-Grade 3. This combined endorsement includes content from the Elementary Education and Early Childhood areas and allows students to specialize in younger children. Students who aren't sure which age most appeals to them may want to consider Elementary Education (grades K-8) or the new Middle Level Endorsement which prepares students for grades 4-9. See an advisor in Education for more information about these choices.

## School of Natural and Social Sciences

### History, Politics & Geography Department

Classes in Geography and Political Science can help explain where areas of conflict are located and why the land is geographically significant. History classes help students to understand how current conditions came to exist in countries that are allies to the US now that might have been an enemy in the past and how sides can switch over time. Contact an advisor from History, Politics or Geography for more information about classes and majors on these topics.

## School of Natural and Social Sciences

### Life Sciences Department

Are you interested in working in a lab? You might consider Clinical Laboratory Science. Several faculty members are working on a large research project and there may be opportunities for students to participate in undergraduate research projects. Contact a Biology faculty member for more information about these options.

### Physical Sciences & Mathematics Department

Beginning in Fall, 2007, incoming freshmen will be placed in their mathematics courses based on their ACT scores. The cut-off scores will be published in the catalog. Current students are encouraged to take their mathematics this spring or summer. They will be able to get into the math courses they need next fall, but the courses will be taught at a level consistent with the ACT cutoffs.

### Health, Human Performance and Sport Department

Majors are available in this department that range from Sport Management to Applied Human and Sport Physiology. Students interested in teaching physical education or coaching in a school system have an opportunity to pursue these choices as well. Contact a HHPS faculty advisor for more information.

### Sociology, Psychology & Criminal Justice Department

The faculty in SPCJ, working with the SAVE program, recognized Domestic Violence Month with a display in the Connell Lobby display case. Students interested in working with others to prevent crimes might consider a major in Criminal Justice. Students interested in helping provide services for others might consider a major in Psychology or Sociology. Please visit with a faculty member from the SPCJ department for more information.

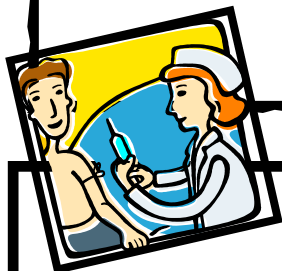


From the Office of Student Health  
**MENINGITIS IMMUNIZATION**

**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 may call the Student Health Office at 375-7470 for more information and to make arrangements for receiving vaccine. The name of the vaccine is "menomune" and the cost is \$90.00. For more information call Student Health at 375-7470.



**Reminder from  
Student Health**

On September 16, 2006 our office mailed 261 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 2006**

**November 3 (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.)

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

**November 8 (Wednesday):** CLEP

**November 22-24 (Wednesday-Friday):** Fall break.

**December 1 (Friday):** Last day to withdraw from school.

**December 5-11 (Tuesday-Monday):** Study week

**December 15 (Friday):** Commencement 2:00 p.m.

**December 12-15:** Last class meetings/Final/ Exam Week. (Check your final exam schedule.)

**December 20 (Wednesday):** CLEP

**January 3 (Wednesday):** CLEP

**January 8:** Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.

## REGISTRATION REMINDER

WebCat online registration begins November 13, 2006 and will remain open through January 8, 2007. 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.