

All About Advising

January Advising Updates

Dear Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that the beginning of another semester is upon us. I hope you were able to get some rest or it least get away from your work for a while during the break.

Before your calendar gets too busy this spring, I want to remind you to nominate one of your colleagues for the Outstanding Academic Advising Award sponsored by the Academic Advising Council. We have the most talented group of advisors on campus! Let's take time to acknowledge their efforts. You can find details about the application process on the back of this newsletter.

Orientation for Transfer and New Students is **Tuesday, January 6, 2009**. Remember, the College meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. We need your department's representative in **HOEC 102 no later than 1:30 p.m.** Advising and registration will immediately follow the meeting. Additional details were sent out on December 17, 2008. Please call the Dean's Office if you did not receive the email. We will also need your assistance on **Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in HOEC 102**. The international students will be arriving for advising and registration at that time.

This past fall we had 12 students enroll in the 8 Semester Degree Completion Program (8 SDCP). You can find additional details about the policy on the advising web page at:

<http://bumperscollege.uark.edu/2636.htm>

I have contacted each student and copied you if they need to make any changes to their spring schedule before the registration deadline ends on January 16th. I have also noted if they have been dismissed from the program. Please visit with these students to clarify they can still graduate on time.

During the faculty meeting, I asked you to complete an advising worksheet on each of these students and make a copy for the Dean's Office. Let me clarify. We don't need an advising worksheet on every student, only the students who agree to the 8 SDCP plan. We delivered a new supply of advising worksheets this month and I would hate to waste a large amount of paper for such a small number of students. Photocopy only those worksheets for students accepting the 8 SDCP and forward the copy to the Dean's Office.

Best regards for a good semester! Please let me know how I can assist you and your students!

Alice



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Graduation Application Deadline

Students planning to graduate in Spring 2009 should apply at the Dean's Office as soon as possible. There is a \$25 fee for applying to graduate which must be paid to the Registrar's Office after applying at the Dean's Office.

The priority deadline for applying to graduate in Spring 2009 is February 20th. Students graduating in Summer or Fall 2009 who wish to walk in May need to apply by this deadline as well. Doing so will help ensure that their names will be included in the University and College Commencement Programs.



Fall 2008 Honors Lists

A total of 303 students have made the Honors' lists for the Fall 2008 semester. We have 87 students with a 4.0 term GPA on the Chancellor's list, 102 students on the Dean's List, and 136 students on the Honor Roll.



Academic Enhancement Program Spring 2009 Workshop Schedule

January 29	Time Management and Study Skills
February 17	How to be Successful in College
February 26	Conquering Test Anxiety
March 10	Learning to Deal with Stress
March 31	Rapid Guide to Job Hunting
April 9	Rapid Guide to Interviewing

All workshops will meet in the
Carroll and Sue Walls Classroom
HOEC 106
From 12:30pm - 1:20pm.

For more information, please contact Dr. John Kelly, Ph.D., L.A.C.
at 575-5716 or by email at jkelly@uark.edu.

Advanced Composition Exam

The Spring 2009 Advanced Composition Exam will be February 11th at 6:00pm. To be eligible, students must have taken ENGL 1013, ENGL 1023, and complete at least 30 credit hours. The exam must be taken before the student has acquired 96 credit hours. Otherwise, the student must register for the ENGL 2003 before the last semester of their senior year. Students should note that the Advanced Composition Exemption Examination offers the possibility to be exempted, not to receive course credit.

Academic Advising Award

The Academic Advising Council is soliciting nominations for the University of Arkansas Academic Advising Awards. Two Advising Awards are bestowed annually -- one to a faculty advisor and one to a professional advisor. The recipients each receive a cash award, are recognized at a reception held in their honor, and are nominated for the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) advising awards.

The selection committee will evaluate nominations on the evidence of qualities and practices that distinguish the nominee as an outstanding advisor. Nomination packets must be submitted by January 23rd. For the nomination form and further information follow the link below:

http://aac.uark.edu/AAC_Advising_Award_Forms_2009.doc

NACADA Spring 2009 Webcasts

In an effort to provide academic advising professional development activities where travel expenses are not incurred, NACADA has announced its Spring 2009 Webcast Schedule.

February 4, 2009 — **Webinar: Success with Parent Education: Dialoguing with New Students and their Parents at the Collegiate Level**

Brian Nossaman, University of Oklahoma

Brian will discuss the current practices and effective techniques used to teach the new college parent and student about their changing roles. A perfect opportunity to learn positive strategies for working with "helicopter parents."

Registration deadline for this Webcast is January 23rd. To register or to learn more, visit this link:

<http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Webinars/W22.htm>



Dates to Remember



- **January 6th** — Deadline to Petition the Academic Standards Committee
- **January 6th** — Transfer & New Student Orientation Session
- **January 8th** — International Student Orientation Session
- **January 9th** — Meeting of the Academic Standards Committee
- **January 11th** — Last day to receive 100% cancellation of fees for an Official Withdrawal from the University
- **January 12th** — Spring 2009 Classes Begin
- **January 16th** — Last day to add a full semester course or to receive a 100% cancellation of fees for dropping a full term course
- **January 19th** — Martin Luther King Day—University Holiday
- **January 27th** — AEP Workshop “Managing your Personal & Study Time”
- **January 28th** — Deadline to Register to take the Advanced Composition Exam

Did you know...

students may receive grade forgiveness for both standard classes and variable credit classes as well?

When retaking the variable hour course, for it to count toward grade forgiveness, the hours have to be the same. For example, they cannot retake the class for 2 hours to replace a class that originally was taken for 3 hours.