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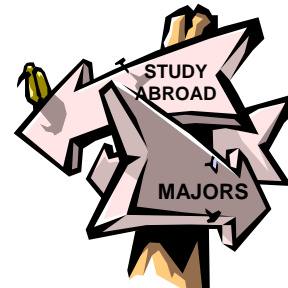
Greetings from the Dean

It's hard to believe that it's already October. Homecoming is here and Fall Break is only weeks away. I hope that your fall semester has gone well so far. I have enjoyed meeting many of you and hearing about how your courses are going, what your interests are, and what you have gotten involved in on campus thus far. In an effort to get to know even more of you, Steven and I will be visiting the residence halls during the first two weeks of October. Additionally, we are available on an appointment and walk-in basis in both the main Undergraduate Studies Office as well as our satellite offices. In order to set up an appointment, or find out when walk-in hours are each week, just call 368-2928 or stop in the office (Sears 357).

The **Residential Undergraduate Studies Satellite (RUSS)** offices are located in Wade and Fibley. As an extension of the Office of Undergraduate Studies, you can stop by RUSS for quick advising information and academic resources. Walk-in advising appointments are available Monday – Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in both locations. RUSS will be staffed by one of the Deans in Undergraduate Studies. Contact the main Office of Undergraduate Studies at 368-2928 to call about weekly appointment and walk-in availability. Generally, Steven and I will be in Wade on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

I hope that you are beginning the process of exploring your academic interests and making connections with First Year Departmental Representatives. Even though it seems as if school just started, the spring 2007 advising period will begin on October 29th, so it's not too early to start making those connections and working with your first year advisor to consider plans for next semester. SAGES 4th Hour Academic Information Sessions continue on October 8th and 10th and will be followed by an opportunity to gather even more *specific* departmental information at the Choices Fair on November 2nd. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Within this newsletter you will see information not only about exploring your academic interests, but also about ways to get involved in academic, social, and leadership experiences outside the classroom. Further, you will find detailed information that explains academic policies, procedures, and processes. You are responsible for understanding these policies so please make some time to review them.



Choices 2007: Exploring Academic & Experiential Opportunities Fair

Friday, November 2, 2007
12:30 – 1:45 p.m. – Community Hour
Veale Center

** MANDATORY FIRST YEAR STUDENT EVENT **

- Learn about Case major, minor, and program offerings
- Talk to faculty and student representatives from academic departments
- Find out about opportunities to participate in department sponsored events
- Gather information to make an informed decision about declaring a major or minor
- Learn about opportunities to participate in Junior Year Abroad, Co-Op, research and more
- Lunch will be provided at the event via a meal swipe

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Supplemental Instruction (S.I.) and Group Tutoring Sessions

