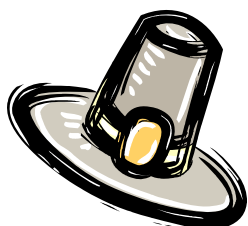


COS in Focus

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*Hello College of Sciences students! We hope your semester is going well and you are ready for spring registration. In this issue of "COS in Focus," we have information on graduation, deadlines, sessions and other important developments. **Plan ahead and check out the Spring Class Schedule which is now available on ASAP. Spring registration begins for Seniors on November 5.***



Help us welcome the newest member of the COSUAC team, Joyce Autry, our new Administrative Associate II. Welcome to UTSA Joyce!

New transfer students:

Upcoming Transfer sessions

Friday, November 6 8:30-10:30am
 2:30-4:30pm
 Friday, December 11 8:30-10:30am
 2:30-4:30pm
 Thursday, December 17 8:30-10:30am
 2:30-4:30pm

As part of a transfer session, students will get general information in a group session and then meet individually with an advisor to discuss their personalized degree plan and transfer coursework. **The session sizes are limited, so call 210-458-4045 now to reserve your spot in one of these sessions.**

Graduation Application Deadlines



Do you intend to graduate in **May 2010**? If you haven't already, you must apply for spring graduation on ASAP by November 15, 2009.

Do you intend to graduate this **December 2009**? If so, did you apply for fall graduation? The deadline to apply for fall 2009 graduation has passed. You need to petition through the advising center as soon as possible and provide documentation supporting any extenuating circumstances. You can petition to apply late to graduate while it is too late for you to be able to participate in the commencement ceremony. **You must apply for graduation for the semester you will graduate.** The University will not know that you are ready to graduate unless you apply.

Important dates for this month:

Sophomore and Above Automatic "W" (drop/ withdrawal) Time Frame	October 30 - December 2	October 30 - December 2, Sophomores and above (30 or more credit hours earned) may withdraw (drop all classes) ONLY. A grade of "W" will be given for each class. Student must see advisor to drop developmental classes or to withdraw from all classes.
Graduation Application Deadline (Undergraduates)	November 15 (Sunday)	Deadline for Spring 2010 undergraduate degree candidates to apply for graduation.
Thanksgiving Holidays	November 26-28 (Thursday-Saturday)	University closed. Classes do no meet.

Important Information

Spring Registration Schedule

Student classification

Seniors (90 or more credit hours earned)
Juniors (60-89 credit hours earned)
Sophomores (30-59 credit hours earned)

Registration begins

7:00am November 5
7:00am November 10
7:00am November 13

For November, the advising center will have extended walk-in hours to assist you with your registration issues. *Appointments are available for SAS, TSI & UNM Holds ONLY.*

November 2 –November 20

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
8:30 –11:30 AM, 1:30 –5:30 PM

Wednesday

1:30 –5:30 PM

Friday

8:30 –11:30 AM, 1:30 –4:30 PM

*The absolute cut-off time for walk-ins is 15 minutes before they are scheduled to end.

The following days are restricted by classification:

SR Only Nov. 4, 5, & 6
JR Only Nov. 9 & 10
SR & JR Nov. 11
SO Only Nov. 12 & 13

Nov 7, Saturday advising available from 9am-1pm

Nov 23-25 & 30 regular schedule

Appointments: MTR 8:30-10:00am & 3:30-5:30pm
F 8:30-10am & 3:30-4:30pm

Walk-ins: MTRF 10-11:30am & 1:30-3:30pm
W 1:30-6pm

The office will be closed Nov 26 & 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Art of Science Session

Are you ready for finals? Do you feel you are adequately preparing yourself for tests? If not, attend this session on test preparation. Learn tips and strategies to prepare for your finals. The session will be on November 10 from 1-2pm in SB 2.03.08. SAS students can sign up on Blackboard. All other students can call 210-458-4045 to sign up.



New Study Lounge

Do you ever wish you had a quiet place to study in the Science building? Well now you do! Go to room SB 2.03.02 on Wednesday 3-4pm and Thursday 10-11am. There are over 30 current COS textbooks that you may use while in the room along with TRC and Testing services resources. Hope to see you there!

CS/Cryptography Brownbag

Are you interested in computer science and cryptography in government applications? Come hear special speaker Thomas Cameron, Information Assurance Manager for the Joint Operations Warfare Center. Bring you lunch and your questions! Drinks will be provided.

Wednesday, November 11 at 11am in the BSE Atrium (1st floor)



Become a fan of the COS Facebook page and the COS Advising Center Facebook page today!! It's a great way to keep up with what's going on in the College and in the Advising Center, as well as network with

your peers.

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Check ASAP to see if you have a **45 hour or 90 hour hold**. If you have one of these holds, you **will not** be able to register for the spring semester. You will need to prepare a semester-by-semester plan leading up to graduation and bring it to the advising center during walk-in hours to have an advisor look over it before the hold can be removed. You can download the form at

<http://www.utsa.edu/cos/advising/images/4%20YR%20SEM%20PLAN.pdf>

See the walk-in schedule above or call 210-458-4045 for more information.