

# First Year Student Newsletter

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## Greetings from the Dean

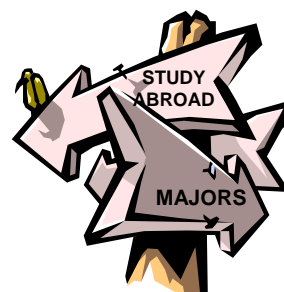
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It's hard to believe that it's already October and Fall Break is only weeks away. I hope that your fall semester is going well. I have enjoyed meeting many of you and hearing how your courses are going, what your interests are, and what you have gotten involved in. If I have not heard from you, keep in mind that Steven Scherger and I are available on an appointment and walk-in basis in both Sears 357 and our satellite office in Wade. In order to make an appointment, or find out when walk-in hours are being held, visit (<http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/walkinhours.htm>) each week, or just call 368-2928 or stop in the office (Sears 357).

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 2010 advising period will begin at the end of October, so it's not too early to start making connections and working with your first year advisor to consider plans for next semester. SAGES 4<sup>th</sup> Hour Academic Plenary Sessions continue on October 12 and 14 and will be followed by an opportunity to gather even more *specific* departmental information at the Choices Fair on October 30. I look forward to seeing you all there!

I am also excited to announce that **F.A.C.T. (First-Year Academic Campus Tours)**, is underway. F.A.C.T. provides you an additional opportunity to learn about academic opportunities and guidelines as well as allow you to voice your ideas and concerns regarding your first-year experience at Case. On various throughout the semester, Steven and I will be hanging out around campus hoping that you will drop by to discuss issues important to you over lunch or coffee. **Be sure to check out page 3 in this newsletter for times and locations for the next month.** In addition to this new program, we are continuing our annual programs that have us visit your residence halls to discuss academic concerns, and plans for your Spring Semester schedule. Of course, you are always welcome to make an individual appointment with either Steven or me. We are exciting to hear from each of you!

Within this newsletter you will see information about exploring your academic interests and different ways to get involved in academic, social, and leadership experiences outside the classroom. Further, you will find detailed information that explains academic policies, procedures, deadlines, and processes. **You are responsible for understanding these policies so please make some time to review them.**



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## Choices 2009: Exploring Academic & Experiential Opportunities Fair

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Friday, October 30, 2009  
12:30 – 1:45 p.m. – Community Hour  
Veale Center

### \*\* MANDATORY FIRST YEAR STUDENT EVENT \*\*

- Learn about CWRU major, minor, and program offerings
- Talk to faculty and student representatives from academic departments and academic student organizations
- 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 Study 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 2009**