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE FALL 2007

COURSE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	SI LEADER	
BIOL 114	Thur	7:30-9:00 PM	Sears 435	Amber Suppan	
	Sun	7:30-9:00 PM	Clark 302	Amber Suppan	
BIOL 116	Mon	10:15-11:30 AM	FPB LRC	Melanie Stipp	
	Wed	10:15-11:30 AM	FPB 205	Melanie Stipp	
BIOL 121	Thur	6:00-7:30 PM	WICK 301	Katie Kirkpatrick	
	Sun	4:00-5:30 PM	WICK 301	Katie Kirkpatrick	
BIOL 215	Mon	6:30-8:00 PM	Fribley 211	Anita Sadhu	
	Tue	6:30-8:00 PM	GUIL 323	Kaiser Imam	
	Wed	8:30-10:00 PM	Fribley Fireside	Britta Kumley	
	Thur	5:00-6:30 PM	Sears 435	Kaiser Imam	
	Sun	12:00-1:30 PM	Sears 350	Anita Sadhu	
	Sun	8:30-10:00 PM	Fribley Fireside	Britta Kumley	
	CHEM 105	Mon	8:30-10:00 PM	GUIL 323	Jessica Schneider
		Tue	4:30-6:00 PM	Clapp 108	Amelia Mehtar
Wed		7:00-8:30 PM	GUIL 323	Jessica Schneider	
Thur		6:30-8:00 PM	Nord 400	Sravanthi Paritala	
Sun		4:30-6:00 PM	Wade TR	Amelia Mehtar	
Sun		7:30-9:00 PM	Wade TR	Sravanthi Paritala	
Wed 9/12		6:45-8:45 PM	Strosacker Auditorium	All Chem 105 SI Leaders	
CHEM 111	Mon	7:00-8:30 PM	Nord 410	Kathy Ward	
	Tue	4:15-5:45 PM	Sears 435	Karina Hendarto	
	Tue	7:00-8:30 PM	Wade TR	Greg Minwell	
	Wed	7:00-8:30 PM	Nord 410	Kathy Ward	
	Thur	7:00-8:30 PM	Clapp 108	Greg Minwell	
CHEM 223	Mon	6:00-7:30 PM	Sears 356	Garima Sarda	
	Wed	6:00-7:30 PM	Sears 356	Garima Sarda	
	Thur	6:30-8:00 PM	Fribley 211	Mike Shvarts	
	Sun	6:00-7:30 PM	Wade TR	Mike Shvarts	
	Wed 9/26	5:00-8:30 PM	Schmitt Auditorium	Garima Sarda	
	10/17 11/14			Mike Svarts	
ENGR 145	Thur	11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Sears 354	Josh Hamilton	
	Sun	1:30-3:00 PM	Wade TR	Josh Hamilton	
	Wed 9/26 10/17 11/14	7:00-10:00 PM	Clapp 108	Josh Hamilton	
PHYS 115	Tue	6:15-7:15 PM	ROCK 301	Ramya Keshavaram	
	Thur	11:30 AM-12:30 PM	ROCK 309	Ramya Keshavaram	
	Thur	6:00-7:00 PM	Sears 462	Ramya Keshavaram	
PHYS 121	Wed	6:30-8:00 PM	Clark 308	Monica Taylor	
	Thur	8:00-9:30 PM	Clark 302	Jeremy Harchelroad	
	Sun	7:30-9:00 PM	Clark 308	Jeremy Harchelroad Monica Taylor	
PHYS 122	Wed	5:00-6:30 PM	Fribley 210	Wayne Chau	
	Thur	2:30-4:00 PM	ROCK 306	Kate Oldak	
	Fri	12:30-2:00 PM	ROCK 306	Wayne Chau	
	Sun	5:00-6:30 PM	GUIL 323	Kate Oldak	
PHYS 221	Wed	7:30-9:00 PM	Fribley 210	Joe Liang	
	Thur	8:00-9:30 PM	Fribley 211	Joe Liang	

MATHEMATICS SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE FALL 2007

COURSE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	SI LEADER	
MATH 121	Mon	11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Yost 321A	Ryan	
	Mon	1:00-2:30 PM	Yost 321A	Alyssa	
	Mon	6:30-9:30 PM	Wade	Ryan, Kyle, Mary Katherine	
	Tue	8:30-9:45 AM	Yost 321A	Mary Katherine	
	Wed	11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Yost 321A	Ryan	
	Wed	12:30-1:30 PM	Yost 321A	Kyle	
	Thur	1:00-2:30 PM	Yost 321A	Rachel	
	Thur	6:30-9:30 PM	Wade	Alyssa, Rachel	
	Fri	10:30-11:30 AM	Yost 321A	Mary Katherine	
	Fri	11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Yost 321A	Ryan	
MATH 122	Mon	9:30-10:30 AM	Yost 321A	David	
	Mon	10:30-11:30 AM	Yost 321A	Remington	
	Mon	2:00-3:00 PM	Yost 321A	Charles	
	Mon	8:00-9:30 PM	Wade	Ari, Ashley, Charles, David	
	Tue	9:00-11:15 AM	Yost 321A	Ashley	
	Tue	2:30-3:30 PM	Yost 321A	Scott	
	Wed	9:30-10:30 AM	Yost 321A	David	
	Wed	10:30-11:30 AM	Yost 321A	Remington	
	Wed	2:00-3:00 PM	Yost 321A	Charles	
	Thur	11:30 AM- 1:00 PM	Yost 321A	Ari	
	Thur	2:30-3:30 PM	Yost 321A	Scott	
	Thur	8:00-9:30 PM	Wade	Remington, Scott	
	Fri	9:30-10:30 AM	Yost 321A	Ari	
	Math 125	Mon	12:30-2:00 PM	Yost 321A	Ashley
		Mon	2:00-3:00 PM	Yost 321A	Jason
Mon		3:00-4:00 PM	Yost 321A	Matt	
Mon		8:00-9:30 PM	Wade	Alex, Ashley, Becca, Matt	
Tue		8:30-10:00 AM	Yost 321A	Ashley	
Tue		10:00-11:30 AM	Yost 321A	Alex	
Wed		10:30-11:30 AM	Yost 321A	Avni	
Wed		12:30-2:00 PM	Yost 321A	Becca	
Wed		3:00-4:00 PM	Yost 321A	Matt	
Wed		6:00-7:30 PM	Yost 321A	Alex	
Thur		10:00-11:30 AM	Yost 321A	Alex	
Thur		12:00-1:00 PM	Yost 321A	Bec	
Thur		4:30-6:00 PM	Wade	Avni, Jason	

