

# Science Advisement - Newsletter - Fall Semester, 2009

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IMPORTANT - Seniors graduating Spring, 2010, must have a GRADUATION CLEARANCE appointment during fall semester.

**New policy on DROPPING CLASSES AFTER THE DEADLINE - Late drops will NO LONGER be allowed except in extreme cases. Your dean can no longer approve late drops. Students must make a formal petition with documentation to the "Retroactive Actions Appeals Committee." For information, go to Woody Hall A-110. The Final Drop Date for full semester courses is Sunday, October 18.**

**New policy on challenging grades due to administrative errors - Students have TWO (2) WEEKS after the end of each term to challenge grades if they believe an error has been made. Always check your grades immediately after the term ends!**

*Receive valuable information about new policies and much more via the Science Advisement **LISTSERV**. If you haven't already signed up, do it NOW. Send an email to: [listserv@siu.edu](mailto:listserv@siu.edu). The subject line can be ignored. The text of the note should contain the following listserv command: **SUB SCIENCE-NEWS-L** *firstname lastname**

## **Important Fall Dates**

Mon, Aug 24	Classes begin
Fri, Aug 28	Early advisement appointments given out to grad seniors, athletes, honor students, SLA's, and student workers.
Sun, Aug 30	Last day to add a class without a Late Entry Permit.
Fri, Aug 28	Graduation applications due in the Office of Admissions and Records for December graduation.
Mon, Aug 31	Early advisement appointments given out to all Science students.
Fri, Sept 4	Deadline to change major. Major changes after Sept 4 will become effective spring, 2010.
Sun, Sept 6	Last day to drop a full semester class without receiving a "W" and without having to pay for the class.
Mon, Sept 7	Labor Day holiday
Sun, Oct 18	<b>LAST DAY TO DROP A FULL SEMESTER COURSE FOR ANY REASON - with a "W" grade.</b>
Tues, Oct 27	Registration for Spring 2010 classes begins for seniors.
Wed, Oct 28	Registration for Spring 2010 classes begins for juniors, and seniors with a prior degree.
Thurs, Oct 29	Registration for Spring 2010 classes begins for sophomores.
Fri, Oct 30	Registration for Spring 2010 classes begins for freshmen. Get your spring RUN in the Science Advisement Office, Neckers A185.
Wed, Nov 11	Veterans Day holiday
Nov 23-27	Thanksgiving break
Dec 8-18	WALK-IN ADVISEMENT. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.
Dec 14-18	Final Examinations
Sat, Dec 19	Commencement

**Get your RUN number for Spring registration in the advisement office. Students majoring in *Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, and Plant Biology* must see their departmental advisor before obtaining their RUN. All *Pre-Health Majors, Athletes, International Students, and Students on Academic Probation* must see a College of Science advisor to obtain their RUN before they can register for classes EACH semester.**

**WALK-IN HOURS** are set aside for questions and problems other than advisement/registration. There will be no walk-in available on November 2 and December 7, as these are SOAR days for new students. Walk-in times are as follows:

Mon	9:30 - 10:30	McPherson
	2:30 - 3:30	Reed
Tues	11:30-12:30	Reed

	3:00 - 4:00	McPherson
Wed	10:30 - 11:30	Reed
	1:30 - 2:30	McPherson
Thurs	9:00 - 10:00	Reed
	2:00 - 3:00	McPherson
Fri	11:00 - 12:00	McPherson
	12:30 - 1:30	Reed

## **MATH TUTORIAL**

Need help with math at 3 a.m.? Go to [www.math.siu.edu](http://www.math.siu.edu) and enter through Online Tutorials. Be sure to use Internet Explorer!

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