

# FYS NewsNotes

Monthly News from the First Year of Studies

March 2009

## Transition into the Sophomore Year

This issue of the Dean's Newsletter is devoted to giving you information about more opportunities to find out about the different college programs. We have also included dates of important events that will lead up to your selection of courses for your sophomore year.

### College Declarations

**C**ollege Declarations: must be submitted by March 23.

After the mid-semester break you will receive a college declaration email you must respond to by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The assignment of your Web Registration PIN for Fall 2009 will be based on the response you give. You should make an appointment with your advisor to discuss your college program options if you have questions or if you want to change your college program.

### Which College?

**A**re you still trying to decide on a College? There are programs available to help you with your decision.

- **MARCH COLLEGE  
INFORMATION PROGRAMS**

The colleges and academic departments will offer information about the various majors.

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### College of Arts and Letters

The following departments in the College of Arts and Letters will offer programs:

#### *Anthropology (ANTH)*

*(Individual meetings during the following office hours:)*

Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 1 - 4:30 pm

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - 10 am - noon & 1 - 3 pm

Wed., March 25<sup>th</sup> - 11 am - 3:00 pm

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - 11 am - 2:00 pm

*All sessions in 622 Flanner*

#### *English (ENGL)*

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - 5 pm

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 5 pm

*Both sessions in 119 O'Shaughnessy*

#### *History (HIST)*

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 pm

*118 DeBartolo*

***Philosophy, Politics, & Economics Minor (PPE)***

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7 pm  
117 DeBartolo

***Political Science (POLS)***

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> - 5 pm  
118 DeBartolo

***Psychology (PSY)***

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - 6 pm  
Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> - 6 pm  
Both sessions in 117 Haggar

***Sociology (SOC)***

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> - 5 pm  
824 Flanner

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**College of Engineering**

Two events to find out more information about the College of Engineering:

***Engineering Forum***

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - 7-8 pm  
140 DeBartolo

This event is intended to be an open discussion with upper-class students who will share their stories about why they selected engineering, or even why they left engineering, and whether they were satisfied with those decisions. It is not intended to replace "Majors Night" on March 31, which is intended as an informational event to allow students to select various majors.

***Engineering Question and Answer Session***

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> - 6:00 pm  
Coleman-Morse Lounge

An informal session to answer questions about the College of Engineering. Professors and current upperclass EG students will be present. Food from Panera will be served!!!!

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**College of Science**

***Spotlight Programs for Biology and Environmental Studies***

Those students interested in Biology (BIOS) and Environmental Science (ES) should attend the following special evening programs:

***Biological Sciences (BIOS)***

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> - 6 pm

***Environmental Science (ES)***

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - 6 pm  
Both sessions in 115B Galvin Life Science

***The College of Science will also sponsor a special consultation period to answer individual questions.***

Consultation Period is March 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

***Chemistry (Chem)***

Dr. Marya Lieberman  
271 Stephan Chemistry Hall  
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Email: [Marya.Lieberman.1@nd.edu](mailto:Marya.Lieberman.1@nd.edu)

***Biochemistry (BCHM)***

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437 Stephan Chemistry Hall  
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***Math (MATH)***

Professor Michael Gekhtman  
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***Physics (PHYS)***

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***Science-Business(SCBU), Science-Computing (SCCO) and Science-Education (SCED)***

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**College of Business**

Advising Week for Rising Sophomores:  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

Advisors in the office of the Assistant Dean for the Undergraduate Program will be available to meet with you in room 101 Mendoza College of Business Building on an individual appointment basis. You should call 574-631-6602 for an appointment.

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• **MY ROAD**

The purpose of this on-line web program is to provide an opportunity to explore interests, to assess aptitudes and achievements, to clarify academic goals, including majors, and to become aware of some of the long-range career implications. If you wish to participate in this program, see your advisor in the First Year of Studies for a PIN.

**Deadline for Dropping a Course**

**T**HE DEADLINE FOR DROPPING A COURSE IS **FRIDAY, MARCH 20!**  
If you are planning to drop a course keep in mind that you must see your academic advisor to begin the process AND you must continue to attend class until you receive formal notification in writing that the drop is approved by the Dean.

## Language Placement Exams

Language placement tests in French, German and Spanish are available on-line. The departments recommend you take the exam no later than April 1 for fall enrollment in a course.

### French or Spanish:

[http://www.nd.edu/~romlang/undergrad/placement\\_test.html](http://www.nd.edu/~romlang/undergrad/placement_test.html)

### German:

<http://webcape.byuhtsrc.org>

To access the exam you will need to use the following username and password:

User Name: *nd user* (all lower case)

Password: *irish1* (all lower case)

## Application Deadlines

Information about how to apply for the Journalism, Ethics and Democracy course in the fall or how to apply for the PLS program follows.

### Journalism, Ethics & Democracy Application Deadline: March 20

What is news? What are the most effective ways of presenting news to the public? What ethical decisions are involved in gathering and reporting news? These are a few of the questions addressed in "Fundamentals of Journalism," which is the gateway course for the Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics & Democracy. To be eligible for this course in the fall 2009 semester you must complete an application. The application is available at this link: <http://fys.nd.edu/fundamentalsapp2009.pdf>

### Program of Liberal Studies Application Deadline: April 10

ALL rising sophomores interested in the Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) must complete an application. More information about this major can be found on the PLS website or you can go directly to the application by clicking on this link:

<http://pls.nd.edu/prospective-students/application/documents/PLS2009Application.pdf>

## Career Center

The Career Center is sending over a counselor to do walk-in meetings with first year students on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm. All you need to do is come to the First Year of Studies reception area at that time and sign in at the main desk. You don't need to do anything special to prepare. The counselor will be ready to take the general "What can I do with this major?" question and any others you may want to throw at him or her.

After break the schedule will be:

March 18, March 25 and April 1

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

## Peer Advisor Walk-in Hours

The Peer Advisors will also be seeing first year students on a walk-in basis from 3:00 - 5:00 pm during the following dates in March:

Tuesday, **March 24**, Thursday, **March 26**,

Sunday, **March 29** and Tuesday, **March 31**

Sign up at the front desk in the FYS reception room during the above times and a peer advisor will meet with you.

The Peer Advisors will also have walk-in hours during April. The April NewsNotes will have the dates and time.

**Notre Dame Freshman Class  
Council Presents:**

**ST. BALDRICK'S  
FOUNDATION**

***Shaving the Way to Conquer  
Kids' Cancer***

**P**lease consider becoming a part of this event! Volunteer as a "Shavee", Support a Friend, Make a Donation, or Join us in the Fun!

The events will be held on:

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** from 7-10 pm

and

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** from 3-6 pm

Sorin and Dooley Rooms in LaFortune

Minimum \$10.00 donation.

Email [csoler@nd.edu](mailto:csoler@nd.edu) for more information.

**Calendar of Events**

**T**he following are events you need to know about!

March 7-15	Mid-semester break
March 16	Classes resume
March 18	Lectio Live <i>featuring Kennedy's Kitchen</i>
March 20	Last date to drop a course
March 23	College Declaration Response Deadline
April 16	Registration for Fall 2009 Semester begins