GROUP TUTORING SCHEDULE FALL 2007

COURSE	PROFESSOR	GROUP TUTOR	DAY	TIME (PM)	LOCATION
ECON 102	Mastrogiacomini	Katalin Blankenship	Wed	6:00-7:00	Clark 205
			Wed	7:00-8:00	Clark 205
			Thur	4:30-5:30	Clark 104
	Prina	Katalin Blankenship	Wed	6:00-7:00	Clark 205
			Wed	7:00-8:00	Clark 205
			Thur	4:30-5:30	Clark 104
			Wed	5:00-6:30	Sears 374
	Brodsky	Tom Vasel	Sun	5:00-6:30	Clark 205
			Wed	8:00-9:00	Clark 308
	Murphy	Monica Schager	Wed	8:00-9:00	Clark 308
ECON 103	Lussier	Neel Agarwal	Tue	6:30-8:00	Sears 354
			Thur	6:30-8:00	Sears 354
	Talu	Caroline Herreli	Mon	5:45-7:15	GUIL 323
			Tue	4:30-6:00	Guil 323

FIRST-YEAR RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE TUTORING

COURSE	GROUP TUTOR	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
CHEM 105	Jonathan Weis	Tue	9:00-10:00 PM	Wade Tutoring Room
CHEM 111	Jonathan Weis	Tue	10:00-11:00 PM	Wade Tutoring Room
ENGR 131	Brendan McGrail	Mon	10:00-11:00 PM	Wade Tutoring Room
ENGR 131	Brendan McGrail	Wed	9:30-10:30 PM	Wade Tutoring Room
MATH 121	Gerald Pho	Thur	10:00-11:00 PM	Wade Tutoring Room
PHYS 121	Gerald Pho	Sun	9:00-10:00 PM	Wade Tutoring Room
CHEM 111	Jonathan Weis	Sun	10:00-11:00 PM	Wade Tutoring Room





Career Fair
Thursday, October 4, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Veale Center

Regardless of your major, year in college, or future goals, there are numerous benefits to attending a career fair. Career fairs provide opportunities for students:

- ❖ Investigate positions, occupations and/or career fields you could pursue with your specific major and background. Career fairs help students understand that the world of work is not organized by major. You do have to review the list of employers attending in advance and see what kinds of jobs each employer has.
- ❖ Learn more about employers than you can learn from skimming their web site. You learn about an organization's culture when you meet current employees, and you can ask direct questions to help you form a complete picture of an organization.
- ❖ Speak directly with prospective employers. Much of the job search process - before you can even get an interview - for both you and the employer is not done in person. It involves employers screening resumes and cover letters, and you reading about employers and viewing their web sites, and the like. Take advantage of opportunities to meet employers face-to-face.

Several employers who attend our career fairs also participate in our on-campus interviewing program, which begins the day after our career fair. Meeting students in person at fairs offers employers a way to screen candidates besides just the resume you submit for on-campus interviewing.

Choosing Your Major
Thursday, November 1, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Nord 400

Undecided or confused about majors and careers? Not sure what to do or where to get help? Trying to sort out conflicting and confusing information about what you can do with a major? Attend this workshop and learn how to find a major that matches your interests, abilities, skills and values. This workshop covers all of these questions. Walk away with a list of resources to help you develop your own personal action plan!

Registration is required for this event and ends on Wednesday, October 31, 2007. Registration can be accessed through the Career Center website at <http://studentaffairs.case.edu/careers/events/6152.calx>

Junior Year Abroad Visitors on Campus

Wednesday, October 10

Center for Education Abroad-Arcadia University
1:30-3:30 p.m. Nord 304A

www.arcadia.edu/abroad

Study abroad in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Greece, Italy, etc.

Monday, October 15

Institute for Study Abroad-Butler University
3:30-5:00 p.m. Clapp 108

www.ifsa-butler.org

Programs in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Latin America, and Spain

Monday, October 29

University of Bristol
1:30-3:30 p.m. Location TBA

www.bristol.ac.uk

www.bristol.ac.uk/international

A highly competitive university located in Bristol, England, offering a fall curriculum, Bristol is ranked among three institutions which include Oxford and Cambridge.

Degree Progress Reports (DPR's)
and AP, IB and Transfer Credit

Degree Progress Reports are generated by the Office of Undergraduate Studies for all students. The DPR documents progress toward degree completion. It lists completed courses in addition to remaining courses. This document will become an even more important resource after you declare your major. **As a first semester student, you should check your DPR especially if you anticipate earning AP, IB or transfer credit. By the end of October, credit for those courses should be posted on your DPR.** You can access your DPR through the following website: <http://my.case.edu>

If, at the end of October, you feel that you are missing earned credit, please send me an e-mail so I can check into it.

