"The Bi-Weekly"
Your Newsletter From your Advisor

More Summer updates!

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Upcoming Dates-
August 10-14: Marsha will be out of the office
August 12: Summer School Grades Post for this campus
August 18-22: Boiler Gold Rush
August 21: Last day for waitlisting in myPurdue
August 24: First day of Classes
August 30: Last day to make changes in class schedule through myPurdue

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1. Marsha will be out of the office- August 10-14
I’m beginning to hear from several of you with questions about your Fall schedule. Please don’t wait to contact me until the last minute if you have questions as I will be out of the office August 10-14. This is the week before BGR week and the first week of classes. Those two weeks are extremely busy for me and you may not be able to get as timely of an answer from me. Please contact me sooner rather than waiting until you are on campus if you have any questions.

2. Important reminders:
   - Remember to pay your tuition bill or confirm your registration by August 24 at 5:00 pm. If you have not done this, your Fall schedule could be cancelled on or after August 31.
   - Update your local mailing address and telephone number in myPurdue as quickly as possible. I need this information to contact you while you are on campus. Please login to myPurdue, select the Student Life tab, and under personal information, use the update addresses & phones link. I also encourage you to list your cell phone if this is your preferred phone number for contact.
   - Please also update your emergency contact information on myPurdue if you haven’t already done so.
   - Keep your Purdue email account current and working. This is the email address that I will use to contact you. Email, password, or other issues, please see http://www.itap.purdue.edu/help/ for ITAP Customer Service contact information.

3. MyPurdue & Your Class Schedule

   Note: It is very easy to accidentally drop courses you are currently registered for when using Scheduling Assistant. Use extreme caution.

Classes are extremely full again this Fall. If you want to make a time change in a class, please be very careful when dropping/adding classes. Your advisor does not control space in courses, so if you accidentally lose your space in a course, I cannot get it back for you. We are receiving reports that the scheduling assistant is overloaded, slow, and unreliable for making course changes especially at peak times.

I am attaching my 7-15 E-News with instructions on using myPurdue to waitlist, change your schedule, and check for space in courses. This information is also now online at my new website with archived newsletters:
A Class is Full - What do I do?

If you are trying to schedule a course that is full, please check often because as students make changes to their schedules, space may become available. Spaces may open at any time from July 20 through the first week of classes (August 30), but a good time to check is:

- Beginning August 12, 2015 - (Summer grades post on the 12th and students will be making schedule changes.)
- Once students start arriving on campus (August 14), they will meet with advisors and take credit exams and then make schedule adjustments.

- If you are waiting for space in a Chemistry or Math course, please START ATTENDING THE LECTURES on the first day of classes. You can find times and location of the courses in myPurdue. You do not want to fall behind in material while you are waiting to get into the course.

- You can attempt changes yourself in myPurdue through August 30.

- Your advisor CANNOT see the changes you make to your schedule, so please contact your advisor before you drop a course if you have any concerns about whether you need the course or not! If you make a change to your schedule that causes you to exceed 18 credits, you must contact your advisor. This is also true if you change times in a course that requires departmental or instructor permission such as the 101 levels of a foreign language. 12 credits are minimum to be full-time. MyPurdue limits you to 18 credits by default.

- Please check your schedule in myPurdue periodically to make sure nothing has changed. Several students have encountered cancelled classes or even cancelled schedules.

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4. BGR week credit exams

Did you not receive AP credit in Chemistry or Calculus like you had expected? Do you still need a higher ALEKS score to get into Calculus and Chemistry for this Fall?

You can take the ALEKS exam up to five times through the same link you used this summer.

Credit exams are offered in MA 153, 158, MA 165/166, MA 16010/16020, CHM 115/116, and PHYS 172 & 220. You may take any credit exam only once. All credit exams are offered after BGR or during the first week of classes. You will need a permission form from your advisor to take any of these exams, and you must pre-register to take any Math, Chem, or Physics exam. You can pre-register at the links below:

Chemistry: https://www.purdue.edu/testingcenter/advanced-credit/
Math: http://www.math.purdue.edu/academic/undergrad/credit/

Placement exams are offered in several foreign languages. You do not need to pre-register for a foreign language exam, but you do need a permission form from your advisor. Exam times and location can be found here: https://cla.purdue.edu/academic/slc/placement/index.html

Please let your advisor know if you are retaking ALEKS or planning on taking any credit exam! I am not automatically informed of results from any.

