

Academic Success at Illinois



Important Dates:

SEPTEMBER 16

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

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

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

SEPTEMBER 28

Student Account payment due

OCTOBER 14

Deadline: Drop UG semester course without grade of W

Deadline: Remove UG Incomplete grade from previous semester to prevent change to an F grade

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)

Academic Advising: Tips for Success

Here are some basic Secrets of Success from an academic advisor:

- **Pick classes and choose a major** you will enjoy and excel in. Sounds easy, doesn't it? Yet we see legions of students who say things like, "I hate math but I want to be an accountant."
- Sign up for a mixture of **classes that meet graduation requirements**, allow you to explore your interests and give you the chance to enjoy what you're studying.
- **Go to class** every time it's held.
- **Check dates** of assignments and exams.
- Always **check your syllabi**—each one outlines course expectations, deadlines, and office hours.
- **Buy your textbooks**—it's pricey, we know, but you need to get ALL the textbooks. Many will be expensive but they're assigned for a good reason.
- Get into the habit of **checking your university email**; it's how the university communicates to all students.
- Make a large class small: simply **sit near the front**, make eye contact, ask and answer questions, engage the instructor, and engage the class.
- **Always take notes in class**; don't simply rely on posted Power Points.
- **Prepare for class.**
- If you **actively participate in class**, **talk to instructors**, and **go to office hours**, you're not only being a great student but you're also developing life skills!
- **Use a planner!** Sharpen your time management and study skills. Balance priorities.
- **Meet with your advisor** to introduce yourself and chat about classes, life on campus, and to discuss your progress and to begin to plan next semester's classes and schedule.
- Become **well-rounded** through academic, social, and extracurricular experiences, but don't over-commit in your first semester.
- Form **study groups**. Meet new people and positively impact your GPA.
- Doing something regularly for 21 days makes it a habit. Three weeks of **good study habits** and you'll have a solid foundation for the rest of your academic career here.

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

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: More Than Just For Seniors

The Career Center offers many excellent services and workshops for every student on campus. You may not be ready to create a resume or apply for an internship, but it's never too early to learn about the opportunities related to your major or future career interests. Even if you haven't identified a major, The Career Center can assist you in the exploration process. You can schedule a 30-minute meeting with one of our Career Counselors, attend an informative Career Workshop, or check out our great selection of resources. 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