Summer and Fall Registration

Call now to set up an appointment!!!

Summer and Fall Advanced REGISTRATION begins April 4th: You will need to see an advisor before you can register for classes for Summer/Fall 2016. We have two academic advisors:

Sarah Warren
Lindsey Poore

To schedule an advising appointment, please call (309) 298-1546 or stop by the Biology Department Office, Waggoner 372.

Changes in Advising

As many of you have noticed, Vicki Walters has retired from advising. Vicki was a Biology advisor for 15 years. She will be missed. We plan to hire a full-time replacement soon. Sarah and Lindsey will still be meeting with all students for advising appointments.

Internship (Biol 495) Informational Session

You must attend one session if you want to complete an internship for Biology major credit.

Monday February 15th at 12:00 PM & Thursday February 18th at 4:00 PM
Waggoner 378

This informational session will cover our Bio 495 (Internships). Find out how you can complete an internship and count it as one of your major courses! Come and learn about how the class works as well as how you can form your own internship opportunities. We will also be covering some of the “what to do” and “what not to do” pointers to help you succeed in your search.

Important Dates to Remember

February 8: Fall Courses Available
February 12: Lincoln’s Birthday– No Classes/University Closed
February 15 & 18: Internship Meetings
March 14-18: Spring Break– No Classes
March 15: Early Warning Grades Posted
March 18: Graduation Application Due for Name to Appear in May 2016 Program
April 3: Last Day to Withdraw from University
April 4: Advanced Registration Begins
April 25: Open Registration Begins
May 9-13: Final Exam Week
May 14: Undergraduate Commencement
May 18: Final Grades Available
If you are currently a student interested in applying to a professional school after graduation (medical, physical therapy, optometry, dental, or veterinary school, etc.) then it is time to start looking at the application requirements for those schools. Please look up schools of interest and their requirements for admission and bring them in with you when you come in for advising appointments. This will help ensure that you will have all the requirements met to apply for admission.

In your next advising appointment ask about our example medical school binder!

KIBBE FIELD STATION

Every summer the Biology Dept. offers classes at our field station which is located on the banks of the Mississippi, open to all Biology students. This offers a unique opportunity to get a hands on learning experience in some of the Biology major courses. FREE housing is provided for undergraduate and graduate students. Staying at the station allows students to immerse themselves in field activities and research.

Classes that are being offered Summer 2016:
Biol 350: General Ecology– This course has been filled.
Zool 476: Molecular Vector Biology– This can be used as a Zool or a Micro elective.
Biol 452: Freshwater Biology

Website: www.wiu.edu/kibbe.

RISE

Are you a grad or undergrad student doing research with a faculty member this semester? Are you an undergrad student interested in research?

This is for you!

The Research Inspiring Student Excellence Program (RISE@WIU) will be offering scholarships, awards, and professional development activities for graduate and undergraduate students this semester.

W Feb 10 - Waggoner Hall 378 12 pm (we will discuss scholarship opportunities and awards, summer opportunities, and upcoming conferences)
W Feb 17 - Waggoner Hall 378 12 pm
W March 9 - Waggoner Hall 378 12 pm
F April 1 - Currens Hall 205 4 pm

To learn more about RISE visit:
http://www.wiu.edu/cas/academics/RISE/RISE_CAS.php
Western Illinois University—
Biological Sciences

Get Involved in Clubs
The Biology Department has several clubs that are related to the biological sciences. There are flyers available next to WG 306.

- **WIU American Fishery Society** is for anyone interested in fisheries. This is a subunit of the Illinois American Fishery Society. *Faculty advisor: Dr. Jim Lamer.* If interested, please contact Eli Lampo (elampo@wiu.edu) for more information.

- **Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honors Society (TriBeta)** is an honors society that has a GPA requirement to be fully inducted. *Faculty Advisor: Dr. Shawn Meagher.* For more information, please contact Gina Meier (gm-meier@wiu.edu)

- **Pre-Professional Club** is for anyone interested in a career in the professional field. *Faculty Advisor: Dr. Richard Musser.* For more information, please contact Ahmed Rosenje (a-rosenje@wiu.edu)

- **Sportsmen’s Club** is for anyone interested in hunting, fishing, trap shooting, or conservation. It is also a National Rifle Association recognized club. *Faculty Advisor: Dr. Mike Romano.* For more information, contact Marissa Tolbert (md-dolbert@wiu.edu)

- **The Wildlife Society** is for anyone interested in ensuring that wildlife and their habitats are conserved through management actions that take into careful consideration relevant scientific information. *Faculty Advisor: Dr. Christopher Jacques.* For more information, contact Emma Trone (ek-trone@wiu.edu)

- **Women in Science** is for any women currently working in the science field and wanting to promote their scientific research, scholarly activities, or create a network of relevant scientific information. *Faculty advisor: Dr. Rose McConnell.* For more information, please contact Ahmed Rosenje (a-rosenje@wiu.edu)

- **Zoology Club** is for anyone interested in any aspect of zoology. *Faculty Advisor: Dr. Ken McCravy.* For more information, please contact Emily Hattory (em-hattory@wiu.edu)

Where to Find Fliers for Clubs and/or Other Information
The walls and doors will only be used for academic and/or departmental info., flyers, and research posters.
All biology clubs now have 3 designated areas for their flyers
1-Bulletin Board in the north hallway (where animal heads are) between second and third floors.
2-Bulletin Board on the west wall at the south end of the second floor hallway.
3-The area of tiled wall just to the right of WG 334.

**Bulletin Boards**
Have you checked out the bulletin boards on the 3rd floor of Waggoner? They contain all the biology information you need!
- Medical Sciences
- CLS
- MCAT, GRE, OAT & DAT exams
- Clubs and Organizations
- Occupations and Opportunities—Career Services
- R.I.S.E. & Seminars
- Tutoring

**What School Prepares us for**
After 6 years of being a WIU student, both graduate and undergraduate, I will be graduating this summer. I have learned a few life lessons while here, but none stood out more than what college has actually been preparing us for all along. In life, you can never know what to expect. There will always be curve balls and unexpected changes along the way. I think it is amazing how little we correlate the struggles of being a student to the real world. We look at classes and think “when will I ever need to use this information?” What you learn in class is much more than just what is presented on the PowerPoints. The professors that lock the door right at 8 am teach you the importance of being on time. The professors that require you to fill out discussion questions teach you to listen and work with peers. The professors that give pop quizzes teach you that learning is a constant process and not just a quick study the night before an exam. Professors that challenge us as students often get a bad reputation as being tough or unfair, but isn’t that what life is? Every course that I have ever taken here has prepared me for the real world. Looking back now, on the verge of either falling or flying in the real world I am thankful for all the struggles that my hardest professors put me through because I am better off for it. My last word of advice is that you will only be doing yourself a favor by choosing to take the “harder professor.” Do not be afraid to take on a challenge and be proud of the outcome because you will know that you have earned the grade. When this happens you will find yourself more proud of your B’s over any other A that you just received.

- Sarah Warren

**Be Yourself!**

While in High School a lot of students struggle with being themselves. When you first begin college it may still feel the same, as if you cannot truly be yourself. Ignore those feelings! College is for discovering who you are and what you want to do. Embrace who you are! Meet people who think the same as you do and meet people who do not. Love how you think and learn from others while broadening your world view and becoming a more rounded person. College is here exactly for these reasons. Be yourself!

- Lindsey Poore

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