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Upperclass Newsletter

February 2016 UGS - CWRU

Office of Undergraduate Studies

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Important Upcoming Dates (To add to your calendar use this link)

- **Feb. 5:** Fellowships & Scholarships Information Session
- **Feb. 15:** Dean's Study Break, 4-5 p.m., Hovorka Atrium
- **March 1:** Deadline to apply for Fall 2016 or 2016-2017 Academic Year Study Abroad
- **March 7:** Mid-semester Grades Due
- **March 7-11:** Spring Break
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- **March 25:** Class Withdrawal and P/NP Deadline for Upperclass and Transfer Students
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- **March 28:** Course Registration for Summer 2016 Begins

Summer 2016 and Fall 2016 Schedule of Classes Now Available

You will find that the Schedule of Classes now includes course offerings for this summer and next fall. The listings are not yet complete, but you can begin to see some of the courses that departments expect to offer. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list at this stage. Additional courses will become available and the meeting times of courses may change.

As you review the Schedule of Classes, you will notice that the start- and end-times of classes will be different from the current class-meeting grid. The new class-meeting grid was adopted to set 15 minutes as the time between classes on all days of the week, to increase the number of 75-minute time slots, and to list the meeting times of evening classes.

The larger number of teaching periods in the new grid required a new schedule for final exams . You will find that final exams will now be offered during four time blocks each day, including an evening exam time and some alterations to the existing exam times. Final exams will be scheduled based on class meeting times, except for certain basic course sequences that enroll large numbers of first-year students. ***As in the past, no student will be required to take more than two final exams in a single calendar day. In addition, no student will be expected to take final exams in both an evening time slot and the first exam time the following morning.***

You will be able to begin placing courses in your shopping cart March 1. As always, it will be important to review and validate your cart just prior to course registration to be sure that no time conflicts have arisen.

Commencement Participation for Those not Graduating in May

Students are eligible to participate in May commencement activities provided they have completed all degree requirements during the spring 2016 semester or the preceding fall 2015 semester or summer 2015 session, or have ***an appropriate plan to complete their degree requirements in the upcoming summer 2016 session or fall 2016 semester****. If you plan to participate in May commencement but will not graduate until fall 2016, you must contact your dean in Undergraduate Studies to be added to the list of May commencement participants.*

Commencement Honors for 2015-2016

Latin Commencement Honors are awarded to the top 35 percent of the graduating class. These are the cutoffs to be applied to degrees awarded in 2016 (January, May, and August):

Top 10 percent: summa cum laude (3.900 - 4.000)
Next 10 percent: magna cum laude (3.788 - 3.899)
Next 15 percent: cum laude (3.633 - 3.787)

To be eligible for commencement honors, you must have:

- *Earned a minimum of 54 credit hours of evaluative grades (A, B, C, D) in residence at the University.*
- *Attained the required percentile ranking on the basis of all work for which grades are averaged at the University, including any grades earned before an academic separation.*

For information about all undergraduate honors and awards, click here.

Class Withdrawal Deadline (To add to your calendar use this link)

The last day to withdraw from a class is Friday, March 25. You can withdraw from a class through SIS if you are in good academic standing and will not fall below 12 hours. To withdraw from a class in SIS, go to the "other academic" drop-down box from your student page and select "Enrollment: drop." This is the same process that you will do for drop/add, but you will receive a message reminding you that you will receive a "W" grade.

You may continue to withdraw from classes in SIS until 11:59 p.m., Friday, March 25, if you qualify for using the online process, but staff will not be available in the Registrar's Office or the Office of Undergraduate Studies, so you may be stuck if you wait until after 5 p.m.

If you are not in good standing, will fall below 12 hours if you withdraw from a course, or just want to talk to someone in the UGS office before withdrawing from the class, please stop by Sears 357. You can find your dean's walk-in hours here or you can call 216.368.2928 to make an appointment.

