



Reaching Out From Your Advising Center

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FALL ACADEMIC ALERTS!

EARLY WARNING NOTICES

On October 21, Early Warning Notices will be sent to the WIU email addresses of students listed as currently receiving D's or F's in their courses. Check your WIU email for Early Warning Notices. Read over the information carefully :

- **D or F** = your current grade is a D or F
- **I** = insufficient evidence: the professor did not have enough evidence to evaluate a grade
- **Asterisk (*)** = your current grade is C or above
- **Blank** = no information given: the professor did not submit a grade

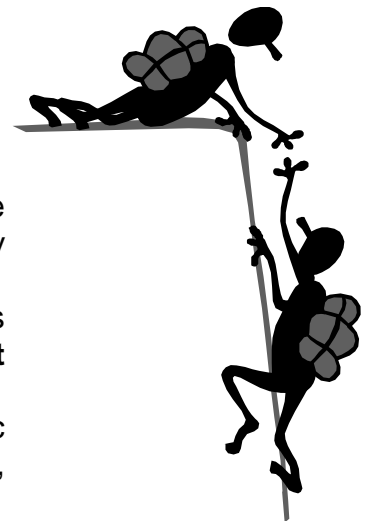


If you are getting a D or F in any of your classes, talk to your advisor and your instructor immediately to discuss how to raise your grade and whether or not you need to drop the class. Not getting an Early Warning Notice does not guarantee that you are doing okay. Talk to your instructors directly to find out how you are doing in every class. It is also a good idea to track your progress personally by keeping a record of all your graded assignments and attendance.

GETTING HELP WITH A CLASS



- **Talk to your Instructor.** It is best to visit your instructor during his or her office hours. See the class syllabus for office address and hours, or ask the instructor when you can meet.
- There are **academic help centers** for most courses in the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as for many other departments. Contact your advisor or instructor for details.
- The Office of Academic Services (298-1871, Olson 248) offers free **tutoring groups** for many General Education and other introductory -level classes.
- The University Counseling Center (298-2453, Olson 247) provides **study skills seminars** and **one-on-one study skills assessment and consultation**.
- If you have personal or medical problems affecting your academic performance, contact the **University Counseling Center** (298-2453, Olson 247) or **Beu Health Center** (298-1888).
- **See your advisor** (298-1846 or 298-1871) to sort through the different resources and to discuss the difficulties you are having.



A word about telephones:

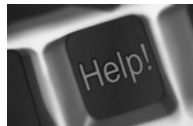
- ♦ If you are living in a residence hall, there is a phone number assigned to your room which is listed in campus directories which is listed to both you and your roommate (if you have one). It is important to have a phone hooked up in your room, (call WESTEL at 298-2701 for instructions on setting up your voice mail, because campus offices may call you at that number.
- ♦ If you are using a cell phone, it may be a long distance charge to call you. Please be aware that we can only call your long distance cell phone in an emergency situation so it is important for you to keep checking your WIU email! Also, numbers from campus phones may show up as unknown or unavailable.



HELP! I can't get my password to work on lab computers!

HELP! I can't get into my email!

HELP! I can't get into Western Online!



If you are having difficulty with your ECOM account, or are not sure about your login or password, contact the Student Assistance and Parent Service Center located in the Union (298-2092), or call University Computer Support Services at 309-298-1177.

First Year Experience News...

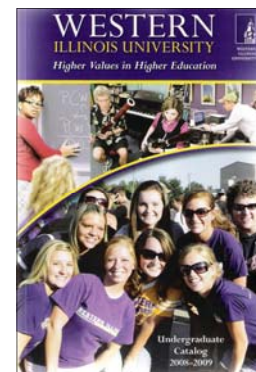
- ♦ **Plan your FYE class for the spring semester:** All first year students will need to take another FYE class in Spring 2009. Look in the "course search" section of STARS to find them. FYE classes can be identified by the suffix "Y".
- ♦ **Dropping First Year Experience classes:** If you are in danger of failing your current FYE class, you need to contact your Advisor immediately to identify your options and avoid an "F" at the end of the semester! You can still drop, but you will need to take an additional FYE course next fall to make up for dropping the one you are in now.

Got your catalog yet? If this is your first year at Western, you need to pick up your University catalog to help you plan your future here. Your advisor will give you your catalog at one of your advising meetings.

