

# Academic Success at Illinois



*This is a Residential Life/University Housing publication.*

## Important Dates:

### OCTOBER 10

Housing Sign-Up begins!

### OCTOBER 14

Deadline: Drop UG semester course without grade of W

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

Deadline: File intent to use the Campus Grade Replacement option in UG semester course

Deadline: UG student to withdraw without grade of W

### OCTOBER 17

Time Tickets (earliest registration times) for Spring 2012 priority registration available online

Second half-session courses begin (nontraditional courses may begin earlier or later)

### OCTOBER 21

Deadline: Add UG second half-session course

### OCTOBER 28

Deadline: Withdraw from the University and receive the minimum pro-rata refund

### OCTOBER 31

Priority registration for Spring 2012 begins for continuing students only

## Academic Advising: Top 10 Reasons to meet with your Academic Advisor

- # 1 – Registration is coming up!** It is important to meet with your advisor to discuss academic progress and course selection for the upcoming semester.
- # 2 – You are thinking about changing majors.** Your academic advisor can tell you how to transfer to a new college/major if you decide that is the correct route for you.
- # 3 – You have questions about the drop deadline or whether you should drop a class.** Your advisor can help you decide whether or not to drop a class or discuss options you may not be aware of.
- # 4 – You need information on how to select credit/no credit for a class or if you need to complete paperwork for the Grade Replacement Policy.** Your advisor can help you fill out the necessary paperwork for these options. There are specific dates required to select these options, so it is important that you meet with your advisor in a timely manner.
- # 5 – To talk about resources available if you are having trouble picking a class or exploring majors.** Your academic advisor can provide you with resources that help you explore potential majors, careers, and classes.
- # 6 – If you are having trouble with a particular instructor.** Your academic advisor can give you suggestions on how to have a difficult conversation with your instructor and provide follow-up after the meeting.
- # 7 – If you want to see if classes from another institution will transfer to Illinois or how to send a transcript.** If you are considering taking classes at another institution, we have a great online system that can check if those courses transfer back to Illinois.
- # 8 – To find out about extracurricular activities related to interest/field of study.** Studies show that learning happens both inside and outside of the classroom. Joining a campus organization may help with your major selection or career exploration. Your advisor can suggest activities that may be a good fit for you.
- # 9 – To discuss possible double majors or minors that would complement your major interests.** If you are considering a double major, it is important to discuss with your advisor what course options are available. The same is true for a minor.
- # 10 – To discuss personal or academic problems that are affecting your progress.** No problem is too big or too small to discuss with your academic advisor. Advisors can lead you to resources that may be helpful for whatever difficulty you are experiencing.

## The Residence Hall Libraries

Need a study space? We have plenty of tables in our libraries. Want to find the latest bestseller, a movie to watch, or some music to listen to? All you need is your i-card to check out library materials. Working on a paper? Get research materials from other campus libraries delivered to your hall library using interlibrary loan.

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](http://www.housing.illinois.edu/libraries)

### IKENBERRY COMMONS LIBRARY HOURS:

Sunday: 2pm–1am  
Monday–Thursday: 8am–1am  
Friday: 8am–7pm  
Saturday: 2pm–5pm

### ALL OTHER LOCATIONS:

Sunday–Thursday: 4pm–1am  
Friday & Saturday: 2pm–5pm



## The Career Center: Discover Your Options

Many students on campus have chosen to explore their options before declaring a major. Other students are unsatisfied with their major or unaware of the different careers they can pursue with their respective major. The Career Center is a great resource for any student seeking career advice or help. The Career Counselors on staff can help you identify your skills, values, and interests. Counselors can also help you establish a plan of action to develop the professional skills necessary to become a strong job candidate in your field of interest. Stop by our office at 715 S. Wright St. or visit our website at [www.careercenter.illinois.edu](http://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