Pass/No Pass Option and Deadline (To add to your calendar use this link)

If you are planning to use the Pass/No-Pass (P/NP) option for a class this semester, please complete the online P/NP ballot. The online P/NP ballot will be available in March. The deadline to apply for the P/NP option is Friday, March 25, at 11:59 p.m.

You may use P/NP for only one class other than those regularly graded P/NP, but must remain enrolled in at least three semester hours for an evaluative grade.

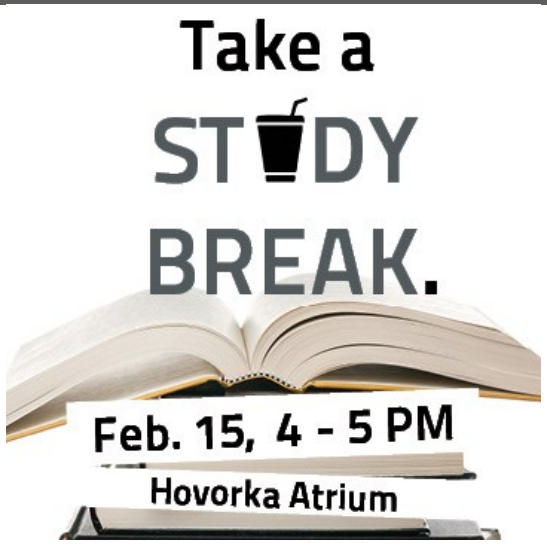
If it is a course required for your major, minor, or SAGES requirement, you can use the P/NP option, but you will not be able to use that class to fulfill the requirement and will need to take that class again for an evaluative grade or another applicable class to fulfill the requirement.

Students majoring in any Weatherhead School of Management major (accounting or management) may not use the Pass/No Pass option for any Weatherhead School of Management courses (ACCT, BAFI, BLAW, ENTP, LHRP, MGMT, MIDS, MKMR, OPMT, ORBH, OPRE, PLCY), either required or elective.

Attend the Dean's Study Break Feb. 15 (To add to your calendar use this link)

Dean Wolcowitz invites all undergraduate students to attend a study break Monday, Feb. 15, from 4 - 5 p.m. in Hovorka Atrium. Food and beverages will be provided.

Study breaks are casual occasions providing an opportunity for students to chat informally with Dean Wolcowitz, guests, and one another. Study breaks give students the opportunity to learn more about the Office of Undergraduate Studies and express appreciation and/or concern about CWRU, especially related to the academic experience. Students are encouraged to attend for any period of time during the event.



International Seniors: Start Thinking About Optional Practical Training

Being well informed about Optical Practical Training before you apply is a must. International Student Services requires all international students to complete a workshop. ISS will offer OPT workshops to go over the application process, student responsibilities, and other considerations. A complete OPT workshop schedule will be available on ISS's website throughout the semester. Be sure to visit students.case.edu/international for detailed information, updates, and to either register to attend your preferred in-person session or access the online training module.

Completing a workshop is required as part of the application process. ISS will not accept OPT applications from students who have not completed a workshop. Please note that waiting until later in the semester to complete your OPT workshop might not provide enough time for processing. Make every effort to attend a workshop as early as possible. You do not need to have a job offer or definitive employment plans to complete a workshop or apply for OPT. If you have questions, stop by ISS during walk-in hours. Remember, only ISS staff can advise you about the procedures for OPT.

Upcoming Fellowship and Scholarship Deadlines

Searching for fellowship and scholarship opportunities? Visit the Office of Undergraduate Studies' Fellowships' and Scholarships' page and schedule an appointment with Dean Amanda McCarthy. Upcoming application deadlines include:

Feb. 10 – American Society of Civil Engineers' Scholarships – Undergraduate Students – Scholarships are for students who have at least one semester of study in the next academic year and are current ASCE student members in good standing. Students may apply for as many scholarships as they wish. Scholarships generally range from $2,500 to $5,000 per recipient.

Feb. 12 – MML/NCNR Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship – Undergraduate Students – The fellowship offers students the opportunity to spend the summer performing hands-on research in chemistry, chemical engineering, biochemistry, materials science, and condensed-matter physics. SURF Fellowships include a stipend, travel, and housing allowance.

