

ACADEMIC ADVICE

Wayne State College Advising Newsletter

Fall 2008

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.

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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 23rd. 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/

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.

THINGS TO DO NOW

1. Pick up a class schedule from an academic building, the Records & Registration Office or the Counseling Center. **Spring 2009 schedules are available on WebCat.**
2. Make an appointment with your advisor.
3. Plan classes for the Spring semester.
4. Discuss your choices with your advisor.
5. Register for classes according to the time schedule listed in WebCat. **Registration begins 11-17-08.**

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. PINs 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 and you will receive two hours of general elective credit.
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.

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Advising Update

General Education

The WSC General Education curriculum changed to the new requirements this fall. All new students who enrolled this term or any students who will register in future semesters will follow the new requirements that are listed in the 2008-2009 catalog. Students enrolled in the new General Education curriculum should work closely with their academic advisor.

“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! Help is also available with resumé writing and learning how to interview for a job.



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. Call (402) 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.

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

Consider taking courses in language and literature to help fulfill your general education requirements. In the category of Literary, Performing, and Visual Arts, the following English courses are included: ENG 150 (Topics in Literature), ENG 202 (Poetry Workshop), ENG 203 (Fiction Workshop), ENG 260 (Studies in Genre), and ENG 280 (Themes and Movement in Literature). In the category of

Philosophy and Modern Languages, you may select from: PHI 101 (Introduction to Philosophy), PHI 300 (Ethics and Values), SPA 110 (Elementary Spanish I), GER 110 (Elementary German I), FRE 110 (Elementary French I), MLC 110 (Elementary Language I)—this includes American Sign Language I, SPA 119 (Spanish for Law Enforcement), SPA 120 (Elementary Spanish II), GER 120 (Elementary Spanish II), FRE 210 (Intermediate French I), SPA 210 (Intermediate Spanish I), and SPA 220 (Intermediate Spanish II).

Majors: Consider a career teaching in secondary schools. Our fastest growing major is in English Education. If you're interested in English Education or Foreign Language Education, please stop in and visit us in the Humanities Building (see Dr. Bruflat, Department Chair, in Humanities 217A or call 375-7103 to set up an appointment).

Music Department

Attention non-music majors! Consider participating in a vocal or instrumental group next semester. Contact the Music Department for more information at (402) 375-7359.

School of Business and Technology

Business & Economics Department

Students interested in majoring in Business must complete 15 hours of Business Foundations coursework 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

The Planning and Design Concentration is incorporating more emphasis on construction systems, estimating and scheduling, and may be of interest to students who want to be actively involved with their program of study. The Safety Concentration leads to careers in many technical fields, as safety is a growing concern for most companies.

Technology & Information Systems Department

Have you ever wished that you were more computer literate and understood the terminology and basic concepts of computing more fully? If this sounds like you, consider taking the CIS 130 Introduction to Computer Information Technology course offered by the CTIS Department in the spring of 2009. Looking for ways to improve your resumé and marketability? Consider picking up a computing minor (or a second major) or just some additional computing courses. The Management Information Systems minor works well with most majors on campus and provides the computing background and skills needed for success in almost any career today. Students can enhance their resumé by taking the 1 credit hour CIS 231 and CIS 232 computer applications courses. In the

Spring 2009 semester, several sections of CIS 231 micro-computer applications courses, including Microsoft Word, Microsoft Powerpoint, and Introduction to Microsoft Access as well as two sections of CIS 232 Spreadsheet Software and Database will be offered. Sign up early for the Spring 2009 Robotics courses (CSC 196 and CSC 378) as the demand for these will be high! No prerequisite courses are necessary to sign up for these courses and students have the option of joining robotics competition teams. Does your intended career involve managing projects? If so, then the CIS 477/577 Project Management course is worthy of your consideration—it is a Spring-only course. CIS majors needing CIS 353, CIS 346 or CIS 350 should visit with Dr. Imdieke or Dr. Garvin. Did you know that WSC offers courses that can lead to Cisco CNNA and CNNP professional certification exam eligibility? These networking certifications offer computing students an important advantage. All students with current computing majors or minors, as well as those interested in a computing major or minor, should visit with a CTIS faculty member about upcoming additions to the list of courses that are acceptable to serve as upper-level, committee-approved electives in the CTIS Department's academic program. Contact this department at (402) 375-7279.