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5. Courses (with space) that may interest Biology majors

HONR 29900 Paradigm Shifts in Biology and Medicine

We received the following information from Dr. Vanable:

Registration is now open for non-honors students; if you know of any biology counselees who are looking for an elective. Maybe you and others in the office could suggest Paradigm Shifts as a possibility.

It’s HONR 29900, for three credits, and is scheduled to meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 until 11:45. I’m attaching a brief description that would help in decision-making. Many thanks for your help!

BIOL 19500 Alternate 1st Semester Lecture for Biology majors NOT enrolled in CHM 11500 or 12901

I’ve contacted several of you already, but please know that BIOL 19500, Biodiversity, Ecology, & Evolution, still has space for qualified students. This lecture is an alternative to the large BIOL 12100 lecture. It counts as 3 credits in place of the 2 credits for BIOL 12100 and satisfies the exact same requirement. The only differences are the extra contact time (65 minute lectures) and the structure of the exams. You do need permission to register for the class, so please contact me, rhees@purdue.edu, if you are interested and not taking CHM 12901 or 11500 this Fall. This course meets on TTH 1:30-2:45 pm.

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6. Books

Textbook requirements may be found in myPurdue under the Academic tab.
Textbooks may be purchased or rented online or on campus:

Follett’s:  http://www.bkstr.com
University Bookstore:  http://www.purdueu.com/

-A price comparison website can be found at http://www.campusbooks.com/ or http://www.cheapesttextbooks.com/
-E-textbook search:  http://www.coursesmart.com/

7. Summer Transfer Credit (or if you still need to send Dual Credit Coursework)

If you took courses this summer at a campus other than Purdue, then you need to request the school you attended send a transcript to Purdue. The transcript can be mailed to:

Purdue University
Credit Evaluation
Schleman Hall of Student Services
475 Stadium Mall Dr.
West Lafayette, IN 47907

You may also request transcripts be emailed to admissions@purdue.edu

If you attended one of Purdue’s regional campuses, your credit will transfer automatically with the exception of IUPUI. IUPUI now requires the transcript be forwarded to Purdue.

8. Are you planning to CODO effective for Fall 2015?

Just a reminder, if you made plans to CODO and want the new major to be effective for the Fall 2015 semester, you must submit CODO paperwork prior to the end of the 2nd week of classes.

Please check the CODO requirements for the major of your choice, participate in a CODO meeting if required, and print out CODO paperwork to obtain appropriate signatures. All this information and paperwork is available here:

http://www.purdue.edu/registrar/currentStudents/students/codos.html

9. Reminder: New probation GPA requirements effective Fall 2015

After grades post this fall semester, you will see changes to the minimum GPA required to remain in good academic standing. Any student on academic probation at the close of the spring semester whose semester AND cumulative GPA fall below 2.0 will be dropped from the university at the end of the fall 2015 semester. If a student is on probation and EITHER the semester OR the cumulative GPA is 2.0 or above, the student will remain on probation. It also looks like this:

- IF: Semester GPA or Cumulative GPA is < 2.0 = PROBATION
- IF: On probation and both, Semester GPA and Cumulative GPA are < 2.0 = DROP
- IF: On probation and Cumulative GPA is < 2.0 but Semester GPA is ≥ 2.0 = PROBATION
- IF: On probation and Semester GPA is < 2.0 but Cumulative GPA is ≥ 2.0 = PROBATION
Currently on Probation?
If you are on probation from Spring 2015, please remember that summer grades do NOT change your probation standing. You also are required to meet with your advisor during the first two weeks of the semester and complete the Academic Intervention Assessment (click to follow link) if you haven’t already done so.