



Reaching Out From Your Advising Center

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FALL ACADEMIC ALERTS!

EARLY WARNING NOTICES

On October 20, Early Warning Notices will be sent to the Western email addresses of students listed as currently receiving D's or F's in their courses. Check your 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

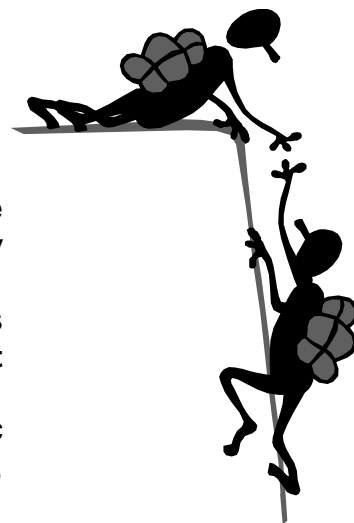


If you are getting a D or F in any of your classes, talk to your advisor and your instructor immediately to discuss how to raise your grade and whether or not you need to drop the class. Not getting an Early Warning Notice does not guarantee that you are doing okay. Talk to your instructors directly 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:

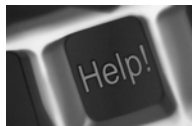
- ♦ If you are living in a residence hall, there is a phone number assigned to your room which is listed in campus directories to both you and your roommate (if you have one). It is important to have a phone hooked up in your room, (call WESTEL at 298-2701 for instructions on setting up your voice mail, 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 Western 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...

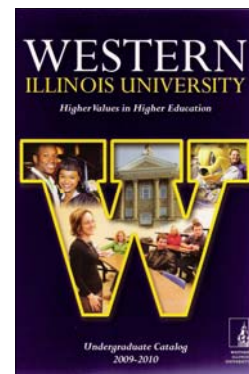
- ♦ **Plan your FYE class for the spring semester:** All first year students will need to take another FYE class in Spring 2010. Look in the "course search" section of STARS to find them. FYE classes can be identified by the suffix "Y".
- ♦ **Dropping First Year Experience classes:** If you are in danger 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. 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 University Counseling Center's Study Skills Seminars held on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. in the Special Dining Room 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 online!

Check out the UAASC website at:

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



MEET THE UAASC GRADUATE STAFF:

Amanda Halfacre: Amanda graduated from Iowa State University in December of 2008 with a bachelors of arts in Women's Studies. After graduation she worked in a mortgage office as an assistant processor. While in college Amanda enjoyed Greek life and being involved in local and national politics. Amanda is currently attending Western Illinois for her masters in College Student Personnel.

Amanda would like students to remember: that they don't have to do it alone. There is always someone on campus that can help and support them. It is important to reach out to the many resources on campus including your academic advisor, professors, the counseling center and all of the other offices on campus.

Tara Hardison: Tara graduated from WIU in 2007 with a B.A. She majored in Political Science and minored in Spanish. Her favorite memory from her undergraduate experience at WIU is studying abroad in Spain. Currently, she is a graduate student in the College Student Personnel program advising General Orientation students. Tara enjoys spending time with friends and family. October is her favorite month due to all of the haunted houses, pumpkin patches and great weather.

Tara's advice: One piece of advise she would offer students is to ask questions and explore other options before making important decisions!

Maggie Spanuello: Maggie (River Forest, IL) is currently pursuing her Master of Fine Arts in Directing. She graduated from Carthage College in Kenosha, WI in 2007 with a B.A. in Music Theatre and Political Science. Since graduation and before arriving this Fall to begin her MFA degree, she directed and choreographed professionally in and around the Chicago land area, lived in Galway, Ireland for six months, and traveled to nine different countries!

Maggie's advice: Talk to your professors! They are real people with real hobbies and you might find out you have something in common! I felt most successful during my undergrad when I felt like I had a personal relationship with the professor because then I wouldn't have a problem stopping by their office hours, emailing them a question, or speaking up in class. Actions speak louder than words. Taking the time to get to know a professor goes a long way, especially when you need letters of recommendation!

To find the class schedule for Spring Semester 2010:

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 19..... Second eight-week session starts

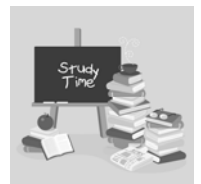
Oct 20..... Early Warning Notices e-mailed

November

Nov 1..... Last day to drop a 16-week course without danger of academic penalty

Nov 2..... Spring Registration starts—have you scheduled a meeting with your Advisor? (Most freshmen will register on the 20th or 21st)

Nov 23-27..... 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.