# Welcome!

## Meet Your Advisor Day#2

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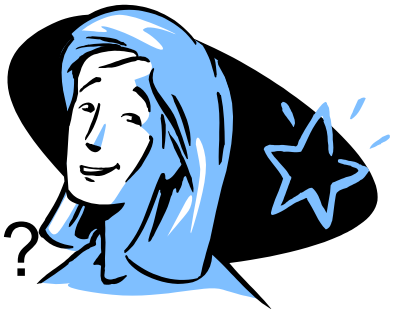
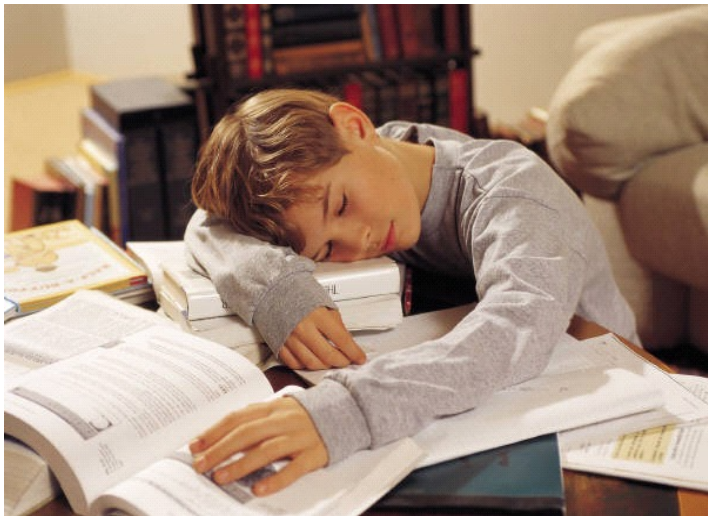
# Second Advising Session

How are you doing?

What is your favorite class? Why?

What is your most challenging? Why?





# Timeline

- You have completed 8 weeks of school
- There are 8 weeks left in the semester
  - 7 weeks of class time
  - 1 week of finals

| Monday | Tuesday | Wed | Thurs | Friday |
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| Sept. 28<br>Computer<br>Sci exam 1 | Sept. 29 | Sept. 30th<br>Chemistry<br>exam. 1 | Oct.1 | Oct.2 |
| Oct.5 | Oct. 6<br>Physics 1<br>Exam | Oct.7 | Oct. 8 | Oct 9 |
| Oct.12<br>No School<br>Columbus Day | Oct.13<br>Follow Mon.<br>schedule | Oct. 14 | Oct 15 | Oct.16 |
| Oct. 19<br>Data Structures<br>test 2 | Oct. 20<br>Advising<br>meeting<br>Calculus 1 | Oct.21<br>IEA Exam 2<br><br>Exam 2 | Oct.22 | Oct 23<br>Family<br>Weekend |
| Oct.26<br>Comp. Sci 1<br>Exam 2 | Oct. 27 | Oct. 28-<br>Chemistry<br>Exam 2 | Oct. 29 | Oct. 30 |

# Plan your time well

- Harvard Professor Richard Light compared successful and unsuccessful students and found three main differences.

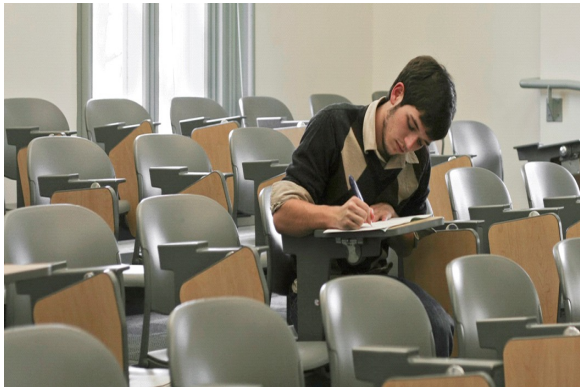
- Successful students had excellent
  - Time management skills
  - Organizational skills
  - Study groups

# Time Management

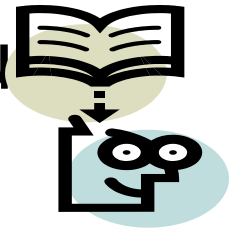
- 3 prong approach
  - Semester calendar for general overview

    ( put all dates for homework, quizzes, projects, tests, activities)
  - Weekly schedule-(when are your classes? when do you sleep? get up? study? Time for clubs, socializing, etc)-Map it out
  - Daily to do list- What are the specific actions i.e. read chap.1, do math problems 1-5

# General study tips

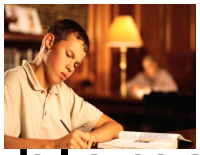


- Read & review before lecture.
- Take notes during lecture.
- Go over lecture notes right after class or as soon as you can.
- Material is easier to remember when it's fresh in your mind. Recall is better if you go over material within 24 hours.
- Underline concepts and problems you don't understand to ask TA or Professor.



