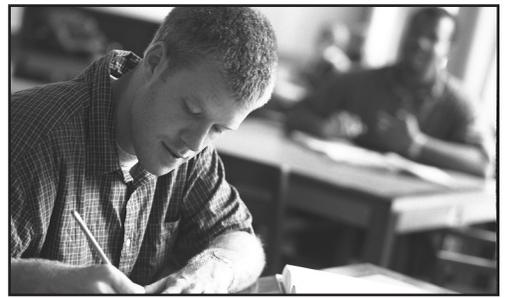


Academic Success at Illinois



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Important Dates:

DECEMBER 7

Last day of instruction, fall semester

DECEMBER 8

Reading day (no classes, no final exams)

DECEMBER 9-16

Final examination period

DECEMBER 17 @ 3PM

Undergrad Residence Halls close for semester break

JANUARY 15 @ 9AM

Undergrad Residence Halls open for spring semester

JANUARY 17

First day of instruction, spring semester

How To Talk To Your Professor

You probably know that it's a good idea to get to know your professors. Not only are they the people handing out your grades, professors can be one of your most valuable campus assets. However, you may find yourself anxious and tongue-tied when it comes down to actually approaching them. Here are tips for a successful visit:

- 1. Visit your professor during posted office hours or schedule an appointment.**
- 2. Adopt the attitude that your professor wants to help you.** Eliminate negative thoughts such as: "She uses trick questions on the test." Instead, tell yourself: "She can help me understand how to study for her tests so I can do better." Keep in mind that your professor is teaching because he/she loves the subject. Try to look at the subject from the perspective of someone who is fascinated by it and respect your instructor for his/her expertise. Being defensive is the quickest way to turn off your instructor's desire to help, so be open to suggestions.
- 3. Visit your professor with specific things to discuss.**
 - Questions about course content.
 - Needing additional help.
 - Concerns about tests.
 - Asking for an incomplete grade or other special exceptions.

- 4. Be prepared for the meeting.** Know exactly what you want from your professor. Take your graded material with you, along with your lecture notes and study aides. Come up with options BEFORE you go in. Then he/she can help you decide if those options are possible.

The Career Center: The Art of Networking with Family & Friends

Fall and Winter break is an excellent time to catch up with friends and family. It's also a prime opportunity to talk with others about their personal career experiences. So while you're enjoying your time away from classes, take some time to do a little networking. Talk to your uncle, a cousin, or a neighbor about their jobs and the major they pursued in college. Find out what they enjoy about their current job. Inquire to what frustrates them about their work. Ask how they got into their current position and what advice they have for students looking into their field or other fields. These are just the first few steps in the networking process.

Stop by our office at 715 S. Wright St. or visit The Career Center website to learn more about how to conduct Informational Interviews that will assist you in building your network: careercenter.illinois.edu/interview/informational

Hours: 8:30am—5pm, M—F

Phone: (217) 333-0820

Resume/Cover Letter Reviews: 2—4:30pm, M—F

Career Consultant on Call Drop-Ins: 11am—5pm, M—F

Career/Pre-Health Counseling Appointments: 9am—4:30pm, M—F

Pre-Health Advising Drop-Ins: 1:30—3pm, Tu, W, F

The Residence Hall Libraries

Finals are right around the corner! Need a quiet study space? We've have plenty of tables in our libraries. We have even expanded our hours during finals week.

Need some books to read over the Winter Break? We have plenty of new books on our shelves just waiting to be checked out.

There are seven Residence Hall Libraries located at the Ikenberry Commons, Allen, Busey-Evans, FAR, ISR, LAR, and PAR. To find out more: www.housing.illinois.edu/libraries

IKENBERRY COMMONS LIBRARY FINALS WEEK HOURS:

Thurs, Dec. 8—Fri, Dec. 9: 8am—1am

Sat, Dec. 10: 4pm—1am

Sun, Dec. 11: 2pm—1am

Mon, Dec. 12—Thurs, Dec. 15: 8am—1am

Fri, Dec. 16: 8am—5pm

ALL OTHER LOCATIONS:

Thurs, Dec. 8—Thurs, Dec. 15: 4pm—1am

Fri, Dec. 16: 2pm—5pm



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