COURSE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	SI LEADER
<b>BIOL 114</b>	Thur	7:30-9:00 PM	Clark 308	Hannah Honigford
	Sun	2:00-3:30 PM	Clark 308	Hannah Honigford
<b>BIOL 116</b>	Wed	6:00-7:30 PM	FPB Learning Resource Ctr	Jacklynn Sanford
	Sun	4:30-6:00 PM	FPB Learning Resource Ctr	Jacklynn Sanford
<b>BIOL 121</b>	Tue	7:30-9:00 PM	Fribley 211	Denise Dometita
	Sun	1:00-2:30 PM	NOA 260	Denise Dometita
<b>BIOL 215</b>	Mon	8:00-9:30 PM	Fribley 210	Bo Chen
	Wed	5:30-7:00 PM	MTHM 225	Jillian Wang
	Thur	5:00-6:30 PM	Nord 204	Kristina Sul
	Sun	1:00-2:30 PM	Nord 204	Jillian, Bo, and Kristina
<b>CHEM 105</b>	Mon	5:00-6:30 PM	Clark 302	Jessica Schneider
	Tue	5:30-7:00 PM	GUIL 323	Yashar Niknafs
	Wed	6:30-8:00 PM	GUIL 323	Jessica, Yashar, and Lindsey
	Sun	2:00-3:30 PM	Wade Multi-Purpose	Lindsey Rubino
	Exam Reviews Wed 10/28 Sun 11/22	7:00-9:00 PM 2:00-4:00 PM	DeGrace 312	Jessica, Yashar, and Lindsey
<b>CHEM 111</b>	Mon	6:30-8:00 PM	Wade Fireside	Michelle Klepatzki
	Tue	5:00-6:30 PM	Wade Multi-Purpose	Jacob Teets
	Thur	7:30-9:00 PM	Clark 205	Madeleine Oxley
	Sun	3:00-4:30 PM	Clark 302	Michelle, Jacob, and Madeleine
	Exam Reviews Wed 10/5 11/2 11/23	7:00-9:00 PM	Schmitt Auditorium	Michelle, Jacob and Madeleine
	<b>CHEM 223</b>	Mon	6:30-8:00 PM	Nord 204
Tue		7:00-8:30 PM	Nord 204	Jonathan Weis
Wed		7:30-9:00 PM	Nord 204	Aya Du
Thur		7:00-8:30 PM	Nord 204	Jonathan Weis
Exam Reviews Wed 10/7 11/11		7:00-9:00 PM	Schmitt Auditorium	Jonathan and Aya
<b>ENGR 145</b>	Wed	7:30-9:00 PM	Bingham 103	Paul Thompson
	Sun	6:00-7:30 PM	Wade Multi-Purpose	Paul Thompson
<b>PHYS 115</b>	Tue	6:00-7:30 PM	Sears 435	Kelsey Cornelius
	Thur	6:00-7:30 PM	Sears 435	Akash Kataruka
	Sun	1:00-2:30 PM	Clark 302	Akash and Kelsey
	Exam Reviews Sun 10/25 Tue 11/17	5:00-7:00 PM	ROCK 301	Akash and Kelsey
<b>PHYS 121</b>	Tue	7:30-9:00 PM	Wade Multi-Purpose	Danielle Pajerski
	Wed	5:30-7:00 PM	Wade Multi-Purpose	Bryan Schmidt
	Sun	7:30-9:00 PM	Clark 302	Danielle and Bryan
<b>PHYS 122</b>	Tue	7:30-9:00 PM	Clark 302	David and Michael
	Thur	7:30-9:00 PM	Clark 302	David Karnick
	Sun	7:30-9:00 PM	Fribley 210	Michael DeLibero
	Exam Reviews Tue 10/27 Thur 11/19	7:00-9:00 PM	ROCK 301	David and Michael
	<b>PHYS 221</b>	Wed	7:30-9:00 PM	Nord 206
Sun		7:30-9:00 PM	Fribley 211	Gareth Kafka
Thur		7:00-9:00 PM	ROCK 309	Gareth Kafka
Exam Reviews Sun 11/29			ROCK 301	

**MATHEMATICS SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE FALL 2009**

COURSE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	SI LEADER
<b>MATH 121</b>	Mon	10:30-11:30 AM	Yost 321A	Isaac
	Mon	12:30-1:30 PM	Yost 321A	Rachel
	Mon	8:00-9:30 PM	Wade Multi-Purpose	Steve, Isaac, Rachel
	Tue	8:30-9:30 AM (Test Days Only)	Yost 321A	Steve
	Tue	9:30-10:30 AM	Yost 321A	Rebecca
	Tue	12:30-1:30 PM	Yost 321A	Steve
	Wed	10:30-11:30 AM	Yost 321A	Isaac
	Wed	12:30-1:30 PM	Yost 321A	Rachel
	Wed	3:00-4:00 PM	Yost 321A	Leah
	Thur	9:30-11:00 AM	Yost 321A	Rebecca
	Thur	12:30-1:30 PM	Yost 321A	Steve
	Thur	6:30-8:00 PM	Wade Multi-Purpose	Rebecca, Leah
<b>MATH 122</b>	Fri	10:30-11:30 AM	Yost 321A	Isaac
	Fri	12:30-1:30 PM	Yost 321A	Leah
	Mon	9:30-10:30 AM	Yost 321A	Alex
	Mon	12:30-1:45 PM	Yost 321A	Mark
	Mon	6:30-8:00 PM	Wade Multi-Purpose	Alex, Anna, Peggy, and Mark
	Tue	9:00-10:00 AM	Yost 321B	Catherine
	Tue	10:00-11:15 AM	Yost 321B	Alex
	Tue	10:15-11:15 AM	Yost 321B	Peggy
	Wed	10:20-11:20 AM	Yost 321A	Nora
	Wed	2:45-3:50 PM	Yost 321A	Peggy
	Thur	11:15 AM-12:00 PM	Yost 321A	Anna
	Thur	6:30-8:00 PM	Wade Multi-Purpose	Mark, Catherine
<b>Math 125</b>	Fri	10:00-11:30 AM	Yost 321A	Nora
	Fri	12:30-1:45 PM	Yost 321A	Anna
	Fri	2:00-3:00 PM	Yost 321A	Mark
	Mon	11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Yost 321A	Julie
	Mon	1:00-2:00 PM	Yost 321A	Bartles
	Mon	3:30-4:30 PM	Yost 321A	Libby
	Mon	8:00-9:30 PM	Wade Multi-Purpose	Matt, Claudia, Libby, Julie
	Tue	10:30-11:30 AM	Yost 321A	Matt
	Wed	12:30-1:50 PM	Yost 321A	Claudia
	Wed	3:00-4:00 PM	Yost 321A	Kyle
	Thur	1:00-2:00 PM	Yost 321A	Libby
	Thur	2:30-3:30 PM	Yost 321A	Matt
Thur	8:00-9:30 PM	Wade Multi-Purpose	Kyle, Bartles	
Fri	1:00-2:00 PM	Yost 321A	Bartles	