# General Study tips

- Do all of the suggested problems in the chapter.
- Don’t just review “how to do the problems” but try to understand the steps in completing the problems.



- The more problems you do, the better and faster you will be in solving problems on the test/quiz.
- Test yourself to find out what you know and what you need to review (study group may help in this).

# Where am I in the class?

- Look at the syllabus-what is each test, lab, project worth?
- Where are you in comparison to the rest of the class? On each exam?
  - top, middle, bottom
- All instructors are supposed to give you an idea by the 8th week where you are in relation to the mean of the class.

# Remember

- You can do it!
- Get organized
- See your Learning Assistant for a Time Management plan
- Review your material
- Be pro-active: seek out the TA, Professor
- Don’t forget about, tutoring, and ALAC
- Come see me if you are having problems

# Resources

- Advising and Learning Center-Academy Hall suite 4200
  - Tutoring : Mon.- Thurs. 8-10 PM Check website http://alac.rpi.edu
  - Supplemental Instruction:

- **PHYSICS I--Mondays & Thursdays - 8 pm - 10 pm in CII 4050**
- **IEA--Tuesdays and Thursdays - 7 pm - 9 pm in JEC 3210**

# Your Learning Assistant

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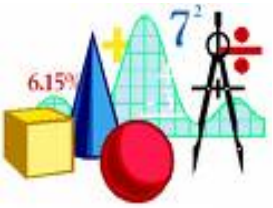

# Other academic resources

- Calculus help page http://calculus.math.rpi.edu/CalculusHelpF06.html (online videos of problems being solved, connects to all syllabi, office hrs.)
- IEA & Physics- LMS pages have back exams with solutions.
- Use Math, Chemistry and Physics Mentor's Office Hours .

# Center for Communication Practices at Rensselaer

- Purpose: to provide one-on-one consultation for your written, oral, and electronic communication.
- Web site: http://www.ccp.rpi.edu
- Hours: Mon- Thurs.: 10 am-5 pm **& 7-9 PM**
  Fridays: 10 am-1 pm
  - Sundays 7-9 PM ** NEW!
- Location: On the first floor of the Library
- Go and get Feedback on your oral presentations and written work !

# Office of International Programs

Academy Hall, suite 4226

http://undergrad.rpi.edu

# Dropping a class

- When should you drop a class?
  - As soon as possible. Friday, October 23 is the deadline.
- Why should you drop a class?
  - You are not interested in the class and it is not a required course
  - You are changing majors
  - You are not doing well in the class
  - You are taking too many classes/credits

# Dropping a class

- Advantages:
  - Focus on remaining classes
  - Maintain your GPA
  - Reduce stress
- Disadvantages
  - One course behind
  - Course is a pre-requisite for another required course (calc1 for calc 2)
  - Might fall below 12 credits and full time status-(could affect financial aid)

# How do I drop a class?

- Log onto SIS
- Go to add/drop class
- Press submit to drop class
- Go back to your schedule to confirm
- If you have a hold on your account, you should click onto the link to view holds.

That will tell you what kind of hold you have.

# Holds

- If you have a hold, you can still drop a class! Just not online.
- You will need to go to Academy Hall to the Registrar's office and fill out a late drop form.
- The Registrar's office will go onto SIS and drop the class for you.

# What if I need to drop a class late?

- The college catalogue says :
  - “It is the policy of the institute that no petitions be accepted for the retroactive dropping or adding a course except under extenuating circumstances beyond the student’s control”

- This means- events and situations that are unexpected and beyond the student’s control. Most need documentation from the Dean of Student’s Office for approval.

# Dropping a class late

- Students cannot drop a class after the drop deadline because:
  - of failing or low grades
  - your professor recommends it
  - you changed your major
  - your parents said you should
  - the dog ate your homework

# Class Concern email or EWS notice. What is it?

- The Electronic Warning System gives instructors a tool to notify you when they are concern with your performance.
- You receive it as an email.  Your advisor, ALAC, and the Office of the First Year Experience receive it also.
- This system alerts you to seek help and get back on track
- As your advisor, I will expect you to come in and talk to me about the class.

# Health and Counseling Center

- located on **3rd floor of Academy Hall**
- Health Center **X6287** -0pened 7 days a week
- Medical care
- Allergy care
- Health education

Counseling Office

**X6479- opened 5 days on-call 24/7**

- Relaxation training for anxiety
- Improving communication skills
- Improving study habits
- Relating to parents
- Helping with depression

# Next advising Session

- Nov. 10th from 4-5 PM
- Topics to be covered:
- Course registration for spring ‘16
- Humanities, Arts & Social Science Requirements
- Dual, double, and minors

# Questions?

- If no one has any questions, please fill out the information sheet and hand it to me when you are finished.

- See you on Nov. 10th same time!