

# 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.

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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 with the Office of Records and Registration Office, Hahn 105.
2. Mid-term low grade reports were sent to you on March 20th. 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 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.



### THINGS TO DO NOW

1. Pick up a class schedule from an academic building, the Records & Registration Office or the Counseling Center. **Fall 2009 schedules are available on WebCat and at [http://www.wsc.edu/records\\_registration/](http://www.wsc.edu/records_registration/)**
2. Make an appointment with your advisor.
3. Plan classes for the Fall semester.
4. Discuss your choices with your advisor.
5. Register for classes according to the time schedule.

### 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.

# ACADEMIC NEWS

## Advising Update

### General Education

Students should work closely with their academic advisor to insure they are meeting General Education requirements.

**“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/](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.



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## 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

Language and Literature has some exciting offerings in General Education Block III (Literary, Performing, and Visual Arts). The following 3-hour English courses will count in Block III (the block requires 6 hrs. minimum, so you may take more than one English course for General Ed credit):

ENG 202 - Poetry Workshop

ENG 203 - Fiction Workshop

ENG 250 - Topics in Literature (formerly ENG 150)

ENG 260 - Studies in Genre

ENG 280 - Themes and Movements in Literature

In the fall of 2009, we will be offering multiple sections of ENG 250, including one online (ENG 250-WO). We also have the following courses on the fall schedule: two sections of Poetry Workshop, two sections of Fiction Workshop and an Honors section of ENG 260. ENG 260, will be

offered in the spring of 2010 also (non-honors). Talk to an English professor to find the course that’s right for you! We are offering multiple sections of ENG 102, Composition Skills. Among those are two Honors sections and one Freshman Experience section. Consult with your advisor or an English professor for details on these courses.

In the “Philosophy and Modern Languages” block, we have several elementary language courses to choose from, including Spanish, French, German, American Sign Language, and Conversational Mandarin. Also, we have multiple sections of PHI 300, Ethics and Values, as well as an Honors section of PHI 101, Intro to Philosophy. Again, consult your course bulletin and feel free to talk with any English, philosophy or language professor. We will be glad to help and look forward to seeing you in class!

### 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-

## 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 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.

### Technology & Information Systems Department

DANGER, Will Robinson! DANGER! You risk missing out on one of the most unique and fascinating elective courses of your college career, if you don’t check out the CSC 196 Intro. to Robotics course. The course has rapidly become a very popular course. Look for it in the Computer Science (CSC) section of the WSC Class Schedule. Students who take the course also have the option to participate in regional robotics competitions if they wish. For students who already have some computer programming background, there is the higher-level CSC 378 Robotics course. Both courses use the VEX robotics kits, as well as specialized robotic arms and other robotics components. The world of the Jetsons is just around the corner!

## School of Natural and Social Sciences

### Health, Human Performance & Sport Department

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 majors offered or to learn more about math class placement.

### Sociology, Psychology & Criminal Justice Department

CJA 375 Criminal Justice Management will not be offered in 2009-2010. Students who need this class to graduate should substitute POS 345 Public Administration and Management taught by Dr. Blankenau. POS 345 will only be offered in Fall 2009. Dr. Greene will be teaching some CJA classes in 2009-2010. 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.



Students with an interest in web site design and/or computer programming will find a new course that is being offered for the first time at WSC during Fall 2009 semester to be of great interest as well. The course is CIS 196 AJAX Applications. AJAX is rapidly gaining popularity in today's Internet-connected, wireless, web-enabled world.

Students needing CIS 346 Intro to MVS/JCL and/or CIS 350 CICS Application Programming should visit with Dr. Jack Imdieke, Room 206H, Gardner Hall regarding the timing of taking such courses. 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 CIS-Programmer/Analyst majors needing the course CIS 466 Advanced Database should be aware that the course is moving to a rotation of being offered once every other year, rather than every year. Students needing that course prior to Fall semester of 2010 should visit with their advisor about directed student options for completing that course.

All students planning to take CIS 390 CIS Practicum or CSC 390 Computer Science Practicum should seek approval from the CTIS Department Chair in Gardner Hall 6J in advance of attempting to preregister for those courses.

## 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. Two classes offered this year will be needed for the LADC license. The classes are optional for counseling majors. CSL 447/547WO Multicultural Counseling (3 hrs) July session and CSL 445/545 WO Clinical Issues in Chemical Dependency (2 hrs) spring semester. 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).

### 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.

# CALENDAR



## Fall 2009

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

**April 1st, (Wednesday):** Last day to withdraw from a class-in person. (Webcat option not available).

**April 8th, (Wednesday):** CLEP

**April 13th, (Monday):** Spring break.

**April 14th, (Tuesday):** WebCat online registration begins for Fall 2009.

**April 24th, (Friday):** Last day to withdraw from school.

**April 25th, (Saturday):** PPST

**April 28-May 4 (Tuesday-Monday):** Study week.

**May 5-8 (Tuesday-Friday):** Last class meeting/Final exam week.

**May 9th, (Saturday):** Graduate Commencement (9:30 am) & Undergraduate Commencement (2:00 pm).

**May 13th, (Wednesday):** CLEP

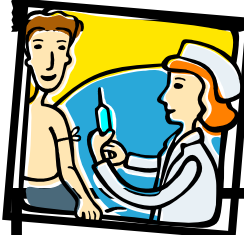
**June 10th, (Wednesday):** CLEP

## 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 April 14, 2009 and will remain open through August 28, 2009. 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.



## 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 375-7470 with questions.

**E-mail your advising questions to:  
[advising@wsc.edu](mailto:advising@wsc.edu)**