**GROUP TUTORING SCHEDULE FALL 2009**

COURSE	PROFESSOR	TUTOR	DAY	TIME (PM)	LOCATION
<b>Econ 102</b>	Talu	Mahima Kishore	Thur	5:00-6:30	Wade MultiPurpose
			Sat	2:00-3:30	Wade Fireside
	Murphy	Paul Sztorc	Tue	7:00-9:00	PBL 05
			Wed	8:30-10:00	PBL 106
<b>Econ 103</b>	Lussier	Neel Agarwal	Sun	7:00-9:00	Clark302
			Tue	6:00-7:00	PBL 05
	Talu	J.P. Graulty	Thur	6:00-7:00	PBL 05
			Wed	7:00-8:30	Clark 302
	Erdilek	Dana Skold	Thur	7:00-8:30	Guildford 323
			Tue	3:00-4:15	PBL 120
			Thur	4:15-5:45	PBL 05

**“Exploration of Academic Opportunities:  
The Major and Career Connection”**

**Monday and Wednesday, October 12 and 14, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.  
Strosacker Auditorium**

On Monday and Wednesday, October 12 and 14, from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m., **the second mandatory SAGES Plenary Session** will be held for all First-Year Students in Strosacker Auditorium. The theme of the session will be to discuss academic and career decision-making processes and the resources available at CWRU to help you with it. Upperclass students will discuss their own academic and career exploration. Be sure to ask our SAGES instructor/advisor, which day your SAGES section is expected to attend.

**Navigating the Choices Fair  
Wednesday, October 28, 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Wade Fireside Lounge**

Not sure how to prepare or what to expect at the Choices Fair? Uncertain how you will visit all of the departments and programs that interest you? Wondering how you will get all of your questions answered, or not sure what questions you should be asking representatives? This workshop will cover how to plan a strategy for the most effective and efficient use of your time, what questions are important to ask and how to get them answered, and how should you follow-up with department representatives after the fair. In addition, the major declaration process, which begins Monday, November 2, will be covered.

**Career Center – 206 Sears Building  
Accessing Services and Career Counseling**

The Career Center offers a variety of development workshops and events that are designed to have a transformational impact on students. These workshops and events focus on four primary career management skills.

1. **Self-Awareness**—Learning to appreciate one’s interests, abilities, and skills by understanding how these qualities relate to a choice of major or career.
2. **Career-related Resources**—Identifying appropriate resources to gain in-depth knowledge of various job functions, fields, industries, and organizations for decision-making and career planning.
3. **Decision Making**—Utilizing career-related resources and committing to making purposeful decisions about choosing your major and career.
4. **Career-related Competencies**—Developing a career action plan and strategizing how to reach career goals, whether it be deciding to enter graduate school or the world of work, and then obtaining related experience.

To learn more about the resources and information available for you to utilize through the Career Center, visit:  
<http://studentaffairs.case.edu/careers/student/services/>



**R.U.S.S. Office Hours  
Monday and Tuesday, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Wade Commons**

The R.U.S.S. (Residential Undergraduate Studies Satellite) Offices in Wade provides first-year students the opportunity to meet with a representative from the Office of Undergraduate Studies regarding academic concerns, withdrawing from classes, connecting to academic opportunities, and other quick questions.

