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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 2009 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 2009 registrations:

Option 1:

Individual advising by appt. through March 19, 2009
(Appointments are made on-line through AdvisorTrac - <http://faasadvisor.fau.edu>)

Option 2:

Walk-in advising starts March 23, 2009.

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

1. Ocean Engineering
2. Theatre
3. Music
4. 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 2009 semesters. It is your responsibility to clear holds prior to attempting registration.

Advance Registration for Summer & Fall 2009	
April 1, 2009 (Wednesday)	Graduate students and NCAA athletes
April 1, 2009 (Wednesday)	University Scholar Program
April 2, 2009 (Thursday)	Undergraduate Seniors and Second Baccalaureates
April 3, 2009 (Friday)	Undergraduate Juniors
April 6, 2009 (Monday)	Undergraduate Sophomores
April 7, 2009 (Tuesday)	Undergraduate Freshman
April 8, 2009 (Wednesday)	FAU High School Students
April 8, 2009 (Wednesday)	Newly admitted Undergraduate/ Graduate students Newly admitted Second Baccalaureates
Normal Registration for Summer 2009 Sessions 1 & 2	
May 4, 2009 (Monday)	Non-degree students using MyFAU
May 8, 2009 (Friday)	Participants in the State Tuition Waiver Program
May 11, 2009 (Monday)	Classes begin for Summer 2009 Sessions 1 & 2
Normal Registration for Summer 2009 Sessions 3	
June 22, 2009 (Monday)	Non-degree students using MyFAU
June 22, 2009 (Monday)	Participants in the State Tuition Waiver Program
June 22, 2009 (Monday)	Classes begin for Summer 2009 Session 3
Normal Registration for Fall 2009	
August 17, 2009 (Monday)	Non-degree students using MyFAU
August 21, 2009 (Friday)	Participants in the State Tuition Waiver Program
August 22, 2009 (Saturday)	Classes begin for Fall 2009

IMPORTANT DATES

Advance Registration Begins - **April 1, 2009**
Spring Break - **March 2 - 8, 2009**
Reading Day - **April 23, 2009**
Final Examinations - **April 24 - 29, 2009**
Spring 2009 Semester Ends - **May 1, 2009**

Summer 2009 Semesters 1 & 2 Begins - **May 11, 2009**
Summer 2009 Semester 2 Ends - **June 19, 2009**
Summer 2009 Semester 3 Begins - **June 22, 2009**
Summer 2009 Semesters 1 & 3 Ends - **August 3, 2009**
Fall 2009 Semester Begins - **August 22, 2009**

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Freshman Academic Advising Services (FAAS)

<http://www.fau.edu/freshmanadvising>

Office of Admissions

<http://wise.fau.edu/admissions/>

Financial Aid

<http://www.fau.edu/finaid/>

Career Development Center

<http://www.fau.edu/cdc/>

Student Retention Office

<http://www.fau.edu/retention/>

Registrar's Office

<http://www.fau.edu/registrar/>

Student Health Services Office

<http://www.shs.fau.edu/>

Housing and Residential Life

<http://www.fau.edu/housing>

University Scholars Program

<http://honorsboca.fau.edu/>

Controller's Office

<http://www.fau.edu/controller/>



PHI ETA SIGMA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Florida Atlantic University Chapter

Students who are looking for a prestigious organization to be associated with are encouraged to become active with Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. With over 300 chapters nationwide, Phi Eta Sigma is the largest, oldest, and one of the most distinguished freshman honor society. Freshmen with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 automatically receive an invitation for membership.

Students are recognized for their academic achievements and network with scholars in their field of study. Student members also have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, participate in community service work, travel, and the chance to make new friends. Furthermore, members are encouraged to apply for undergraduate and graduate scholarships. Students who are interested in Phi Eta Sigma may contact Deborah "Mikki" Minney (minney@fau.edu) at (561) 297-3064 for more information or go to www.phietasigma.org.



