

# Academic Advice

**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 and Registration Office

1. Log into 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 Dept. 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.



Spring 2010 schedules are available on WebCat and at [http://www.wsc.edu/records\\_registration/](http://www.wsc.edu/records_registration/)

## 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 at [advising@wsc.edu](mailto:advising@wsc.edu).

## • THINGS TO DO NOW

- Pick up a class schedule from an academic building, Records or Registration Office, or Counseling Center.
- Make an appointment with your advisor.
- Plan classes for the Spring semester.
- Discuss your choices with your advisor.
- Register for classes according to the time schedule.

## ADVISING NOTES

1. Remember to check your e-mail for important messages from your advisor. Update your e-mail address and local address with the Office of Records and Registration, Hahn 105.
2. Mid-term low grade reports were sent to you on October 22nd. Contact your advisor to discuss mid-term low grades.
3. Do you have a major? Check the Academic Schools pages at [ecampus.wsc.edu](http://ecampus.wsc.edu) or call 375-7557 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”.

## Joint Enrollment Program

WSC students can take online classes at Chadron or Peru by following the instructions on the Nebraska State College System (NSCS) website. The link can be found in the Quick Links of the WSC main website: <http://www.wsc.edu/> Registration can be completed by following these directions.

For the purpose of these registration forms, the Home institution is the institution which the student is attending full-time (or part-time as a graduate student) in order to receive his or her degree. The Host institution is defined as the institution the student will take coursework from to transfer back to the Home institution.

Please complete the following steps to enroll in a course at another school within the Nebraska State College System:

1. Meet with your faculty advisor. It is the student's responsibility to consult with his or her advisor at the Home institution for clarification of how the coursework will apply toward his or her degree.
2. Meet with the Financial Aid Office at the Home institution to fill out the consortium agreement for the



Online classes are offered within NSCS

coursework completed through the NSCS Joint Enrollment Program in order for the coursework to apply toward the student's federal financial aid (if applicable).

3. Click on your Home institution button below to begin the joint enrollment process:

Chadron State College

Peru State College

Wayne State College

## 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: 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).

### 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 3rd grade). The Elementary Education major provides a field endorsement for teaching children

*'You learn at your best when you have something you care about and can get pleasure in being engaged in'*  
*Howard Gardner*

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 375-7389.

## 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 375-7359. 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 as a future teacher. Rich Murphy's section of CNA 100, TR 2:00 will be called *Communication in the Classroom* and will focus on how teachers communicate when teaching.

### Language & Literature Department:

English 260: *Studies in Genre (Fiction)*, read, discuss, and write about a variety of different forms of fiction, from short stories to novels. This class helps to meet the Block 3 General Education requirement in Literary, Performing and Visual Arts. Students who have already

taken one ENG gen ed course can still take ENG 260 for gen ed credit. Two sections offered during the spring 2010 semester: 9:30 TR and 11:00 TR. Contact Andy Alexander (x7404) for more information.

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

# School of Business & Technology

## Computer Information Systems Department:

Your robot is waiting for you. Consider taking the CSC 196 Intro to Robotics or CSC 378 Robotics courses. The courses make a great elective and are offered on Monday evenings. Students in the courses also have the option of participating in robotics competitions if they wish. Call (402) 375-7545 for more information. Computing makes a great first major, second major, or minor. As computing is a part of every employment and academic field today, adding a computing major, second major, or minor makes a student much more marketable and employable. It also enhances the student's ability to deal with emerging technologies. See the CTIS Department faculty members on the second floor of Gardner Hall (Room 206) or call 402-375-7545 to visit about these academic programs.

**DON'T BE AN APPLICATIONS WEAKLING**—The CTIS Department offers a variety of one-credit hour courses (usually 5 weeks in length each) that bring students up to speed on popular computer applications such as Microsoft Excel 2007, Microsoft PowerPoint 2007, Microsoft Word 2007, and Microsoft Access 2007. See the full selection of offerings by looking for CIS 231 and CIS 232 listings within the Computer Information Systems section of the WSC class schedule. Many students will enroll in two or three consecutive offerings of these courses in a single semester for a 2 or 3 credit hour component in their schedule. This is possible because most of the course offerings do not overlap with each other.

Networking students are encouraged to take their networking courses (CIS 171, CIS 271, CIS 371, and CIS 471) in consecutive semesters to make sure they do not get caught in a situation where the Cisco networking curriculum changes or their eligibility to proceed to the next course lapses. All students planning to take CIS 390 (CIS Practicum) or CSC 390 (Computer Science Practicum) should seek approval from the CVIS Department Chair in Gardner Hall 206J in advance of attempting to preregister for those courses. Does your intended career involve managing projects? If so, then the CIS 477-577 (Project Management) course is worthy of your consideration. Call (402) 375-7545 for more information

**Business & Economics Department:** Students interested in majoring in Business must complete 15 hours of Business Foundations coursework with a C or better. Students are encouraged to complete the foundation classes during the first two years at WSC. Junior level Business majors must complete foundation classes before enrolling in upper level classes. BUS 420 (Strategic Management) is a capstone class which covers all areas in Business. There are 27 hours in the Business Core requirements and an additional 18 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. There are many job opportunities in teaching fields related to Family and Consumer Science Education and Industrial Technical Education. Foods and Nutrition majors can use their program as a spring board to prepare for a Master's degree in Dietetics.

# School of Natural and Social Sciences

## Health, Human Performance & Sport

**Department:** Majors available in this department range from Sport Management to Applied Human & 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 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. Majors in this department are

good preparation for students interested in applying to law school. Contact an advisor from this department at 375-7292. **Life Sciences Department:**

**ment:** The Department offers students career choices and instruction in Biotechnology, Organismal Biology, Environmental Biology, or Biology Education. "Pre-professional programs are available in many areas. Students have an opportunity to work on research projects with Life Sciences faculty. For more information, call 375-7329. **Physical Sciences, & Math 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 375-7329. **Sociology, Psychology, & Criminal Justice Department:** Students in Criminal Justice can pursue careers in federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. Students interested in Psychology or Sociology can pursue employment in human service organizations or prepare for advanced work on graduate programs. Contact a faculty member at 375-7292 or stop by Connell Hall and visit with an academic advisor.

## CALENDAR

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

November 3, (Tuesday): CLEP

November 9, (Monday): Last day to withdraw from a class in person. (Webcat option not available).

November 16, (Monday): Webcat online registration begins for Spring 2010.

November 25-27, (Wednesday-Friday): Fall break.

December 4, (Friday): Last day to withdraw from school.

December 8, (Tuesday): CLEP

December 8-14, (Tuesday-Monday): Study week.

December 15-18, (Tuesday-Friday): Last class meetings/Final exam week.

December 18, (Friday): Commencement, 2 p.m.

**We're on the Web:**  
**Advising@wsc.edu**

## Registration Reminder

Webcat online registration begins November 16th and will remain open through January 15th. Check the class schedule booklet for the earliest date you can register based on your current classification. Start on the WSC main page, [www.wsc.edu](http://www.wsc.edu) scroll to current students, Records and Registration and then click on Webcat.

**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 and 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.

## 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 **402-375-7470** for more information and to make arrangements for receiving the vaccine. The name of the vaccine is "menactra" and the cost is \$95.00.



### One more notice from Student Health

To be sure your registration goes smoothly, remember if you haven't already done so, send your immunization records and your health form to the Student Health Office.

Call 402-375-7470 with questions.