First Year Dean Julie Amon and Steven Scherger, Coordinator for First Year Student Academic Affairs are available on Monday and Tuesday evenings in the R.U.S.S. Office, which is located in the Wade Area Office. To view the most up-to-date schedule of Dean Amon and Mr. Scherger, visit:

<http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/walkinhours.htm>

**F.A.C.T. (First-Year Academic Campus Tours)  
Various Locations and Times**

Your experiences, perspectives and concerns are always of interest to Julie Amon and Steven Scherger, the first-year student administrators in Undergraduate Studies (UGS). In addition to serving as academic resources, they are very interested in hearing about your experiences as a student at Case Western Reserve University. In order to give you another opportunity to learn about the opportunities here at CWRU and to share your perspective about what is like to be a CWRU student, the Undergraduate Studies Office offers **F.A.C.T. (First-Year Academic Campus Tours)**.



F.A.C.T. provides students the opportunity to speak about their experiences at Case with other first-year students and the first-year student administrators in a casual atmosphere over light refreshments and snacks. F.A.C.T. gatherings will occur over the next month at the following dates, times, and locations:

**Thursday, October 1, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Sears 470—Office of Educational Services for Students**

**Friday, October 9, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
Commuter Lounge — Thwing**

**Monday, October 12, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
Wade Multi-Purpose Room**

**Tuesday, October 27, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Starbucks—North Village**

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**SAGES Peer Writing Crew**


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The SAGES Peer Writing Crew assists undergraduate students at any stage of the writing process, whether generating ideas, composing a first draft, revising, or responding to an instructor's comments. The Crew members are undergraduates who have proven themselves as writers in their SAGES seminars. They include students from the College of Arts and Sciences, the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, the School of Engineering, and the Weatherhead School of Management.

There are multiple ways to contact the SAGES Writing Crew:

1. **AOL Instant Messenger.** Sunday–Thursday from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. You can connect with a Crew member on AIM (screen name SAGESWritingCrew) to answer your grammar questions, help you formulate a thesis, or offer general writing advice.
2. **Adobe Connect.** This semester, the Crew is excited to offer tutoring via Adobe Connect. Connect is a new online platform (no software necessary) that allows people to meet over the internet with no hassle. With Connect, students can meet face-to-face with tutors without leaving the comfort of their residence hall. [Connect to the Crew and give it a try!](#)
3. **Email Dropbox.** Submit your paper electronically and ask for a Crew member's feedback. Just send your paper as an e-mail attachment to [sageswritingcrew@gmail.com](mailto:sageswritingcrew@gmail.com). Please type your full name in the subject line, and include it in the attachment.
4. **One-on-One Tutoring.** In addition to the electronic services, Crew members are available for one-on-one appointments in Wade Commons and elsewhere on campus. You can use [TutorTrac](#) to make an appointment at least 24 hours in advance.

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

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


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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](http://ess.case.edu) or call 368-5230 to schedule an appointment

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**Presentation Workshop Series  
Educational Services for Students (ESS)**


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Educational Services for Students (ESS) offers a presentation workshop series to enhance your skills as a presenter. Learn ways to organize your work, understand your audience, use appropriate visual aids, and speak with confidence. These workshops can be a helpful benefit to those who will be presenting this semester in their SAGES First Year Seminar course!

For a schedule of the workshop sessions offered this Fall Semester and to register for the ones you would like to attend, visit <http://studentaffairs.case.edu/education/resources/presentation.html> Questions may be addressed to [present@case.edu](mailto:present@case.edu).

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**Academic Advisement Reports (AARs)  
and AP, IB and Transfer Credit**


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Academic Advisement Reports (AARs) are generated by the Office of Undergraduate Studies for all students and can be accessed through SIS. The AAR documents progress towards degree completion. It lists completed courses in addition to remaining courses. This document will become an even more important resource after you declare a major. **As a first semester student, you should check your AAR especially if you anticipate earning AP, IB or transfer credit.**

**We have posted all AP and IB credit we have received at the publication of this Newsletter. Transfer credit has been posted for all students who submitted all of the necessary paperwork before the beginning of the semester.** If you feel that you are missing earned credit, please contact Steven Scherger or Dean Julie Amon so one of us may check into it.

