

Academic Success at Illinois



This is a Residential Life/University Housing publication.

Important Dates:

NOVEMBER 11

Deadline: Drop UG half-session course without grade of W

Deadline: Elect credit-no credit/Change credit-no credit to regular grade basis in UG half-session course

Deadline: File intent to use the Campus Grade Replacement option in UG half-session course

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: Workshops & Events

Tuesday, November 1, 7 pm: Professional Etiquette Series: General Etiquette

Wednesday, November 2, 4 pm: Successful Interviewing (Career Exploration for International Students)

Thursday, November 3, Noon: Finding a Major that Fits

Thursday, November 3, 4-5:30 pm: Green Career Panel

What Every International Student Should Know to Find U.S. Employment

Tuesday, November 1, 6:30-8pm, Mumford Hall, Rm 103

Interested in hearing how H-1B sponsorship happens from the inside? Join author and speaker, Dan Beaudry, head of business development at Going Global and former head of campus recruiting for Monster.com, as he shares the potent job search system used by many international students. What you'll discover in this presentation may surprise you:

- Learn how to secure H-1B sponsorship at companies that have a policy against sponsoring H-1B visas.
- Learn why 80 percent of open jobs are never advertised-and how to find them before anyone else.
- Learn why human resources is often an obstacle instead of a conduit to finding a U.S. job-and how to bypass it.
- Learn why submitting résumés online is not an effective use of your time-and how you can better invest that time.

Questions? Contact vspring@illinois.edu. Event sponsored by The Career Center, Engineering Career Services, Business Career Services, and International Students and Scholar Services. Stop by our office at 715 S. Wright St. or visit our website at www.careercenter.illinois.edu.

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

Need a study space? Want to find the latest bestseller, a movie to watch, or some music to listen to? Working on a paper? We're here to help!

There are seven Residence Hall Libraries located at the Ikenberry Commons, Allen, Busey-Evans, FAR, ISR, LAR, and PAR.

Find out more: www.housing.illinois.edu/libraries

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Sunday: 2pm—1am

Monday—Thursday: 8am—1am

Friday: 8am—7pm

Saturday: 2pm—5pm

ALL OTHER LOCATIONS:

Sunday—Thursday: 4pm—1am

Friday & Saturday: 2pm—5pm