STUDY TIPS

By now, you have probably had tests or quizzes, and may have received lower grades than expected. Studying in college is different from high school. Here are some tips that may help you get the grades you *want*.

1. **Go to every single class.** Just being there can make a difference in how much you understand and remember.
2. **Read before going to each class.** If you get behind, skip the reading for that week and go on to next week's assignment; it's much easier to catch up on reading one chapter than to stay behind all semester.
3. **Review your notes** from your class lectures frequently. Some people review for a few minutes a day, while others spend an hour reviewing at the end of each week. If you are struggling in a class, do both.
4. **Write all tests and assignments in a planner** so you know how much time you will need to complete work and study for tests each week. Keep looking ahead in your planner.
5. **Use your time between classes** to read or work on projects. This is a good way to budget your time.
6. **Learn new study skills** by attending one of the Study Skills Seminars held on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at the University Counseling Center in Olson Hall. You do not need to sign up in advance. You may also meet with a counselor individually to discuss study skills (call 298-2453 to make an appointment).
7. **Get assistance.** Contact your instructor, your advisor, or the Advising Center (298-1871 or 298-1846) to find out about tutoring and help centers available free of charge to all students.



Career Exploration information is now online!

Check out the UAASC website at:

<http://www.wiu.edu/UAASC/>



MEET THE UAASC GRADUATE STAFF:

Timothy Johnson: Tim grew up in Cushing, Oklahoma, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Augustana College in South Dakota, and is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in College Student Personnel. Tim loves to cook!

Tim would like students to remember, “Everyone needs some help sometimes. Please recognize when you need help and ask for it.”

Kaylee Mask: Born and raised in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Kaylee graduated with High Honours from Carleton University with a Bachelor of Science. Her degree is in Integrated Science with an emphasis in Science Education and in Chemistry. Kaylee is now working on a Masters degree in College Student Personnel. She loves winter—or at least some winter activities including skiing and attending hockey games, especially if the Ottawa Senators are playing.

Kaylee’s advice to students: “Get to know other students in your classes and form study groups. It’s much easier to keep up with your studying if you have someone else to spend the time with.”

Andrea Riebling: Andrea is from Carthage, Illinois and received her bachelor's degree in Business Management from Western Illinois University. She is currently in her second year of graduate school pursuing a master's degree in College Student Personnel also from Western Illinois University. Andrea recently got married over the summer and is enjoying her newlywed status!

Andrea’s advice: “College is what you make it, I encourage you to be actively involved with the endless opportunities that Western has to offer. Also remember to stay positive and don’t sweat the small stuff.”

Zach Roberts: Zachary Roberts is a graduate student in the Theatre Arts Department studying for a MFA in directing. Originally from Raleigh, NC, Zachary and Shannon, his wife of three years, moved to Macomb this July. They recently acquired a new member of the family: a puppy named Trixie. He enjoys reading, writing, directing, listening to music, and watching TV on DVD as well as taking weekend trips with his wife.

Zach’s advice to students: “Get active in campus life and take the opportunity to meet as many different kinds of people as you can. Look for opportunities to expand your cultural experiences through the arts, sports, lectures, and other events. Take a theatre class. It will make you a better public speaker and give you a different outlet of self-expression.”

To find the class schedule for Spring Semester 2009:

Go to <http://www.wiu.edu/> and click on Web Tools (located in the top left corner)

Look for the link called “Class Schedule.” You can also locate this information by logging into STARS.



*Be wise –
Get Advised!*

**If you have not yet
seen your advisor
this semester . . .
call 298-1846 or
298-1871
as soon as possible to
schedule an
appointment.
Not seeing your
advisor will
delay your
registration
for next semester!**

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Thinking of dropping a class? Talk to your Academic Advisor first!

Be sure you have all the facts about how it could affect your future.

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Dates to Remember

October



Oct 20..... Second eight-week session starts

Oct 21..... Early Warning Notices e-mailed

November

Nov 2..... Last day to drop a 16-week course without danger of academic penalty

Nov 3..... Spring Registration starts—have you scheduled a meeting with your Advisor? (Most freshmen will register on the 20th or 21st)

Nov 24-28..... No Classes: Fall Break



Texting—

Please note that if we have your cell phone number you may get a text from the University Advising and Academic Support Center notifying you of changes to appointment times.