

ACADEMIC ADVICE

Wayne State College Advising Newsletter

Fall 2007

THINGS TO DO NOW

1. Pick up a class schedule from an academic building, the Records & Registration Office or the Counseling Center. **Spring 2008 schedules are available on WebCat.**
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 on WebCat. **Registration begins 11-12-07.**

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/. 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.

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.

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? Most academic advisors require an appointment. Plan ahead!
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

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 18th, or you can check your grades in WebCat. 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 information or stop by Student Center 103 for assistance.
4. No more than two hours of 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/



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Advising Update

1. 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.

2. General Education: Students follow the requirements listed in the catalog the year the student enters college or declares a new major. This change usually only affected major/minor and endorsement requirements. A new General Education curriculum will go into affect for the fall of 2008. Current students will be able to choose completing the current General Education requirements or switching to the new requirements. Please talk to your advisor about the best course of action for your program of study.

3. Career Services: Hope you attended the Fall Career Fair on Wednesday, October 24th. If you missed that opportunity, stop by the Career Services office to learn more!

"What are your plans when you graduate?" If you don't have the answer to this question or if you are struggling to figure out what to do when you graduate, check out the Career Services website. http://www.wsc.edu/career_services/ Click on "What Can I Do With This Major" for information about various majors, what types of employment opportunities are available in these majors as well as opportunities awaiting you!

School of Arts and Humanities

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. 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. Call 375-7359 for more information.

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 major 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 and Literature Department

Students interested in writing may want to attend readings by visiting writers and poets offered through the **Plains Writers Series**. These afternoon public readings and workshops are often accompanied by competitive poetry or fiction Slams held in Wayne. The department's students and faculty also provide translation services for regional hospitals and businesses, and study abroad programs that can be accessed by community members as well as students. Watch for a special workshop November 12-16, 2007 from 6:00-8:00 pm entitled MLC 368 Introduction to Arabic Language and Moroccan Culture (.5 credit hours).

School of Business and Technology

Business & Economics Department

Don't know what major is right for you? Unsure of what career path you want to choose or do you have several majors in mind? The School of Business and Technology offers a multitude of possibilities and options. Freshman and sophomores are given exposure to a broad level of classes to help in their selection of the appropriate area of study. The business administration programs of study in the Business and Economics Department are accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE). Accreditation demonstrates that the programs are high quality.

Technology & Applied Science Department

Each concentration in Family and Consumer Sciences, **Early Childhood, Fashion Merchandising, Family and Consumer Sciences (teaching and non-teaching), Foods and Nutrition, and Interior Design**, addresses the social, physical, psychological and economic interests of individuals and families as they live and work in a diverse and global society. The program also offers minors in Family Life Studies and Foods and Nutrition. Students preparing to enter the area of **Technology Education** are prepared to teach in grades 5-12 and upon successful completion meet the requirements for certification, in the state of Nebraska as well as most other states. There are also opportunities for students to participate in several technology competitions. New competitions for 2008: 1. Construction Estimating, 2. Mouse Trap Derby, and 3. Metric 500.

Computer Technology & Information Systems Department

All Computer Information Systems students seeking the Programmer/Analyst Concentration should discuss the timing of taking the CIS 466 Advanced Database course with their advisor. As CIS 366 Intro to Database is a prerequisite to CIS 466, students who have not yet had the CIS 366 course may want to be sure to get it in their Spring 2008 schedule so that they have met the prerequisite for the CIS 466 course before it is offered the next time. The CIS 466 course may be moving to a two-year rotation in the near future.

The CTIS Department will be offering CIS 477 Project Management during the Spring 2008 Semester. 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. Any Business majors needing this course, especially those planning a May or December 2008 graduation, should consult their advisors about taking this course now, as it is a spring-semester-only course.

Graduate and Undergraduate students seeking the supplemental endorsement in information technology should register for the appropriate level of the CIS 475/575 Topics in CIS: Emerging Technologies course offered online during Spring 2008 Semester. The course will not be offered in the Summer of 2008 as two other IT Endorsement courses are currently scheduled for summer.

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-

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.

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.

ROBOTS FOR EVERYONE! The CTIS Department is offering two courses on robotics on Monday evenings during the Spring 2008 semester. The CSC 196 course and the CSC 396 course will appeal to students from many backgrounds. Please contact the CTIS Department for more details.

School of Education and Counseling

Counseling & Special Education Department

Human Service Counseling majors participate in service-learning activities. All students in CSL 202 Introduction to Human Service Counseling serve a minimum of 10 hours, and generally 20 hours in an agency that helps serve others in need. Students relate the lessons in the course to this experience and discuss them in small groups. Service-learning is also included during some semesters of CSL Interviewing Skills. Students have interviewed immigrant youth and elderly citizens at various agencies in the community. They also participate in projects advocating for those with special needs during CSL 490 Seminar in Counseling. These experiences help prepare students for the final required course which is an internship in a counseling agency of their choice.

