

FYS NewsNotes

Monthly News from the First Year of Studies

January 2009

Welcome back for your second semester!

There is important information regarding *enrollment* and *changes to your schedule* that you must be aware of as you begin your second semester as a first year student.

Enrollment

All students must formally enroll every semester. Soon you will receive an email from the Registrar. In it will be more detailed instructions about the enrollment process. Web enrollment is available January 7 - January 20, 2009.

Changes to Your Spring Schedule of Classes

You must see your advisor in the First Year of Studies Office to make a schedule change. Hours are:

January 12 **WALK-IN hours:**
9:00 to 11:00 am
1:30 - 4:00 pm

January 13 - January 21

Mornings: **BY APPOINTMENT**
(Call 574-631-7421)

Afternoons: **WALK-IN hours:**
1:30 - 4:00 pm

THE LAST DAY FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21!

PLEASE NOTE:

During the first week of classes, double check your classroom assignments on insideND the night before each class as some classroom changes may occur.

PE Rotation Registration

PE Rotation Registration will take place on Tuesday, January 13, and Wednesday, January 14. Students will register for their activities during the day/hour of their PE class using insideND. The Physical Education Department will staff a help phone line to assist students with questions, between the hours of 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

You will receive a detailed email from the PE Department about registration. For further information you can go to their website: <http://www.nd.edu/~physedu/announce.html>

PE Help Phone Line: 1-574-631-5279.

Spring Semester Advising Issues

During the Spring Semester, *mandatory* meetings with academic advisors and peer advisors will focus on your choice of a college program. Beginning on January 16, we will accept phone calls to make appointments for January 19 and after. If you are unsure at this time, it is important to contact your academic advisor early in the semester with questions or concerns related to your choice of program and to become aware of opportunities available for information about options and requirements of the various college programs. Spring Semester NewsNotes will list transition programs designed to help you make a decision.

On January 29, there will be a special event called **MAJORS NIGHT**, sponsored by Student Government. Representatives from every major department at the University will be represented. Mark your calendars now for **Thursday, January 29, 6:30-8:30 pm** in the Joyce Center Concourse.

The First Year of Studies also offers a web-based assessment tool called **MyRoad**. This well researched and up-to-date program provides an instrument for self-assessment with links to information on dozens of majors and related careers including interviews with students and professionals who have pursued these educational paths. You can gain access to **MyRoad** by meeting with your advisor.

By the end of March you will need to make a decision about which college to enter in your sophomore year. Remember, your advisor is available to assist you in the process, to provide information, to direct you to other resources on campus, and to help you make informed decisions from among the many alternatives. The choice is yours! Be sure to talk with your advisor early in the semester about your plans.

Call 574-631-7421 to make an appointment.

2009/10 Financial Aid Update

All families seeking financial assistance for the 2009/10 academic year are reminded of the importance of filing the 2009/10 Renewal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Renewal FAFSA) and the 2009/10 CSS PROFILE Application by Friday, February 28, 2009. The timely completion of the application process is your key to applying for state, federal and/or institutional aid, including scholarships, grants, loans and work. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid (115 Main Building) and on the Financial Aid website:

http://www.nd.edu/~finaid/apply/uc-application_procedures.pdf

Academic Support Services

The First Year of Studies **Learning Resource Center** offers assistance with your courses and study habits. The following website is available for more information: <http://fys.nd.edu/lrc.html>.

You will find information about *Learning Strategies and Writing Assistance* which includes assistance with Time Management, Goal Setting/Establishing Priorities, Building Your Schedule, Getting Organized/Note-Taking, Test Preparation or Efficient Reading) or Writing Assistance.

Currently there are two Learning Strategies Workshops available:

1. **Time Management** - Jan. 13, 15, 19, 21.
2. **Test Preparation** - Jan 20 & 22

All sessions will meet in Room 229 Coleman-Morse at 4:00 pm.

You will also find information about *Math & Chemistry Help Sessions, Tutoring and Collaborative Learning*. These programs will begin in January. Go to the website for schedules and other information.

Career Center

It's never too early to begin planning for your career during the college years at Notre Dame. The Career Center can help!!!!

Have you thought, "What can I do with a major in.....?" "What do employers, internship sponsors and graduate schools look for in college students - GPA, leadership activities, college courses, interests and hobbies, previous internships, etc.?" Are your parents asking the same questions? We offer many services to students in their first year through their senior year.

Be sure to attend our:

WINTER CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR

January 28, 2009

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

North Dome - Joyce Center

More than 150 employers attending! A great opportunity to explore different careers, organizations, and internship opportunities for your following summers!

Check Career Center Website at:

<http://careercenter.nd.edu/>

Calendar of Events

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| Jan. 12 | Schedule Walk-in Day |
| Jan. 13 | Classes Begin |
| Jan. 21 | Last date for class changes |
| Jan. 28 | Winter Career & Internship Fair |
| Jan. 29 | Majors Night - 6 p.m. Joyce Center Concourse |
| Feb. 28 | Deadline for Financial Aid Applications |
| Mar. 7 - 15 | Mid-semester Break |