

Florida Atlantic University



Freshman Focus Newsletter

Freshman Academic Advising Services

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Summer 2012 & Fall 2012

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ADVANCE REGISTRATION & ADVISING

All **first semester** freshmen are required to meet with an academic advisor to clear their freshman advising “UN” hold. Also, included are undeclared sophomores with less than 30 credits. The Summer/Fall 2012 Advance Registration Schedule is as follows (see chart on right):

Your registration time is determined by your earned or passed hours plus your currently enrolled hours.

Two advising options will be available to accommodate students seeking advisement through FAAS Office to clear the “UN” hold for **Summer & Fall 2012 registration**:

Option 1: Individual advising by appt.
 (Appointments are made on-line through AdvisorTrac-<http://fassadvisor.fau.edu>)

Option 2: Walk-in advising starts

If you have declared one of the following majors, you must go to the respective department for advising:

1. Theatre (FAAS advising and Department advising)
2. Music
3. Pre-professional (Pre-Medical, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Dental, Pre-Veterinary, etc.)

NOTE: Any hold may prevent you from registering for courses for the Summer/Fall 2012 semester. It is your responsibility to clear holds prior to attempting registration.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 5-11-Spring Break- (No Classes, Offices Open)

Summer Classes-Term 1 & 2- Begin May 14, 2012

Summer Classes Term 3- Begin June 25, 2012

May 28, 2012- Memorial Day- FAU closed

July 4, 2012- Independence day- FAU closed

Fall Classes begin August 18, 2012

Advance Registration for Summer/Fall 2012

April 2, 2012(Monday) starting at 12:01AM	Graduate students and NCAA athletes
April 5, 2012 (Thursday) starting at 3:00 AM	Undergraduate Sophomore with 30-39 credit hours
April 6, 2012 (Friday) starting at 12:01AM	Undergraduate Freshman with 15-29 credit hours
April 6, 2012 (Friday) starting at 2:00AM	Undergraduate Freshman with 5-14 credit hours
April 6, 2012 (Friday) starting at 4:00AM	Undergraduate Freshman with 0-4 credit hours
April 9 2012 (Monday) starting at 12:01AM	Newly admitted Undergraduate, Graduate, or Second Baccalaureate students who do not have a registration hold.
Registration for Summer 2012	
May 7, 2012 (Monday)	Non-Degree students using MyFAU
May 11, 2012 (Friday)	Participants in the State Tuition Waiver Program
May 14, 2012 (Monday)	Classes Begin
Registration for Fall 2012	
August 13, 2012 (Monday)	Non-Degree students using MyFAU
August 17, 2012	Participants in the State Tuition Waiver Program
August 18, 2012 (Saturday)	Classes Begin



Advising with Advance Technology

Freshman Academic Advising Services has become more proficient than ever - Introducing **AdvisorTrac**. No more leaving our desk to look for students' folders. Now, all files can be accessed at the touch of a finger at an advisor's computer. **Students can now schedule**

appointments on-line which will be completed entirely through a web based application. So, go on-line to a computer nearest you and give **AdvisorTrac** a chance of making your academic experience more pleasant. It's more than the mind can imagine, now and in the future to come.

<http://faasadvisor.fau.edu>

AdvisorTrac

Make Appointments Online

Welcome to Campus

Welcome! Please Log in

FAU ID

Password: (Z#)

Login

Your **FAU ID** is used for MyFAU login without the "@fau.edu", your **Password** is your complete Z Number. (including the Z)

If you do not know your Z#, please login to MyFAU and your Z# is located on the top left hand side.

All students currently enrolled (registered and currently taking courses) as freshmen with fewer than 30 credits or Native Sophomores with an Undecided major must schedule an appointment online through AdvisorTrac. **ALL STUDENTS WITH DECLARED MAJORS AND 30+ CREDITS MUST BE ADVISED BY THEIR DEPARTMENT**

Same day appointments are not permitted. For example, if today was January 3, 2010, you can NOT make an appointment on January 3, 2010. The appointment must be made prior to today's date.

If you need to CANCEL an appointment within 24 hours of your designated timeslot you must call or email your advisor.

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ARE YOU SEARCHING for SCHOLARSHIPS?