Feb. 16 – Society of Women Engineers Scholarships – Undergraduate Women – The Society of Women Engineers provide financial assistance to women admitted to ABET-accredited baccalaureate programs in engineering, engineering technology, and computer science. Scholarships range from $1,000 to $20,000.

Feb. 28 – Nuclear Engineering Science Laboratory Synthesis – Undergraduates Students – The Nuclear Engineering Science Laboratory Synthesis program is a cooperative research initiative geared toward students working in nuclear engineering and science. NESLS offers students on-the-job educational and research opportunities at a multidisciplinary national laboratory.

March 1 – Eva L. Pancoast Memorial Scholarship – Women Seniors – The Eva L. Pancoast Memorial Fund assists women graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences interested in extending their education by foreign study or foreign travel, or both, at any time during the 12 months following their graduation. The amounts of the fellowships vary, but generally range from $1,000-$3,500.

March 1 – Ohio Space Grant Consortium Scholarships – Juniors/Seniors – Eligible students must be pursuing an undergraduate degree as a full-time student in a STEM-related discipline. Scholarships are $3,500 and are paid in two increments during the academic year. Scholars are required to attend the Annual Student Research Symposium at the Ohio Aerospace Institute and present their research.

March 1 – Peter Witt Scholarship – Juniors/Seniors in The College of Arts and Sciences – The scholarship provides financial assistance to deserving students whose interests are in social work, city planning, or community involvement. The amount of the scholarship varies, but depending on need and other factors, it may be for as much as $5,000.

Upcoming SOURCE Deadlines and Information Sessions

Q&A About Summer Applications
Monday, Feb. 8, 4 p.m., Sears 480

Travel Funding is Still Available
The SOURCE Travel Fund provide monetary support to students who are traveling to undergraduate and professional conferences and performing arts opportunities to present their undergraduate research or creative project. Click here to apply.

Summer Funding Application Deadlines

1. *P-SURG Summer Funding – For projects in the biological sciences, chemistry, and social sciences. The deadline is Feb. 15.*
2. *SOURCE Summer Funding – Students from all majors may apply. The deadline for projects in science and engineering is Feb. 15. The deadline for projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences is March 4.*
3. *SURES Summer Funding for projects in energy and sustainability. Application deadline is March 4.*

Visit case.edu/provost/source/opportunities/oncampussummer.html for more information.

Intersections
Spring Intersections is part of Research ShowCase, which will be April 15. Intersections registration will be available this month, and the deadline is March 18. Click here for more information.

Attend the Get Experienced Career Fair Monday, Feb. 8

You are encouraged to not only attend the Get Experienced Career Fair and interact with approximately 100 registered organizations and employers, but also to utilize the Career Center resources. The fair is 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Veale Convocation, Recreation, and Athletic Center. Please register for the fair and use the interactive employer guide to research employers that will be attending.

Opportunities from the Office of Education Abroad

Applications for Summer Semester Programs Open
With summer semester study abroad programs, you have the opportunity to transfer back major courses, breadth requirements, and electives and complete research at some of the world's top universities. Click here to see a list of options. Applications are due between now and April 1. Contact the Office of Education Abroad to request an appointment.

All About Research Abroad
Join the Office of Education Abroad and SOURCE to learn about research abroad Thursday, Feb. 4,at 4 p.m. in Tomlinson 135. This information session is open to undergraduates interested in conducting research abroad or combining research with their course work abroad.

Check out the Latest Passport News
If you have a United States passport expiring any time in 2016, the State Department has a message for you: Renew it now. Read all about it in The New York Times.

Apply now to Study Abroad Next Fall or for the 2016-2017 Academic Year
Have you considered spending a semester or a full academic year abroad, but aren't sure where to start? Now is your chance to make plans for next year! View all of the programs and meet with a study abroad advisor. Apply now for the fall and academic year study abroad programs. The deadline is March 1.