School of Education and Counseling

Counseling & Special Education Department

A student majoring in Human Service Counseling may apply to the State of Nebraska to become a Provisionally Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (PLADC) by completing a few electives in addition to the required courses in the major. The PLADC is a valuable license that leads to employment in the substance abuse field. Anyone interested in further information may contact Dr. Keith Willis at: kewilli1@wsc.edu or (402) 375-7210.

The National Organization for Human Service (NOHS) continues to be in the process of establishing a certification procedure for individuals completing Human Service Counseling programs. It will be called HS-BCP (Human Services-Board Certified Professional).

Students majoring in Human Service Counseling are required to complete the Writing section of the PPST for admission to the program. Web seminars to prepare for this exam are available at no cost on the selected dates in the spring semester of 2008. Check with the department for more specific information. Call (402) 375-7210.

Educational Foundations & Leadership Department

Are you interested in becoming a teacher? The Education department offers several choices. The Early Childhood Unified major provides a field endorsement for teaching children ages birth to age 8 (usually third grade). The Elementary Education major provides a field endorsement for teaching children K-6 (K-8 in self contained classrooms). The Middle Level field endorsement prepares students for teaching children in grades 4-9 and requires 18-24 hours in two different content areas. Contact the School of Education at (402) 375-7389.

School of Natural and Social Sciences

Health, Human Performance & Sport Department

Renovation at Rice Auditorium is nearly complete. Soon, these students and advisors will have new classrooms and offices. Majors available in this department 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 at (402) 375-7301

History, Politics & Geography Department

The program areas in this department serve to provide students with a solid liberal arts education while preparing them for a wide variety of careers. Undergraduates who select one of these disciplines for study go on to pursue occupations ranging from teaching to public service to government employment. Many majors have successfully sought further education in graduate or professional schools. Majors in this department are good preparation for students interested in applying to law school. Contact an advisor from History, Politics or Geography for more information about classes and majors on these topics at (402) 375-7292.

Life Sciences Department

The Department of Life Sciences offers students career choices and instruction in Biotechnology, Organismal Biology, Environmental Biology, or Biology Education. "Pre-professional" programs in Agriculture, Chiropractic Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Osteopathic Medicine, Medical Technology, Mortuary Science, Physician's Assistant, Physical Therapy, Podiatry, Respiratory Therapy, and Veterinary Medicine. For more information, call the department at (402) 375-7329.

Physical Sciences & Mathematics Department

The programs in this department are designed for those students who: 1) plan to pursue advanced or technical work in the fields of mathematics or the physical sciences, 2) plan to pursue a pre-professional career, 3) plan to teach math or a physical science, or 4) possess curiosity about their environment. Contact the department office at (402) 375-7329 for more information about the majors they offer or to learn more about math class placement.

Sociology, Psychology & Criminal Justice Department

Students intending to graduate in May 2009 or August 2009 are reminded they must complete CJA 488 Senior Seminar in the spring semester. Lisa Nelson will be teaching the SOC 110 Introduction to Anthropology courses in the spring semester. Any student interested in the Honors Program is encouraged to attend any of the Honors presentations and speak with our current Honors students. This department can be reached at (402) 375-7292.



CALENDAR



Fall 2008

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

November 5 (Wednesday): CLEP

November 10, 5pm (Monday): Last day to withdraw from a class—in person (WebCat is not available).

November 15 (Saturday): PPST

November 17 (Monday): WebCat online registration begins for Spring 2009 @ 7:30 am.

November 26-28: Fall break

December 5 (Friday): Last day to withdraw from school.

December 9-15 (Tuesday-Monday): Study week

December 10 (Wednesday): CLEP

December 16-19 (Tuesday-Friday am): Last class meeting/Final exam week.

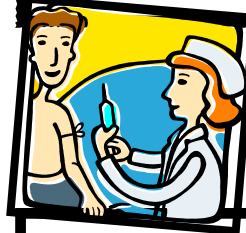
December 19 (Friday): Commencement, 2pm

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 the vaccine. The name of the vaccine is "menactra" and the cost is \$95.00. For more information call Student Health at 375-7470.



REGISTRATION REMINDER

WebCat online registration begins November 17, 2008 and will remain open through January 16, 2009. 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.



One more notice from Student Health

Flu Shots are available for all WSC students. The cost is \$15. Please call 375-7470 for your appointment.



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