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
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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
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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](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

Karen Dvorak & Jamie Obst

Types of Programs:
Ø Semester Exchanges
Ø Non-affiliated
Ø Short-term Faculty Led
Ø January Chinese Language & Culture (NTU)
Ø Summer Exchanges
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 concerned 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 - opened 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!