

# 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 2008 grades.

A total of 253 students will be participating in Commencement. This number includes students from summer 2007, fall 2007, spring 2008, summer 2008 and fall 2008.

Summer Orientation is right around the corner. On **Tuesday, May 13, 2008 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm**, we will host an information session for all Faculty Advisors. It will be in **AGRI 115**. Please mark your calendars for this event. If you have any agenda items, please contact me as soon as possible.

Of course, today is the last day for students to withdrawal from the spring semester. It may be time to have that difficult talk with the student that you know has been struggling. It is sometimes better for students to receive all W's for a semester and start fresh in the fall. As a reminder, students no longer contact the Dean's Office to withdrawal. There is a direct link to Official Withdrawal in their Student Center in ISIS.

I look forward to seeing each of you at Commencement!

*Alice*



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### **Grade Entry Deadline**

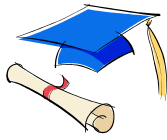
Final grade rosters will be available on the web on Dead Day. Instructors will receive an email reminder with information from the Registrar's Office.

By rule, grades are due 48 hours after the scheduled final exam time. The absolute deadline for grade entry is noon on May 13th. 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 May 16th, with petitions due by May 13th. The next meeting of the committee is June 27th. Petitions are due by June 24th. Please keep in mind that once the form reaches the Dean's Office, it must be signed and processed before being sent to the Registrar's office.

## 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 6th through Friday, May 9th and from 7:45 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 10th, the day of Commencement.

For more information, see the instructions 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 2007, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 are eligible for wearing honors regalia in the Spring 2008 commencement ceremony. Students who complete their degree in Summer 2008, Fall 2008, and Spring 2009 will be recognized with honors in the May 2009 commencement ceremony.



## Advisor Information Session

Mark your calendars on **May 13th** 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 1 - Last day to officially withdraw from all spring courses
- May 1 - Last day of Spring 2008 classes
- May 2 - Dead Day, Final Rosters will be available in ISIS
- May 3-9 - Final Examinations
- May 10 - Commencement Ceremonies!
- **May 13 - Final Grade Rosters due by noon**
- May 19 - Summer 2008 classes start
- June 15 - Application Deadline for those who plan to graduate Summer 2008

## Summer 2008 Orientation schedule

Please remember, the majority of orientation sessions will be held in June. There is one Transfer orientation in August.

The sessions are as listed below:

### All Students:

**June 11-12 June 12-13**

**June 16-17 June 17-18**

**June 19-20 June 23-24**

**June 24-25 June 26-27**

**August 18-19**

### Transfer Students:

**August 14**

## Advanced Composition Exemption Exams

The summer offerings of the exam will be at 6:00pm on June 4th and July 16th. 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. Students will be prompted to register via the "To Do" section of their student center.

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 is available at the QWC web site at [www.uark.edu/write](http://www.uark.edu/write) or at 575-6747.

*As you prepare for orientation,  
did you know...*

**exemption is not credit? If a student is exempt from ENGL 1013 and / or ENGL 1023, they must make up the hours in ENGL, COMM, JOUR or FLAN.**