Interested in learning about national fellowships and scholarships?

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDY

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Attend an information session!

Tuesday, Feb. 2
5-6 p.m.
Sears 480

AND

Friday, Feb. 5
12:30-1:30 p.m.
Sears 372

The sessions will cover eligibility requirements and application processes for the Boren, Fulbright, Goldwater, Marshall, Rhodes, and Truman scholarships, as well as many others. Learn what it takes to win one of these prestigious awards. For more information about fellowships and scholarships, visit case.edu/ugstudies.

Happy Lunar New Year
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Monday Feb 8th
8PM
Lunar New Year Celebration
@ TVUC
8:45 - 9PM
FIREWORKS
@ Freiberger Field
Refreshments will be served
To learn more about Lunar New Year visit:
http://www.case.edu/international/LNY
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Submit a nomination for the Dr. Dorothy Pijan Student Leadership Awards

The Dr. Dorothy Pijan Student Leadership Awards are an opportunity for the CWRU community to recognize and celebrate the achievements of our undergraduate and graduate students. Please help the Student Leadership Awards Committee ensure that we don't miss any of the individuals, organizations, or programs that have had a positive impact on our campus community. Any student, faculty, or staff member can submit award nominations. Submitting a nomination only takes a few minutes, but it goes a long way in helping students and organizations feel recognized for their efforts. To submit a nomination, please fill out this form by 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21.

Celebrate the accomplishments of students, organizations & programs

Nominate for the 2016 Dr. Dorothy Pijan Student Leadership Awards!

FOR AWARDS & NOMINATIONS: HTTPS://ORGSYNC.COM/95840/FORMS/175784

Deadline **February 21, 2016** at 11:59 pm!

Lawyers Working for Major Institutions

Undergraduate Studies will host a panel comprised of three young attorneys, each working for a large, local institution. They will discuss their educational and legal backgrounds and their professions. RSVP to Terri Mester at terri.mester@case.edu.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12 | 12:30 - 1:45 PM | SEARS 356

The panel includes:

Faisal Khan
Assistant General Counsel
University Hospitals

University Hospitals

Peter Poulos
Chief Litigation Counsel
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Katherine Hollingsworth
Managing Attorney
The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

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Creative Projects & In Depth Studies

Thursday, January 28, 2016 ♦ 4pm ♦ Sears 480

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 ♦ 4pm ♦ PBL 208

Friday, February 19, 2016 ♦ 4pm ♦ PBL 208

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SAGES CAPSTONE RESOURCE GRANT

Application Deadline

02.05.2016

Up to $250 for individuals & up to $1000 for groups

Grants can help pay for travel, museum admissions, supplies, etc.

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Applying and Getting into Graduate School for the Sciences

Information Session
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A Panel Discussion for Undergraduates:

Humanities@Work: Law

6:00 pm ▪ Clark Hall Room 206 ▪ 11130 Bellflower Road

Panelists discuss how studying the humanities influenced their careers. Panelists include:

Joel Levin (University of Chicago '82) majored in history and philosophy. As a lawyer at Levin & Associates Co., LPA, he represents victims against wayward banks, financial institutions, lawyers, accountants, police, sheriffs' offices and prison officials. He has also founded two software development startups.

Maria Del Monaco (Tufts University '83) majored in English and economics. Formerly a partner at Ulmer and Berne LLP, she now practices as an attorney at the Federal Trade Commission.

Susan Friedman (Washington University '91) majored in political science and English. Currently partner at Axner Friedman LLP, she specializes in Estate Planning, Elder Law and Special Needs Law.

Jessie Hill (Brown University '92) majored in comparative literature. A specialist in first amendment, civil rights and reproductive rights law, she is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Judge Ben C. Green Professor of Law at Case Western Reserve University.

Mirela Turc (CWRU '10) majored in history and political science. She is staff attorney to the Hon. Colleen A. Falkowski, Lake County Domestic Relations Court.

Refreshments will be served. Regististration requested.

MONDAY 22 **FEBRUARY**

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