Educational Foundations & Leadership Department

Elementary Education majors must complete a technology assessment for Gateway Two. Students have several options for demonstrating their proficiency with technology from skills tests, electronic portfolios or completing coursework. Students may download the **Technology Assessment Action Plan**, complete it, get their advisor's signature, and return it to the Field Experience office during the first semester if they are an Elementary Education major. The **Technology Skills Expected by Gateway Two** site lists the specific skills needed. Students may also choose the **Electronic Portfolio Tutorial**. This document explains how to create an electronic portfolio using Microsoft Word 2000. Students need to be comfortable using Word 2000 in order to follow these instructions.

School of Natural and Social Sciences

Health, Human Performance & Sport Department

Students interested in coaching theory classes should have sophomore standing prior to registering for those courses. Students enrolled in Practicum I need to complete that course before enrolling in the second practicum course. Applied Human and Sport Physiology (AHSP) majors should enroll in MAT 180 to meet General Education requirements. Students beginning in the Fall 2007 should consult with their advisor regarding the selection of math classes to meet the MAT 180 expectation.

History, Politics & Geography Department

Geographers study the where and why of places which involves much more than just memorizing state capitals.

Geographers study location and interaction across horizontal space using maps for showing geographic information. Another focus of geography is the relationship between human beings and their environment. Students can also examine cultural differences and similarities around the globe through Geography. Studying History offers the opportunity to examine the history of your immediate surroundings or take a world view of current and past events. Politics are often shaped by the History or Geography of a region or country. Try a course in one of these topics to find out more.

Life Sciences Department

Students can enter medical training from a traditional science background or with a liberal arts background and appropriate science requirements. Students with the best science background and best MCAT scores will have the best opportunity to be accepted in medical school. Students interested in teaching in the medical area might be interested to know that Medical and Nursing programs will be needing teachers in the future.

Physical Sciences & Mathematics Department

New students in Fall 2007 are the first group of students to begin at WSC with the new mathematics requirement. Math course requirements are based on a student's ACT Math score or students can take the COMPASS test to improve their math placement choice. If you did not take a math class in the fall of 2007, please consult with your academic advisor regarding which math class to select for the Spring 2008 semester. Call Dr. Worner at 375-7336 to make an appointment to take the COMPASS test.

Sociology, Psychology & Criminal Justice Department

SOC 315 Rural Sociology will be offered in Norfolk on Tuesday nights. This course is an elective for SOC and CJA majors and may be of particular interest for people who intend to work in rural America, such as BUS majors, CSL folks, etc. It will look at rural society, with particular attention to the Great Plains region, and with focus on the roles of schools, religion, politics and economic forces changing rural life. The catalog shows a prerequisite of SOC 101, but PSY 101 will be an accepted requirement.

Students in the Emergency Management Minor are reminded to take CJA 360 Homeland Security and Terrorism this semester.

CJA 444 Topics: Sex Crimes, will be offered Wednesday nights in Norfolk. CJA majors are required to take CJA 444 at least once, but may take it again if the topic is not a repeat, so any CJA major may take this course since it is the first time the topic is being offered.

SOC 444 Topics: Forensic Anthropology counts in the SOC major and minor and may also be of interest for CJA majors and minors as a program elective.

PSY 444 Topics: Forensic Psychology, is offered on Thursday nights in Norfolk. This course should be of interest in PSY majors and for CJA majors as well.

SOC 445 Ethnic Studies: Native Americans, should be of interest to anyone working in Business, public service or social service, regardless of major.

PSY 410 Psychology of Small Groups, 2:00 TR, is an elective in PSY and also counts in the Emergency Management minor.



CALENDAR



Fall 2007

November 2 (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 7 (Wednesday): CLEP

November 30 (Friday): Last day to officially withdraw from school.

December 4 (Tuesday): CLEP

December 4-10 (Tuesday-Monday): Study Week.

December 11-14 (Tuesday-Friday): Last class meetings/Final exam week.

December 14 (Friday): Graduate Commencement (tentatively at 9:30 a.m.) & Undergraduate Commencement (tentatively 2:00 p.m.)

January 7, 2008: Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.



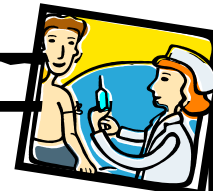
From the Office of Student Health IMMUNIZATIONS

Flu: Flu shots will be available for WSC students starting 10-17-07. Cost will be \$15. Call 375-7470 for an appointment.

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 "menactra" and the cost is \$90.00. For more information call Student Health at 375-7470.



Reminder from Student Health

On September 17, 2007 our office mailed 306 notices to WSC students who were not in compliance with the immunization and Student Health Form requirements. If you are one of these students, and have questions, 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



REGISTRATION REMINDER

WebCat online registration begins November 12, 2007 and will remain open through January 11, 2008. 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.