Interested in Learning More about the
Profession of Nursing?
Wednesday, November 7, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
School of Nursing, First Floor Lounge

Come tour the School of Nursing; meet with faculty and current undergraduate nursing students as you discover more about the opportunities available for you. There will be an open house on Wednesday, November 7 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the School of Nursing, 1st Floor Lounge. No reservations required. <http://fpb.case.edu/Admissions/openhouse.shtmld>.

Health Care Symposium
Thursday, October 25, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wolstein Building Auditorium

Interested in the health professions beyond an MD or BSN? Not sure what other options are out there? Attend the Health Care Symposium on **October 25 from 7-9pm at the Wolstein Building Auditorium**. You will have a chance to hear people in many health related professions including health care journalism, public health, disability law, bioethics, medical crisis simulation, among others. Stay tuned for more information and details.

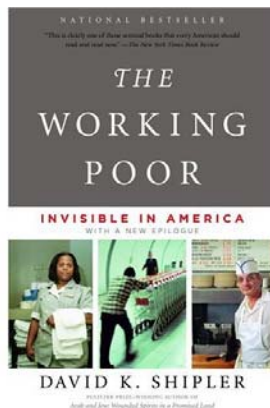


Reminder: Family Weekend: November 2 - 4, 2007

Family Weekend provides a fun, unique, and memorable opportunity for you to share campus life with your families! Choose from events that connect families with faculty and staff, excursions to the surrounding communities, and on-campus entertainment!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for parents and other family members. Registration is \$15/person and closes Wednesday, October 24. To register and to find more information, visit: <https://studentaffairs.case.edu/events/familyweekend/>

David K. Shipler Lecture
Friday, October 5, 2007, 12:30 p.m.
Amasa Stone Chapel



The Working Poor: Invisible in America

On October 5, 2007, the Case Western Reserve University community will welcome David K. Shipler, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of *The Working Poor: Invisible in America*, which was assigned this summer as the common reading for all first-year students. Shipler will speak on Friday, October 5, 2007 at Amasa Stone Chapel during the community hour which begins at 12:30 p.m. The public lecture will be preceded by a reception at 11:30 a.m., sponsored by Alumni Relations.

The bookstore will be onsite to sell copies of Mr. Shipler's book. Following the lecture, the author will be signing his book in Amasa Stone Chapel.

Get Involved in Undergraduate Research
SOURCE Workshops
(Support of Undergraduate Research & Creative Endeavors)

Finding and Funding Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavor Opportunities – **Wednesday, October 17, 5:30 p.m., Sears 451**

Meet the Dean Visits

Your Resident Assistants have invited Steven and me to the Residence Halls to get to know the Class of 2011 a little better. This is our opportunity to meet and greet informally, for you to tell us how things are going so far, and for us to address questions that you might have. Also, we will be touching on some important academic issues such as the First Year Student withdrawal policy, mid-term grades, and major declaration.

Schedule of Visits

Date	Time	Hall	College
Mon., 10/1	8:00-10:00 p.m.	Sherman	Juniper
Tue., 10/2	8:00-9:00 p.m.	Pierce	Mistletoe
	9:00-10:00 p.m.	Hitchcock	Mistletoe
Mon., 10/8	8:00-8:45 p.m.	Tyler	Cedar
	8:45-9:30 p.m.	Smith	Cedar
	9:30-10:15 p.m.	Taft	Cedar
Tue., 10/9	8:00-9:00 p.m.	Storrs	Mistletoe
	9:00-10:00 p.m.	Cutler	Mistletoe

Have Some Writing to Do?

The SAGES Peer Writing Crew

The SAGES Peer Writing Crew are ready to assist you in discovering your topic, organizing your paper, untwisting awkward sentences, and finding your best proofreading strategies. All of the SAGES Writing Crew members did well in their SAGES courses and were recommended by their SAGES professors. They understand the SAGES program! They have late afternoon and evening office hours in Wade and Fribley. It's easy to arrange an appointment at <http://tutortrac.case.edu>. You can also make the Crew's acquaintance by visiting their blog at <http://blog.case.edu/orgs.sages>.

