

All About Advising

September Advising Updates

Dear Colleagues,

Hopefully, you have reviewed my email explaining the changes to the State Minimum Core requirements for Fine Arts/Humanities. The 2009-2010 Catalog of Studies, states all students must take a Fine Arts class from group A and a Humanities class from the new group B (formerly groups B, C, & D which have been combined). You can review the core under the Academic Regulations section of the online catalog, click on "University Core Courses": <http://catalogofstudies.uark.edu/2882.php>.

I have contacted the academic departments whose check sheets were affected by this change. These degree plans have been corrected and will replace the plans on the college web site in the near future. The plans will be ready by the time you begin advising students next month. In order for students to select the correct classes, please review these changes with them during your advising sessions for spring and give them a new copy of their check sheet.

Thank you for your support of the Peer Mentoring program this summer. I am happy to announce that we have 49 new students participating! As you visit with your students, if they express an interest in having a mentor, it is not too late to apply for one online at: <http://bumperscollege.uark.edu/3085.htm>.

Dr. Kelly has already contacted the students who will be participating in the Academic Enhancement Program this fall. Keep an eye on your email regarding which students will need his approval for you to remove their advising hold. If you have questions about your students, you can reach him at jkelly@uark.edu or 575-5716.

Remember the advising web page is a great resource for you. It would be helpful to review the faculty link (<http://bumperscollege.uark.edu/2634.htm>) prior to beginning your advising sessions next month. If you don't find what you are looking for, feel free to contact me!

Best regards!

Alice



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Incomplete Grades

Incomplete grades from the last semester attended will be changed to an 'F' twelve weeks into the next semester for which a student is enrolled. Notification will be sent to both the student and the instructor of record for the class with the "incomplete" grade. Grades not changed by November 13th, 2009 will be changed to an 'F'. Please remind students that it is their responsibility to meet with their instructor to resolve any incomplete grades.

International Student Enrollment Limits

International students are required to have full time enrollment. These students will be given an error message if they try to drop below full time status.

If an international student wishes to drop below full time, they must contact the Office of International Students & Scholars at 575-5003. The ISS office can request that the Registrar's Office change their enrollment limit.

Graduation Deadlines

Any student who wishes to graduate in the Fall 2009 semester must apply by the October 2nd application deadline. All course work, including regular, independent study, correspondence, and transfer courses must be completed by Wednesday, December 16th. All course work related to grade changes must also be completed by December 16th.

September Academic Enhancement Program

The Academic Enhancement Program will offer the following workshops this month:

- **September 3rd** — **What are the Expectations of College Life**
- **September 15th** — **Time Management & Study Skills**

All workshops will be held from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. in the Rosen Alternative Pest Control Center conference room (ROSE 201). As always, John Kelly, Ph.D., L.P.C., is available to assist students at any time. For more information, please contact Dr. Kelly at 575-5716 or by e-mail at jkelly@uark.edu.



2009 NACADA Conference

The 2009 National NACADA Conference will be held in San Antonio this year. This year's conference is titled "Academic Advising: Deep in the Heart of Student Success." The dates for the conference are September 30th to October 3rd. This conference is an excellent training and development opportunity for advisors. For more information on registration and workshops that will be offered, please visit the NACADA website at:

<http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/annualconf/2009/index.htm>

Career Development Information Fair

The Career Development Center will be hosting several events this month for students. Some of the events scheduled are a "Resume Review and Prep for Career Fairs" on September 14th and an "All Majors Career Fair" on September 16th. Both of these events will be held in the Union 5th Floor Ballroom and are open to all UA students.

Starting on September 17th, students may also drop by the Career Development Center for a drop-in resume review on Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the semester. No appointment is necessary. To register for a career fair or to see other opportunities available to students please visit:

<http://career.uark.edu/Default.aspx>

Support for Returning Veterans

There are several veterans returning to campus this fall. Some soldiers have experienced psychological trauma and may have difficulty adjusting to the mainstream again. Students experiencing these challenges may be referred to Dr. John Kelly by email (jkelly@uark.edu) or phone (575-5716).



Dates to Remember



- September 3rd — AEP Workshop "What are the Expectations of College Life"
- September 4th — Last Day to Change from Credit to Audit or Drop a Full Semester Class without Receiving a "W"
- September 7th — Labor Day Holiday
- September 15th — AEP Workshop "Time Management & Study Skills"
- September 16th — Career Development Information Career Fair
- September 25th — Last day to drop a first 8 week class with a "W"
- September 28th — Early Progress Rosters Available for Grade Entry
- September 30th — 2009 National NACADA Conference Begins
- October 2nd — Application deadline for Fall 2008 Graduation

Did you know...

that a student may use grade forgiveness with a variable credit class?

The 2009-2010 U of A Catalog of Studies

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under the "Undergraduate Grade Forgiveness Policy" states that a maximum of two classes may be repeated (up to nine hours) in which a grade of "D" or "F" was received. A student may choose to use grade forgiveness for a variable credit course so long as the hours of the original course and the repeated course are the same.

For example, a student wants to repeat HESC 400V (3 hours) and use grade forgiveness. Provided the student repeats HESC 400V for 3 hours credit, grade forgiveness may be used.