



Academic Advice

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES ADVISING NEWSLETTER

Pre-Professional Advising Available in the AASC

EVENTS & REMINDERS

Feb. 3
Internship Fair
Student Center 160
11:30-2:00

Feb. 7
11SQ Schedule
Available on SU
Online

Feb. 8-18
Spring Advising
Period

Feb. 11
Last day to
Withdraw

Feb. 21
President's Day
Break

Feb. 22-25
Spring 2011
Registration

Feb. 24
Pre-Law Info
Session
Admin 324
12:05-1:20PM

Feb. 23-25
Core Solution
Center
University Services
Lobby
9:30am-4:00pm

March 15-19
Final Exams

March 23
Grades Due

**Academic Advising
Support Center**
College of Arts and Sciences
Casey 1W
206-296-2840
ASCAdvising@seattleu.edu

Hours: 8:30-4:30PM
Drop-Ins available:
M-F 9:00-4:00PM



Pre-Law Advising

If you are working with an advisee who has expressed an interest in attending law school, please recommend that they attend one of the two pre-law information sessions offered each quarter. These sessions are designed to help students begin the discernment process about law school, explain what to expect in the application process, and prepare for the LSAT, plus much more. Additional pre-law events (attorney panels, admissions Q and A, law school visits, etc) are held each quarter by the Pre-Law Club.

Quick tips for advising students interested in attending Law School:

- Students can major in anything they want! Students should be successful in challenging coursework, but choosing a major they are passionate about will help them maintain a high GPA and keep them motivated.
- Encourage students to think ahead. It is important for students to make educated and timely decisions about when to take the LSAT (offered only 4 times per year), how many schools to apply to, and who to ask for recommendations.
- Personal statements are extremely challenging. Encourage journaling and utilizing the Writing Center for support.
- Get Involved. Encourage your students to contact Erin Engelhardt (engelhardt@seattleu.edu) to be added to the Pre-Law list serve so that they can participate in campus-wide pre-law activities.

Health Professions Advising

(Med, Dent, Vet, PT/OT, PHARM, OPT, etc.)

If you are working with advisees who are exploring future careers in the health professions, make sure to connect them with academic advisors in the AASC. In addition to their major coursework, pre-health students have to complete coursework in biology, chemistry, physics and math. Advisors in the AASC offer academic planning for these students, provide resources for career exploration, and help monitor the application process for students pursuing post-graduate health programs.

For additional information regarding health professions resources, see: <http://www.seattleu.edu/prehealth/>

Professional Advisors who work with pre-health students:

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Writing a Letter of Recommendation?

Have you been asked to write a letter of recommendation for a student applying to law school? Check out our resources for letter writers on the Faculty/Staff section on the Pre-Law website: www.seattleu.edu/artsci/prelaw

Second Annual Internship Fair

Seattle University Career Services is pleased to host the second annual Internship Fair on **Thursday, Feb. 3 from 11:00-1:30PM in Student Center 160**. Academic advisors will be able to help students learn more about how to connect their internship experience to their academic experiences at SU.

Academic Alerts

Academic Alerts provide you an opportunity to provide early feedback to students about their performance in class, to help students address issues of academic and personal distress, and connect them with their advisors and campus resources.

To access the Academic Alert system:

- Complete a web form, clickable from a class roster
- Telephone your concerns to the Student Academic Services office manager at x2261
- Send an email to StudentAcademicServices@seattleu.edu
- Complete an online form at: <https://www.seattleu.edu/sas/advising/Advisors.aspx?ekfrm=54316>

What happens when an Academic Alert is submitted?

After a referral is submitted, Kate Elias, Assistant Dean for Student Academic Support, will follow up with you, the student, and the student's advisor, to make sure the student is connected with campus resources and receiving the assistance they require.

Not Every Student Needs a Minor

By Joyce Erickson, Student Advocate

First-year students often come to their initial advising appointment with ideas about the classes they plan to take. They've perused the catalog and picked out wildly inappropriate classes because they sound interesting or satisfy a hidden passion for knowledge about a subject they have never encountered in their boring and predictable high school curriculum. They may even have chosen to enroll at a particular university on the basis of those courses. After they've learned they must take core courses and major prerequisites first, they happily—or grudgingly—settle into the standard routine.



And predictably that routine comes to include selecting a minor. After all, don't employers look carefully at a transcript to see what course of study they've pursued?

Well, probably not. What if instead of pitching the value of their minor to prospective employers students pitched themselves as "entrepreneurs of imagination,"*as people who chose classes that ignited their passion for learning or challenged them to think and learn in new and different ways?

What if students chose not to seek a minor? Might they be just as well off, even closer to meeting the ideal goal of becoming a liberally-educated lifelong learner? Of course they will have faced the challenge of courses closed to them because they're neither major nor minor in that discipline, but perhaps the brave and adventuresome can overcome even that obstacle (a subject for another rant from a retired educator...?).

*A phrase used by a community college president from the east who instituted a philosophy major at this institution.

Summer 2011 Schedule Available Online

The Summer 2011 schedule is currently available on SU Online. Select "11RQ" from the drop down menu to view these courses. This is a great opportunity for you to work with your advisees on planning for both spring and summer coursework. If students are planning to complete Core classes during the summer, remind them to use the "Course Comment Keywords" drop down menu to filter their search by Core classes.

2 CR Courses

Options for students who have to withdraw from a course, but need to meet a minimum number of credits:

CPSC 100

Intro to Computer Science

The first CPSC 100 class will be held on Feb. 11. Students can register in this course up to that date by completing a manual registration form and taking it to the CPSC department office, ENGR 526.

HUMT 293

Leadership and Voice

The first HUMT 293 class is held on Feb 14. Students register for this class up to that date by completing a manual registration form and taking it to the Matteo Ricci Dean's Office CASY 1E.

Academic Planning Workshop

Do you have some advisees that need assistance with academic planning? Recommend they attend Audrey Hudgins's learning strategy workshop entitled, "The Future's So Bright You Gotta Wear Shades": Planning Your Academic Future.

Wednesday, Feb. 2 and Thursday, Feb. 3, 12:15-1:10PM—LEML 369

Visit us online! www.seattleu.edu/artsci/advising/

The Academic Advising Support Center website contains helpful advising information, including forms and a GPA calculator!