Check out the Crew's online writing guide *Beyond Typing: The Students' Guide to Writing* at <http://studentaffairs.case.edu/education/resources/sagesguide/>

Writing Resource Center Workshops

The Writing Resource Center will offer three writing workshops on issues of importance to first-year and other writers. All workshops are held in 410 Nord Hall **Seating is limited, so we ask that you RSVP your attendance for each workshop at writingcenter@case.edu.**

Workshop I - Polishing Prose
 Friday, October 12. 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.
 Coordinator: Megan Jewell

Workshop II - Academic Citation Practices
 Friday, October 19. 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.
 Coordinator: Greg Summers

Workshop III - Preparing a Writing Portfolio
 Friday, November 16. 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.
 Coordinator: Kurt Koenigsberger

Withdrawing from a Course and “Freshman Forgiveness”

As a first year student subject to the First Year Student Withdrawal Policy, you may withdraw from a course(s) up until the last day of classes - - this fall, that is **December 7, 2007**. In order to withdraw from a class, **you must complete a Drop/Add Form (available in Sears 357, 24–Hour Study Room in Wade, Fribley, or Yost 110) and get the signature of your advisor.** Once that is complete, **come to the Office of Undergraduate Studies in Sears 357 for a Dean’s signature.** **After you secure a Dean’s signature, you must take the form to the Registrar’s Office in Yost 110 for processing.**

Before you seek approval for a withdrawal, please take the time to reflect and review the following issues:

- Why are you withdrawing from this course? How are the rest of your courses going this semester? How do you feel about the withdrawal?
- Have you talked to your professor about your progress/success in the course?
- Have you reviewed the syllabus? Do you know what your chances for improved success are in the course?
- Have you taken advantage of support resources: professors’ office hours, tutoring through ESS, SI’s, etc.
- Have you thought about how this withdrawal will impact your plans for next semester? Will this withdrawal have an impact on your degree completion?
- Have you considered if Pass/No Pass is an appropriate option? (See below.)

First year students who withdraw from a course in their first two semesters of full time enrollment will not have the withdrawn course listed on their official transcript. However, the transcript will indicate all attempted hours, including those representing a course(s) that was withdrawn.

This policy unique to first year students is at times referred to as “freshman forgiveness” although there is no real policy known by this name. In previous years, grades of F were removed from the transcripts of first year students and those Fs were not calculated into cumulative GPA. That policy is no longer in existence. *Grades of F are calculated into cumulative GPA and are listed on the transcripts of all students.*

Pass/No Pass

If you are a full-time student (enrolled in 12 credit hours) in good academic standing, you have the option of electing to have **one course** graded on a Pass/No Pass basis. **In order to do this, the course must NOT:**

- Be a course required for your SAGES General Education/Core Requirements
- Be a course required for an intended major or minor (i.e. The Pass/No Pass option may only be used for Open Electives.)

The Pass/No Pass option may be exercised by completing an on-line form with the Office of Undergraduate Studies, which can be found at <http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/forms.htm>, before 5:00 p.m. on the last day of classes – December 7, 2007.

Instructors are not notified of a student’s use of this option. They are required to submit evaluative grades for all students and these are converted to Pass/No Pass in the Registrar’s Office. Grades of P earn credit but are not calculated into the cumulative GPA. Grades of NP do not earn credit and are not calculated into the cumulative GPA.

Maintaining Academic Good Standing

Academic standing comprises two factors: credit hours earned and GPA. To maintain good academic standing at the end of the first semester, a first year student must earn **at least 9 credit hours with a 1.70 GPA. By the end of the first year, students must earn a total of 21 credit hours with a 1.75 GPA.** A student who does not meet these minimum requirements will be placed on academic probation.

Incompletes

An Incomplete (I) can only be assigned by the professor if there has been a previous conversation with the student outlining extenuating circumstances, explained before the assignment of the grade, which clearly justifies an extension of time beyond the requirements established for and met by other students in the class. Additionally, an Incomplete can only be assigned if the student is passing the course and only one small segment of the course remains to be completed. An Incomplete cannot be assigned because a student is absent from a final exam unless the Dean of Undergraduate Studies has authorized the absence in advance.

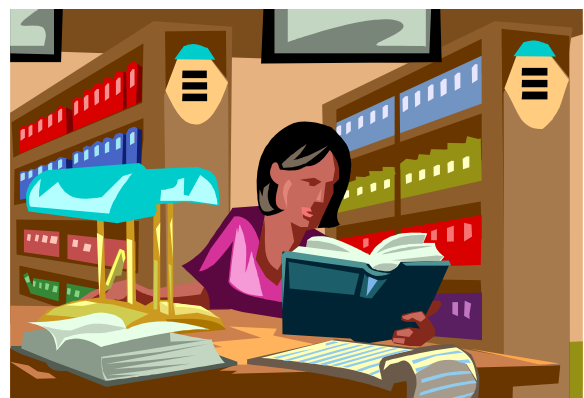
Fall Final Exams Schedule

It is important that you consult your syllabus and the final exam schedule. Final exam dates will not be altered to accommodate travel plans. You can find the Final Exam Schedule on the Registrar’s website at <http://www.case.edu/provost/registrar/exams/exam081.html>

Make sure you confirm your exam schedule and make your travel plans accordingly.