Many websites have huge scholarship databases that will do the work for you. Enter your criteria and they will return a list of scholarships that match them. Most sites are free & only require you to register to use their services. Here are some sites to check out: (for other sites please visit FAU's financial aid link below)

www.college-scholarships.com www.fastaid.com www.fastweb.com

www.edupass.org (International students) www.finaid.com www.scholarships.com

FAU's financial aid site: <http://www.fau.edu/finaid/> www.review.com www.thesalliemaefund.org

EXPLORATORY/UNDECLARED STUDENTS

Freshmen who have not chosen a major or who wish to explore their major options can receive advising and special services from Freshman Academic Advising Services. These services include but are not limited to:

- ✦ Academic Advising, which includes discussing degree requirements, electives, and ways for undeclared students to keep their options open while satisfying the Core Curriculum.
- ✦ A website designed for undecided students <http://www.fau.edu/exploratorystudents>. This site lists the steps that students should take to help them choose a major that can lead to a career(s) that is right for them.
- ✦ A resource list that includes the many departments essential to freshmen who are deciding on a major and exploring their career options.
- ✦ Referrals and various support services for

Warning! YOU MAY HAVE A VITAMIN-T(ime) Deficiency!

Do you wait until the last minute to do assignments? Do your textbooks get dusty on a shelf throughout the semester? Are you CONSTANTLY feeling stressed and overwhelmed by the demands of college life?

Then your GPA could be in DANGER! You may need a dose of time management to increase your productivity, decrease your stress, and give you an all-around better life! Talk to your advisor today if you have any questions about this grade-changing (and life changing) set of skills! Don't wait until it's too late!

FACT: 67% of one university's undergraduates reported that their greatest academic need was to be better time managers! (Britton & Tesser, 1991)

Small Steps=Big Success

Topic: How to Balance College

1. Prioritize your time and make sure you remember what your priorities are.
 2. Get all your work done before you go out
 3. Always let your friends and family know work comes first and then you will spend time with them
 4. Go to class
 5. Stay focused at all times
 6. Get alone time
 7. Get some sleep
 8. Eat healthy
 9. Make yourself a schedule so you can stay on track
 10. Try your best to get along with your roommates
 11. Remember that social networks have their pros and cons—only participate when work is complete
 12. Try to overcome procrastination
 13. Anticipate the unexpected
 14. Carry out your plans
 15. Make a commitment to punctuality
- ALWAYS REMEMBER WHY YOU ARE IN COLLEGE AND WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU!**

By: Sadelyn, Marie, Ales and Rebecca Copenhagen

Tips of How to Make a Great Schedule

1. Set Goals
2. Put the most important stuff first
3. Try to do all academic work during the week so you can relax and have fun during the weekend
4. Prepare for Class: review your notes and read the chapter(s) that the teacher is going to cover
5. Create a "To Do List": you will have a feeling of accomplishment when you finish the list
6. Break your work into smaller steps so it is easier to accomplish
7. Do not procrastinate: It's always better to work a little each day than leave everything for the last minute
8. Remember to RELAX! Leave space on your schedule for breaks
9. Sleep, eat and exercise have to be schedule on your agenda
10. Do not work all night, you need your sleep

By: Tatina, Fatinna, Britnee, Vanessa



COURAGE IS THE ULTIMATE CAREER MOVE



Fear is what stunts our growth, narrows our ambitions, kills our dreams!

You are surely afraid: of leaving what you know, of seeking what you want, of taking the wrong path, of failing the right one. But you can't allow any of that to warp your life. **You must have the strength to say no to the wrong things and to embrace the right ones, even if you are the only one who seems to know the difference, even if you find the difference hard to calculate.**

Acts of bravery don't always take place on the battlefields. **They can take place in your heart, when you have the courage to honor your character, your intellect, your inclinations, and, yes, your soul by listening to its clean, clear voice of direction instead of following the muddled messages of a timid world...** You may still falter or fail, but you will always know that you pushed hard and aimed high. **Take a leap of faith. Fear not. Courage is the ultimate career move.**

The Best Advice I Ever Got-Lessons from Extraordinary Lives, by Katie Couric.
Ann Quindlen- Bestselling Author and Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

- **Freshman Academic Advising Services (FAAS)**
www.fau.edu/freshmanadvising
- **Registrar's Office**
www.fau.edu/registrar/
- **Office of Admissions**
www.fau.edu/admissions
- **Student Health Services**
<http://www.fau.edu/shs/>
- **Financial Aid**
<http://www.fau.edu/finaid/>
- **Housing and Residential Life**
www.fau.edu/housing
- **University Honors Program**
<http://www.fau.edu/divdept/honorsboca/index.htm>
- **Career Development Center**
www.fau.edu/cdc/
- **Center for Learning and Student Success**
www.fau.edu/CLASS/

FRESHMAN ACADEMIC ADVISING SERVICES

Meet the Staff

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