

All About Advising

May Advising Updates

Dear Colleagues,

With us entering into the month of May, Commencement is here! I have completed all the initial senior checks. If you have not heard from me, it is reasonable to assume that your student will be cleared for graduation pending Spring 2007 grades.

I am sure you are busy with exams and letters of recommendation. Yet, it is already time to begin thinking about summer orientation and our new student needs. On *Tuesday, May 15, 2007 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm*, we will host an information session for all Faculty Advisors in *AGRI 115*. It is important that you attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please make sure that you visit with your Advising Committee Representative before advising any new students this summer.

I look forward to seeing each of you at Commencement!

Best regards,

Alice



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Grade Entry Deadline

Final grade rosters will be available on the web on Dead Day. Instructors will receive an email reminder with information from the Registrar's Office.

By rule, grades are due 48 hours after the scheduled final exam time. The absolute deadline for grade entry is noon on May 15th. Your department and the Dean's Office will be keeping track of grades not yet entered.

Academic Standards Committee Meeting Petitions

The Academic Standards Committee will meet twice during the month of May. The first meeting will be May 7, and petitions due no later than May 2. The second meeting will be May 18, with petitions due by May 15. Please keep in mind that once the form reaches the Dean's Office, it must also be signed and processed before sending on, and is not always possible for the form to be signed on the same day.

Commencement Instructions

Students need to arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. to sign in and lineup. Signs and AFLS Ambassadors will direct students and faculty to the special entrance on the west side of the building for sign-in and robing. The ceremony will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.!



Regalia will be distributed from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday, May 8th through Friday, May 11th and from 7:45 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 12th, the day of Commencement.

For more information, see the website at: <http://www.uark.edu/commencement.html>. Honors cords and stoles for GPA achievements are available in the Dean's Office. Eligible students were sent an email notification to pick them up.

Please note, students who have completed their degree in Summer 2006, Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 are eligible for wearing honors regalia in the Spring 2007 commencement ceremony. Students who complete their degree in Summer 2007, Fall 2007, and Spring 2008 will be recognized with honors in the May 2008 commencement ceremony.



Advisor Information Session

Mark your calendars on **May 15th** to attend an information session for advisors to discuss summer orientation policies, procedures and the upcoming academic year.

The information session will be held from **2:00-4:00 in AGRI 115**.

Dates to Remember



- May 2 - Clean-up Rosters due to the Dean's Office
- May 3 - Last day to officially withdraw from all spring courses
- May 3 - Last day of Spring 2007 classes
- May 4 - Dead Day, Final Rosters will be available in ISIS
- May 5-11 - Final Examinations
- May 12 - Commencement Ceremonies!
- **May 15** - **Final Grade Rosters due by noon**
- May 21 - Summer 2007 classes start
- June 15 - Application Deadline for those who plan to graduate Summer 2007

Summer 2007 Orientation schedule

This year, the majority of orientation sessions will be held in June. There is one Transfer orientation in August. Please attend the Advisor Information Session on May 15th for more information about the changes to orientation.

The sessions are as listed below:

All Students:

June 7-8 June 12-13

June 13-14 June 14-15

June 18-19 June 19-20

June 21-22 June 25-26

June 26-27 June 28-29

Transfer Students:

August 9

Advanced Composition Exemption Exams

The summer offerings of the exam will be at 6:00pm on June 13th and July 25th. Students are eligible to take the exam upon the completion of ENGL 1013 and ENGL 1023, but before the student has acquired 96 credit hours. Students not gaining exemption for ENGL 2003 must register for the course before the last semester of their senior year. To sign up for the exemption exam, students should visit the Dean's Office.

The Quality Writing Center (QWC) has practice tests and a variety of handouts for students preparing to take the exam available in Kimpel Hall 315.

For students planning to take the test in the Fall or Spring, The QWC offers workshops to prepare for the exam. Information on the workshops is available at the QWC web site (<http://www.uark.edu/write>) or by phone (575-6747).

Did you know...

Clean up rosters are due to the Dean's office tomorrow!