12/7	Last Day of Classes
12/10, 12/14	Reading Days
12/11	Final Exams Begin
12/19	Final Exams End

* No student will be required to take more than two final examinations on a single day. A student who has three final examinations scheduled for a single day should go to the Office of Undergraduate Studies and obtain the assistance of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies in arranging to take one of those examinations on an alternative day during the final examination period. Similarly, a student with conflicting examinations should seek the assistance of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies in arranging to have the time of one examination changed.



Major Declaration Begins November 5th

Most students declare a major by the end of their first year. However, students still in the process of exploring academic options are not required to declare within this time frame. It is important to recognize that in order to have a successful and engaged first year experience, all first year students should work toward the clarification of academic interests. **First year students who are ready to declare a major may begin to do so on November 5, 2007.***

YOUR MAJOR CAN BE CHANGED IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND LATER. If you change majors later on, that's fine -- many students do change (or add) majors as they discover new interests. It's also OK to change your mind later and "undeclare." **IF YOU'RE TRULY UNDECIDED**, continue to explore, to talk with your advisor and other faculty members, and to use the resources of the Career Center (Sears 206, 368-4446). So long as you are actively engaged in exploring your interests and in making a decision, you can declare your major in the future. You should not be concerned about making a "wrong" decision about declaring a major. However, the best decision to make is an informed decision, so be intentional about talking to people, reviewing information, and understanding requirements before you make a decision. The advantage of declaring a major is the close and formal connection that is established between students and academic departments. That being said, all students are encouraged to seek advice from faculty in departments for which they have an interest regardless of major declaration status.

Carefully review the procedures listed below in order to complete the declaration process. Students who declare a major by the first week of November will likely be able to meet with their new departmental advisor prior to spring semester registration.

1. Obtain the Major Declaration Form** in the Office of Undergraduate Studies, Sears 357 (also available in the 24-Hour Study Room in Wade and in Fribley), and take the form to the department representative in your intended major for his/her signature and assignment of a major advisor. A list of representatives is currently available at <http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/resources.htm> and is posted outside of Sears 357. It will also be available in the forthcoming 2007-2008 *Handbook for Undergraduate Studies*.
2. All students must select which General Education/Core Requirements they are following. Your matriculation year must also be entered.
3. Students interested in Pre-Medicine/Pre-Dentistry and/or Pre-Law should be sure to mark the respective boxes on the declaration form.
4. Once completed, bring the yellow form to the Office of Undergraduate Studies, Sears 357. *The declaration of major is not official unless it is submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Studies.*

* Entering Nursing students do not have to declare their major.

** A separate form must be completed for each major that you declare.



Fall Break
Oct. 22nd & 23rd

Fall Midterm Grades

Midterm grades will be submitted by your faculty on October 22nd. Shortly thereafter you should log on to your MyCase account (<http://my.case.edu>) to view these grades. Midterm grades are officially posted only on MyCase, not on Blackboard. Midterm grades are not mailed to you or your parents, nor are they part of your official grade point average.

Your first year advisor will review your midterm grades. **Please make sure that you and your advisor set up a time to discuss your midterm grades and your overall progress thus far in the semester.** Midterm time is a good time to pause and reflect on your academic progress and decide if you need to make any changes to your study strategies. At this point in the semester, you definitely still have time to affect some positive changes. Please review the following list of tips and see if any might be appropriate for you.

- Talk to your professors regularly during office hours to ask questions and to get to know him/her. If you are not happy with your performance on an assignment, ASK HIM/HER WHAT HAPPENED!!
- Use SI sessions if available.
- Use the FREE tutoring services provided by Educational Services for Students (ESS). Check out FREE tutoring resources at <http://studentaffairs.case.edu/education/resources/tutoring/>. ESS staff will also meet with you individually to assess your individual time management and study strategies. ESS can be contacted at 368-5230 or in Sears 470.
- Reflect on the amount of time you are spending "studying." Is it enough? Are you studying during the time of day at which you are most alert? Could you use your study more efficiently and effectively?
- Consider forming a study group with your peers.

Time Management, Reading Efficiency, Note-taking Strategies, Test-taking Strategies, and More...