TOP TEN HABITS of HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

1. Show up and Be Prepared for Class*
2. Arrive to Class on Time
3. Practice Good Time Management
4. Develop a Successful Study Plan - (Use the 2 for 1 Rule)**
5. Learn to Identify and Use Campus Resources
6. Schedule Meetings with your Professors
7. Consult with your Academic Advisor
8. Develop "Connections" with the University Through Academic/Social Interactions
9. Read the University Catalog and refer to the Academic Calendar for Important Dates/Deadlines
10. Demonstrate Appropriate Classroom Etiquette

* When emergencies prevent you from attending class, contact your professor ASAP. Additionally, get contact information from at least one class member to keep up with class assignments/notes. Or, go to <http://myfau.fau.edu> and click on My Courses to communicate with class members via e-mail.

** Study two hours outside of class for every hour in class. (Example: ENC 1101, 3 credits = for each in class hour (3), study 2 hours outside of class. Therefore, the goal is to study a minimum of six hours each week (3 x 2 = 6) to get the maximum benefit from ENC 1101.



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. 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.princetonreview.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.finaid.com
- www.thesalliemaefund.org
- www.brokescholar.com
- www.collegefunds.net
- www.studentawards.com
- www.edupass.org (international students)
- www.iefaf.org (international students)
- <http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/FYE/index.html>
- FAU's financial aid site: <http://www.fau.edu/finaid/>

Check Your "Rep"

Want to have a good reputation as a student? Here are some tips that can help or hinder the process.

- 😊 Help: Arrive on time or better yet, arrive early and be ready for class to start
- 😞 Hinder: Arrive late and disrupt the class by making noise while opening your bag and taking out your notebook
- 😊 Help: Ask questions during class and participate in discussions
- 😞 Hinder: Ask questions that show you have not been paying attention or have not done your homework
- 😊 Help: Turn off your cell phones before class
- 😞 Hinder: Let your cell phone go off in class or even better- answer it!
- 😊 Help: Communicate with your instructor outside of class during office hours
- 😞 Hinder: Don't bother to inform instructor of your absences or don't talk to your instructor at all. Then wait until the end of the semester when you think you may be failing to ask for "extra credit"
- 😊 Help: Be active in class by paying attention, taking notes and participating in discussion
- 😞 Hinder: Give your instructor the impression that you don't want to be there, take a nap, chat with your neighbor or have a snack during lecture
- 😊 Help: Complete the assigned reading and/or work prior to class
- 😞 Hinder: Turn in work late or not at all
- 😊 Help: Dress the part! Remember you are in an academic setting, not at the beach
- 😞 Hinder: Roll right out of bed and head to class or show more than you intended to with that way too revealing clothing

Keep in mind that treating your instructor with the same respect and civility that you would want will encourage a rewarding relationship and will keep your "rep" as a student in check!

Advising with Advanced 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, and the advising experience will be done entirely through a web based application. So go on-line to a computer nearest you to the following web site address <http://faasadvisor.fau.edu> 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.

ADVISORTRAC™ Freshman Academic Advising Services 3.0

Advisortrac.net | FAQ

Freshman Academic Advising Services

FAU ID

Password:
(Z#)

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY™

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 Freshman with under 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.

FRESHMAN SURVIVAL TIPS

Please click on a link below to see more details

[10 Steps to Better Notes](#)

[More Steps to Better Notes](#)

[Not Getting the Grades You Want?](#)

[Concentration](#)

[Improving Reading Recall](#)

[Making the Most Out of Meetings with Faculty](#)

[10 Ways to Conquer Test Stress](#)

[Seven Ways to Better Organize Your Study Time](#)

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:

1. Academic Advising, which includes discussing degree requirements, electives, and ways for undecided students to keep their options open while satisfying the Core Curriculum.
2. A website designed for undecided students 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.
3. A resource list that includes the many departments essential to freshmen who are deciding on a major and exploring their career options.
4. Referrals and various support services for freshmen.