

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 fall.
4. Discuss your choices with your advisor.
5. Register for classes according to the time schedule listed in WebCat. **Registration begins 4-9-07.**

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 March 16th. 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."

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.

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.

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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1. What is CAP? The Cooperative Advising Program (CAP) is a 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: The General Education program will remain the same in 2007-08. The new General Education requirements will be printed in the 2007-08 WSC Catalog but will not be implemented until the 2008-09 academic year. This additional year allows time for WSC to plan and schedule the course work for the new program.

3. Education Majors and Testing—What is Required? **Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST):** All students who are pursuing a degree in Education, regardless of the level of the endorsement program must take the Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST). It is recommended that students take the PPST as soon as possible after deciding to pursue a career in education as students will not be allowed to take any upper-level education classes until they pass the PPST. The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) has set cut scores for each of the three sections of the PPST. Students are allowed to retake any section that is not passed the first time, but there is a charge each time the test is taken. Students are encouraged to meet with the tutors in the Learning Center to prepare for taking the test.

Praxis II: Elementary Education-Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (EECIA): Any student who is pursuing an endorsement in Early Childhood Unified, Elementary Education, or Special Education that includes the elementary level— will need to take the Praxis II: Elementary Education-Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (EECIA) to be designated as **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)** qualified by NDE. This is an important designation because most school districts are only hiring new teachers who are NCLB qualified. The EECIA need not be taken until the final semester of preparation. Some students elect to wait until they have actually completed student teaching, and that's okay. The NDE has set a cut score that must be met or exceeded. Students can re-take the test, if necessary, but there is a charge each time.

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.

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 and Literature Department Course Rotations: Following is a list of Language and Literature Classes that are not offered every semester:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Rotation</u>
ENG 105 English for Non Natives	Irregular
ENG 202 Poetry Workshop	Every Fall
ENG 203 Fiction Workshop	Every Spring
ENG 260 Studies in Genre	Irregular
ENG 280 Themes & Movements	Irregular
ENG 325 Structure of English	Every Fall
ENG 326 Linguistic Theory & App	Every Spring
ENG 333 American Theatre	Unknown/cross listed with CNA 333
ENG 361 American Lit I	Every other Fall
ENG 362 American Lit II	Every other Spring
ENG 365 Modern American Fiction	Irregular
ENG 371 British Lit I	Every Fall
ENG 372 British Lit II	Every Spring
ENG 378 Topics in Modern British Fic.	Irregular
ENG 380 Shakespeare	Every Spring
ENG 381 Classical Epic & Drama	Every other Fall
ENG 382 The Bible as Lit	Every other Fall
ENG 383 Film & Lit	Irregular/cross listed with CNA or FRE 383
ENG 386 Modern World Drama	Unknown/cross listed with CNA 386
ENG 402 Advanced Poetry Workshop	Every Fall
ENG 403 Advanced Fiction Workshop	Every Spring
ENG 415/515 Neihardt Seminar	Summer/not currently offered
ENG 430 Playwriting	Unknown/cross listed with CNA 430
ENG 442/542 Teaching Writing	Every other Fall
ENG 443/543 Young Adult Lit	Every Spring
ENG 444/544 Dev. reading Mid/Sec Sch	Every other Fall
ENG 480 Senior Seminar	Every Fall
SPA 210 Intermediate Spanish I	Every Fall
SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish II	Every Spring
SPA 230 Composition & Conversation	Every Fall
SPA 301 Spanish Civilization	Every other Fall*
SPA 302 Spanish Am. Civ.	Every other Spring *
SPA 303 Hispanics in the US	Not currently offered
SPA 304 Spanish for Business	Irregular
SPA 305 Advanced Gram/Comp	Every Spring*
SPA 316 Intro to Hispanic Lit	Irregular
SPA 317 Spanish Lit	Every other Fall
SPA 333 Spanish American Lit	Every other Spring
SPA 340/440 Special Topics	Irregular

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 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 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.

School of Education and Counseling

Counseling & Special Education Department The Counseling faculty would like to remind majors in Human Service Counseling that completion of the PPST Writing test is a prerequisite for CSL 342 Interviewing Skills and CSL 403 Group Strategies. We have allowed students to add the course at the time of registration with a promise to take the PPST prior to the start of the course, but many have not followed through. We may no longer allow them to add until they show they have taken the test.

Educational Foundations & Leadership Department 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.

New classes offered in the fall of 2007 and spring 2008:

Required for Early Childhood Unified and Elementary Education:

EDU 216 Children's Literature—two sections offered (one on-line)

EDU 340 Early Reading and Language Arts - two sections offered

Required for Elementary Education and Middle Level Endorsements:

EDU 216 Children's Literature - prerequisite for EDU 241, but can be taken concurrently

EDU 241 Intermediate Reading and Language Arts - one section offered

Required for Early Childhood Unified:

EDU 230 Integrating the Creative Arts for Children - offered fall only

School of Natural and Social Sciences

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.

History, Politics & Geography Department Classes in Geography and Political Science can help explain where areas of conflict are located around the world 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.

Life Sciences Department Are you interested in working in a lab? 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 summer. Students 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.

Sociology, Psychology & Criminal Justice Department 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.

CALENDAR



Spring 2007

March 28 (Wednesday): 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.

April 11 (Wednesday): CLEP

April 20 (Friday): Last day to officially withdraw from school.

April 24 - 30 (Tuesday—Monday): Study Week.

May 1- 4 (Tuesday -Friday): Last class meetings/ Final exam week.

May 5 (Saturday): Graduate Commencement (tentatively at 9:30 a.m.) & Undergraduate Commencement (tentatively 2:00 p.m.)

May 16 (Wednesday): CLEP

June 6 (Wednesday): CLEP

August 20: Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION REMINDER

WebCat online registration begins April 9, 2007 and will remain open through August 24, 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.



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 February 5, 2007 our office mailed 77 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**