If your high school study strategies aren't enough and you would like to find better ways to study, make an appointment to see a study skills specialist from the office of Educational Services for Students. ESS staff will help you find the best way for you to study by looking at your learning style preferences and your fall schedule. Visit ess.case.edu or call 368-5230 to schedule an appointment

Bring your notes and texts from your most challenging course(s) when you come to your appointment.

Stress Management

Feeling stressed? Making the transition to college can be stressful, especially for first-year students. Juggling homework, staying up late, trying to maintain a balance between study time and recreation, roommate issues, relationship problems, and test anxiety are many common causes of stress.

Some stress in your life is not necessarily a bad thing; however, if you feel you would benefit from learning how to manage stress better, several tips can be found at <http://studentaffairs.case.edu/counseling/counseling/links.html>

If you would like to meet with someone to discuss your stress you may contact University Counseling Services to schedule an appointment by calling 368-5872 or stopping by Sears 201.

"All Access: Blue & White"

Homecoming 2007

<http://studentaffairs.case.edu/events/homecoming/>

Monday, October 1

Vote for Homecoming King and Queen
Voting will take place Online

Thursday, October 4

Powder Puff Football Game
TBD, CWRU Stadium

Come out and support your class. During half time, there will be class competitions and winners of the Homecoming Week Spirit Banner Contest will be announced!

Friday, October 5

Spirit Banner Contest

12:30 – 2:00 p.m., Thwing Center Atrium

Come join the fun. Banners celebrating our school spirit will be judged by alumni representatives!

Taste of Cleveland Celebration at the House of Blues

5:00 p.m. – Midnight

House of Blues, 308 Euclid Ave.

Saturday, October 6

Homecoming Parade

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

As the parade makes its way through campus, alumni and their families are welcome to join in the fun! Former athletes are encouraged to wear their letter sweaters and walk in the parade.

Pre-Game Tailgate

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., The Village at 115

Bring your spirit and your appetite!

General Admission: \$10.00 for students

Homecoming Soccer Game Doubleheader

Spartans vs. Brandies University

1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., CWRU Stadium

Blue and white and victory all over!

Homecoming Dance

9:30 p.m., Thwing Center

Tickets: \$3.00 for a single; \$5.00 for a couple.

Sunday, October 7

GospelFest

5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Join us for the second annual Case Western Reserve University GospelFest, hosted by Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs-Jones, FSM'71, LAW'74. Enjoy a selection of hearty hors d'oeuvres and hear the best of Cleveland's gospel music scene at this special event. Registration is encouraged for this event.

First Year Class Officers and USG Hall Representatives

Congratulations to the members of the first year class who have already assumed leadership positions. Please be sure to get to know your class leaders. Talk to them about ideas that you have for the betterment of the class and the campus as well as any concerns that you might have. They represent you, so get to know them!

President: Jordan Foley

Vice President: Marissa Morgan

Treasurer: Katelyn Bush

Secretary: Melanie Worek

Cedar Residential College

- Benjamin Pinkie
- Sheila Sengupta
- Aaron Shanker

Juniper Residential College

- Alex Galante
- Katrina Huey
- Alex Pavloff

Mistletoe Residential College

- Rishi Jain
- Gabriel Suprise
- Minh-Tri Nguyen
- Matthew Vogler

First-Year Commuter

- Kirtishria Mishra

The 6th Annual Halloween at the Farm

Saturday, October 27, 2007, 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Squire Valleevue Farm

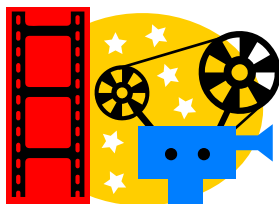
All members of the Case Western Reserve University Community are invited, including, faculty, staff, alumni, and students!

Bonfire, hayride, marshmallow and hot dog roasting, children's activities, pumpkin carving, cider and live entertainment!

It's FREE, and transportation is provided via shuttle buses from and returning to the Thwing Center between 4:30 and 11:00 p.m.

Questions? Email Kathleen Norman (kathleen.norman@case.edu) or call 368-6260.





Movies

All movies listed below will be shown at Strosacker Auditorium.
For more information, go to <http://films.cwru.edu/>

- 10/5 Live Free or Die Hard**
9:30 p.m., 12:00 a.m.
- 10/6 The Court Jester**
7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.
- 10/12 Imagine Me & You**
7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.
- 10/13 Amélie**
7:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
- 10/26 Transformers**
7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
- 10/27 Rocky Horror Picture Show**
7:00 p.m., 12:00 a.m.
- 11/2 Ratatouille**
7:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 12:00 a.m.
- 11/3 Apollo 13**
7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

