

All About Advising

September Advising Updates

Dear Colleagues,

It is always fascinating the learning opportunities our students present to us. This past week I learned something about the Petition for "D" grades that I want to share with each of you.

One of our students petitioned to have a "D" grade transferred to the University. She had done her homework and read page 44 of the catalog of studies to learn the guidelines. Those included: "Students must have a 2.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale to be considered, and courses must meet core or elective requirements in the student's degree program." Since the class was listed as part of the State Minimum Core, the student was confident that her appeal would be approved.

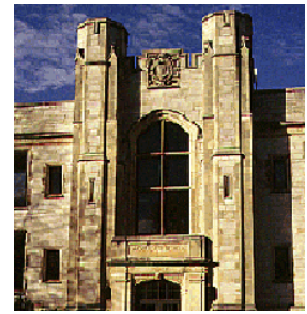
She was disappointed to learn that her petition was denied. Her advisor and I were simply stunned. When I investigated the reason she was denied, I learned a very good lesson. The student was denied because her department had identified the course from the core has a required selection. For example, if Biology 1543/1541, Principles of Biology is listed on the check sheet as the required science, then the committee will deny the petition. They interpret the designated requirement as a departmental requirement. Therefore, any student will be denied the petition.

Fortunately, the student is very passionate about her major and is not going to let this small setback keep her from completing her educational goals and reaching her career dreams.

So as we advise our transfer students, be aware of how policies are interpreted. I will do my best to keep you informed of any others that are not clearly defined.

Best Regards for a successful semester!

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Advisor Information Session

Mark your calendar! If you missed the Advising Information Session in May, or would like a refresher, you can catch a review of the information!

**Thursday, September 7th
12:30 - 2:30 pm in HOEC 206.**

Please RSVP to Alice Griffin at agriffin@uark.edu by Wednesday, Sept. 6th.

Justus Teaching Seminar

Dr. Mark Taylor will be on the UofA campus, Wednesday, Sept. 13th at the Union Theater, presenting a seminar to help faculty, staff, and administration better understand, retain and effectively teach our Generation NeXt students. He will be offering a two-part session from 1:30 to 4:30pm. For more information, contact Alonna Still at 575-2254.

Academic Enhancement Workshops

The Bumpers College Academic Enhancement Program has the following workshops lined up for fall:

- Sept 7—**Adjusting to college life and choosing a career**
- Sept 21—**Time management and study skills**

All workshops will be held from 12:30-1:20 in the HOEC 106 classroom. For more information, please contact Dr. John Kelly at 575-5716 or by e-mail at jkelly@uark.edu.

Resume Workshop for Students

Please encourage your students to attend the resume workshop and learn valuable skills of writing an effective resume that will highlight and summarize their qualifications. Tuesday, September 5th, from 10-11am or 3-5pm at the Career Center Library in Union 607, sponsored by the Career Development Center. All majors are welcome. Students can register for the workshop online at http://career.uark.edu/students/resume_workshop.asp.

Fall 2006 Graduation Deadlines

Any student who wishes to graduate in the Fall 2006 semester must apply by the September 29th application deadline.

All coursework, including regular, independent study, correspondence and transfer courses must be completed by December 13th. All incomplete grades for courses used for degree requirements must also be completed by the December 13th deadline.

ISIS Student Verification

Remind your undergraduate, graduate and off campus students to “count themselves in” on ISIS. Ask them to log into the ISIS system today at <http://www.uark.edu/admin/isisdir/> and verify that they will attend the University of Arkansas and confirm that they intend to pay their tuition, whether that's by scholarship, loan, hard-earned cash or any combination. Failure to do so may affect enrollment.

Advanced Composition Exemption Exam Info has Changed!!

The Fall 2006 offering of the exam will be held on Wednesday, September 13th, at 5:45pm in Kimpel Hall Room 102. This date is different from the academic calendar. This is the latest information from the Testing Center.

There have been several important changes made this semester that will effect the next offerings of the Advanced Composition Exemption Exam.

- The Testing Center will now be administering this exam.
- There will be no ‘borderline’ grades given this semester. They will receive written feedback on their exams, sent to their university e-mail account.
- Students’ accounts will be invoiced the \$20 fee assessed for taking the exam
- Students must sign up at least two weeks in advance for the test at their respective Dean’s Offices.
- Students must bring two forms of identification, one being their UARK student ID and the other from the following options: a state or military issued ID, driver’s license or passport.

More information can be found at <http://www.uark.edu/ua/testing/tests/adv-composit.html>.

Dates to Remember



- September 13 - Advanced Composition Exam
- September 13 - Justus Teaching Seminar
- September 22 - Last day to drop a first 8-week course with a “W”
- September 29 - Application deadline for Fall 2006 graduates
- October 4 - Early progress reports for 1000 and 2000 level classes e-mailed to student accounts

Did you know...

Tuesday, September 5th is the official 11th day of class. Any administrative forms that require Dean’s signatures will need to be faxed to us ASAP to sign and send to the Registrar’s Office by 5pm Tuesday.