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**Coffee and Bagel with Chemists**


The Chemistry Department invites all students interested in learning more about the program at CWRU to come have coffee and bagels with them. These events will be held on Wednesday, November 4 and Friday, November 6, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in Mills 220A. For more information, contact Dr. Sri at [xs111@cae.edu](mailto:xs111@cae.edu).

## Do you have a paper due soon?

**Consultants at the  
Writing Resource Center (WRC)  
are here to help!**

**The WRC has four locations on campus  
and offers online tutoring.**

***We're ready and waiting to assist you  
today!***

**To make an appointment, please visit:  
[www.casewconline.com](http://www.casewconline.com)**

**Campus Locations include:  
Nord Hall, SAGES Café,  
Kelvin Smith Library, and Bellflower Hall**

**For more information, visit us at  
[www.case.edu/writing/wrc](http://www.case.edu/writing/wrc)**



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### Withdrawing from a Course

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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 4, 2009**. In order to withdraw from a class, **you must complete a Drop/Add Form (available in Sears 357, on the kiosk outside of the Wade Area Office, and in 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 (it will appear in SIS). However, the transcript will indicate all attempted hours, including those representing a course(s) that was withdrawn.

This policy is unique to first year students and is at times incorrectly referred to as "freshman forgiveness". There is no policy known by this name.

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### Pass/No Pass

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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 will be posted later this semester on the UGS's main web page at <http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/undstud.htm>) before 5:00 p.m. on the last day of classes – December 4, 2009.**

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.

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### Fall Midterm Grades

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Midterm grades will be submitted by your faculty on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Shortly thereafter you should log on to your SIS account to view these grades. Midterm grades may be viewed under the **Term Information** sub-tab under the **Enroll** tab. 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 opportunity to pause and reflect on your academic progress and decide if you need to make any changes to your study strategies. 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.

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### Fall Final Exams Schedule

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Be sure to consult your syllabi 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/exam2098.html>. Make sure you confirm your exam schedule and make your travel plans accordingly.

12/4	Last Day of Classes
12/7, 12/11	Reading Days
12/8	Final Exams Begin
12/16	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 Jeff Wolcowitz, 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 Wolcowitz in arranging to have the time of one examination changed.

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### Maintaining Academic Good Standing

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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.

**Major Declaration Begins November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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 Monday, November 2, 2009.\***

**YOUR MAJOR CAN BE CHANGED IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND.** 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 Wade and Yost 110), 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 available at [http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/Academic\\_Representatives.pdf](http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/Academic_Representatives.pdf) and in the 2009-2010 Handbook for Undergraduate Students.
2. Students interested in Pre-Medicine/Pre-Dentistry and/or Pre-Law should be sure to mark the respective boxes on the declaration form.
3. 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.

**Support of Undergraduate Research & Creative Endeavors Information Sessions**  
**"Finding Research/Creative Opportunities"**

Students who are interested in learning how to get connected to research/creative project opportunities on campus during the academic year and/or summer opportunities are encouraged to attend during the Fall semester one of the SOURCE information sessions. Students may register for their session of choice at [www.case.edu/source](http://www.case.edu/source). The October sessions are:

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| <b>Thursday, October 15</b><br>9:00 – 9:45 a.m.<br>Nord 400 | <b>Wednesday, October 21</b><br>10:30 – 11:15 a.m.<br>Kent Hale Smith 123 |
| <b>Monday, October 26</b><br>12:30 – 1:15 p.m.<br>Nord 410  |   |

**Study Abroad**



**Information Sessions**

**Institute for Study Abroad (IFSA)—Butler University**

*Friday, October 2*  
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 p.m.  
Nord 304

**University of Bristol**

*Monday, October 26*  
11:30 A.M. – 1:00 p.m.  
Sears 200

**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:** Vikas Dalwadi  
**Vice President:** Christian Wargo  
**Treasurer:** Lauren Bokovitz  
**Secretary:** Hun Shim

**Cedar Residential College Representatives**

- Douglas Brubaker
- Mai Segawa
- Charity Taylor

**Juniper Residential College Representatives**

- Jaewon In
- Matt Fernandes
- Akul Sadana

**Mistletoe Residential College Representatives**

- Fadi Assaf
- Ashwath Gunasekar
- Runoff Between: Andrew Brown and Kevin Moeller