Seminars, Talks, Colloquia, Performances

- 10/2 Silenced Democracy** – Professor Ted Gup; Location: Max Wohl Civil Liberties Center, 4506 Chester Avenue; 7:00 p.m.; to reserve a seat at this free event, contact the American Civil Liberties Union at (216) 472-2220 or contact@acluohio.org.
- 10/3 Evolution and Discourse** – Guest Professor Wolfgang Wildgen; Location: 618 Crawford Hall; 4:00 p.m.; For more information, contact the Department of Cognitive Science.
- 10/4 Anti-Jewish Sentiment in Baroque Music** – Professor Michael Marissen; Location: 206 Clark Hall; 4:00 p.m.; For more information, contact the Department of Music.
- 10/4 Energy Challenges Facing the United States** – Professor John M. Deutch (MIT); Location: 108 Clapp Hall; 4:30 p.m.; For more information, contact the Department of Chemistry.
- 10/5 Women in Corporate Leadership** – Diana Bilimoria; Location: 9 Crawford Hall; 12:30 p.m.; For more information, contact the Public Affairs Discussion Group.
- 10/5 The Working Poor: Invisible in America** – David K. Shipler; Amasa Stone Chapel; 12:30 p.m.; For more information, see page 4 of this newsletter.
- 10/7 Collegium Concert: Gilles Binchois and His World;** Location: Harkness Chapel; 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Department of Music.
- 10/8 Fibroblast Regulation of Angiogenesis** – J. Michael Sorrell; Location: 123 Millis Hall; 4:00 p.m.; For more information, contact the Skeletal Research Center.
- 10/8 Meaning Construction in Experimental Poetry: Paul Celan** – Professor Wolfgang Wildgen; Location: 206 Clark Hall; 4:00 p.m.; For more information, contact the German Studies Program.

Seminars, Talks, Colloquia, Performances cont...

- 10/9 You Can't Always Get What You Want: Cultural Models, Parenting Practices, and Child Development** – Professor Carol Worthman; Location: 201 Mather Memorial; 4:00 p.m.; For more information, contact the Department of Anthropology.
- 10/11 Stabilizing Atmospheric CO₂: Chemistry's Grand Challenge** – Professor Greg H. Rau from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; 108 Clapp Hall; 4:30 p.m.; For more information, contact the Department of Chemistry.
- 10/12 Clean, lean and green? – The Great Lakes Institute for Energy Innovation: Future Energy Research at Case Western Reserve University** – Dean Norman C. Tien; Location: 9 Crawford Hall; 12:30 p.m.; For more information, contact the Public Affairs Discussion Group.
- 10/17 Incorporating Consciousness: A Cognitive Model of the Mind's Display Layer** – Professor Francis Steen; Location: 618 Crawford Hall; 4:00 p.m.; For more information, contact the Department of Cognitive Science.
- 10/18 From Monomer Structure to Polymorphism: Computational and Experimental Studies of Alzheimer's A- β Peptide** – Professor Teresa Head-Gordon; Location: 108 Clapp Hall; 4:30 p.m.; For more information, contact the Department of Chemistry.
- 10/19 Prevalence of Peanut Allergies** – Professor Alton Melton; Location: 9 Crawford Hall; 12:30 p.m.; For more information, contact the Public Affairs Discussion Group.
- 10/19 Polymer Nanotechnology Applied to Polymer Nanoalloys and Nanocomposites** – Professor Toshio Nishi; Location: 108 Clapp Hall; 3:00 p.m.; For more information, contact the Department of Macromolecular Science.
- 10/24 Experimental Considerations for Cognitive-based fMRI Studies** – Professor Alberto Vazquez; Location: 618 Crawford Hall; 4:00 p.m.; For more information, contact the Department of Cognitive Science.
- 10/25 High-Throughput Phosphoproteomics: Unraveling the Secrets of Cellular Signaling** – Professor Arthur R. Salomon; Location: 108 Clapp Hall; 4:30 p.m.; For more information, contact the Department of Macromolecular Science.
- 10/26 Multilayer and Polymer Blend Morphologies Formed Controllably by Chaotic Advection with Smart Blending Machines** – Professor David Zumbrennen; Location: 108 Clapp Hall; 3:00 p.m.; For more information, contact the Department of Macromolecular Science.

Campus Events – University Program Board (UPB) Calendar
<http://upb.case.edu/>

- 10/6 Homecoming Dance;** Location: Thwing Ballroom; Time: 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
- 10/10 Concerts: Five Times August;** Location: The Spot; Time: 10:45 p.m.
- 10/27 Halloween at the Farm;** Location: Squire Valleevue Farms; Time: 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- 11/3 Hypnotist Kevin Hurley;** Location: Thwing Ballroom; Time: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.