**First-Year Commuter Representative**

- Anthony Radencic



**Fall Break**  
**Oct. 19th & 20th**

# Homecoming 2009

## Spartans Through the Decades

Mark your calendars for Homecoming 2009 which will take place October 21-25. Students are encouraged to participate in this weeklong series of events that celebrate Spartan spirit and Case pride. The homecoming committee and Bon Appétit Management Company are proud to announce the Inaugural Homecoming 5K race. All proceeds from the race will benefit a scholarship which will be awarded to a current undergraduate CWRU student in April. For more information on the programs and events or to register for the race check out our website:

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

### Homecoming Spot Night

*Wednesday, October 21, 9:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.*

#### The Spot

Students are encouraged to celebrate the kick-off of Homecoming Weekend at The Spot where there will be live music playing. Stop by and meet the Homecoming candidates while snacking on wings.

### Powder Puff Football Game

*Thursday, October 22, 9:00 p.m.*

#### CWRU Stadium

An emerging tradition at CWRU, the Powder Puff Football Game brings junior and senior girls together to battle on the field while boys from the respective classes cheer them on. During halftime, there will be competitions and we will announce the Homecoming Court.

### Spartan SpiritFest

*Friday, October 23, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.*

#### Thwing Center Atrium

Stop by Thwing and snack on some food while listening to music from the decades. We will be announcing the Homecoming Court, the winning Powder Puff team, and the banner/office/department decorating contest winners! Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend!

### Men's Homecoming Soccer Game

*Friday, October 23, 3:00 p.m.*

#### Village at 115 Athletic Stadium

Don't Miss this year's Homecoming men's soccer game! Show your blue and white fever by wearing your Case gear to cheer on our Spartans against Penn State-Behrend.

### Homecoming Parade

*Saturday, October 24, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.*

All parade participants should be at the lot at Euclid/115<sup>th</sup> Street between 9:00-9:45 A.M. to receive information on their placement.

### Homecoming Football Game

*Saturday, October 24, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.*

#### The Village at 115 Athletic Stadium

Don't miss this year's Homecoming Football game! Show your blue and white fever by wearing your Case gear to cheer on our Spartans against Hiram College.

### Homecoming Dance

*Saturday, October 24, 9:30 p.m.*

*Location: TBD*

### And much, much more!

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

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### Fall SatCo (Saturday College)

Saturday, October 3 & Sunday, October 4

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Interested in skydiving? Ever wanted to go whitewater rafting? These events and much more will be at the Fall SatCo held on Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4.

SatCo offers unique non-credit, no-tuition courses which are held on a Saturday during each academic semester. Courses are open to all Case students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as community members. Most programs have no charge, however, some programs may have a fee, such as sky diving, jewelry making, rock climbing, etc.

A full schedule of this semester's courses can be found at <http://studentaffairs.case.edu/programs/satco/classes.html>

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### Case Greek Life

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There will be a Sorority Pre-Recruitment Event on Thursday, October 22, from 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. at The Spot. If you are interested in more information, contact the Office of Greek Life at [greeklife@case.edu](mailto:greeklife@case.edu).

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### Halloween at Home

Saturday, October 31, 2009, 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
Freiberger Field

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The campus community and alumni are invited to attend one of the university's largest events: Halloween at Home! The evening will consist of Halloween-themed activities for children of all ages. Student bands, a cappella groups and dance performances will be held throughout the evening. Activities are free and have included in the past:

- Hot dogs, nachos, subs, apple cider, and more
- Costume contest for children under 12
- Pumpkin Carving with UPB
- PUB Haymaze
- Live Music
- Haunted Hayride

Everyone is also invited to support the philanthropic initiatives, such as the Turkey and Toiletries Drive organized by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, New Student and Parent Programs, and the Center for Civic Engagement and Learning.

For more information, be sure to check the Student Activities page at <http://studentaffairs.case.edu/activities/programs/>

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### Family Weekend: November 6 - 8, 2009

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Family Weekend provides a fun, unique, and memorable opportunity for Case students to share campus life with their families. Choose from events that connect families with faculty and staff, excursions to the surrounding communities, and on campus entertainment for the entire family!

For more information about the event and to register on-line before the deadline of Sunday, October 31, go to <http://studentaffairs.case.edu/events/familyweekend/>. There is a registration of \$15 per person, but it is free to CWRU students.