

Informational Session: *Advising, Registration, and more!*



COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & HEALTH

UW-LA CROSSE

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Faculty Definitions of Ideal Students:



- “Self-motivated, an adult-learner, a responsible person.”
- “Interested and curious – To be a biologist, you need to be curious and always ask questions.”
- “Someone who relishes to learn and understands the importance of life-long learning.”
- “Someone that comes to class with an interest in the subject. It makes it more worthwhile to teach them.”
- “Someone who attends class, participates, provides feedback, and isn’t afraid to ask questions.”
- “Self directed, responsible, motivated, and enthusiastic.”

Welcome to your first semester of college!



- How are you doing in class?
- Talk to your instructors if you don't know...



Change of Plan (Major)



- Change of Program forms
 - Where?
 - ✦ Dean's Office, 124 Mitchell Hall
 - When?
 - ✦ By Midterm (can be done afterwards, but changes won't reflect until next semester)
 - Why?
 - ✦ To get accurate Advisement Report and a new advisor assigned to you to help answer any questions you may have

Advising Information



- **Who is your advisor?**
 - Listed on the left-hand side of your WINGS Student Center
- **Where is he/she?**
 - Use “Directory” on UW-L homepage to find their contact information
- **Advisor will have access to your AR; you will also – through WINGS**
- **Beware of advising “restrictions”**
 - Prevent you from registering
 - Listed on the left-hand side of your WINGS Student Center



Meeting with your Advisor



- **Be Prepared**
 - Bring a tentative class schedule
 - Know guidelines for admission to program
 - Consider career goals (discuss w/ advisor)
 - Write out questions on your mind
- **Who's Responsible???**
 - Two-way street – you are as responsible as they are
 - Know your stuff – timetable, catalog, web, etc.



“It is our responsibilities, not ourselves, that we should take seriously”—Peter Ustinov

Advisement Report Information



- A computerized degree audit, **Advisement Report (AR)**, is prepared for all undergraduate degree seeking students, each semester, prior to registration. A degree audit is an evaluation of the credits a student has earned. It includes courses in progress, total credits earned at UW-L, transfer credits, retroactive credits, AP credits, Credit by Examination credits, major and minor credits, General Education Program requirements and SAH Core requirements.
- An AR for your current program/major can be accessed through WINGS – www.wings.uwlax.edu.

WINGS & AR Information



- How to read your Advisement Report:
 - <http://www.uwlax.edu/wings/help/docs/Academic%20Advisement%20Report%20Overview%20-%20v2.pdf>
- How to find your registration date and time:
 - <http://www.uwlax.edu/wings/help/docs/Helpful%20WINGS%20Registration%20Tips.pdf>
- WINGS Tutorial – General Overview:
 - [http://www.uwlax.edu/wings/help/GenOverview\(Student\)/GenOverview\(Student\).html](http://www.uwlax.edu/wings/help/GenOverview(Student)/GenOverview(Student).html)
- Additional information and helpful links:
 - <http://www.uwlax.edu/wings/help/student.htm>

Additional Important Information...



- Pay your \$100 deposit **BEFORE** you register!!
- Initial WINGS log-in was emailed to you – then you change it to something you’ll remember
- Forgot what you changed it to?
 - Go to online site (WINGS log-in page and click “Password Recovery” to have it re-sent)
- Advising Restriction? See **advisor**
- Classes Closed? - have backup plan(s)



What about Winter Intersession?



- Previously known as the January-Term (or J-Term), Winter Intersession refers to the break in classes between fall and spring semesters. During this time, a variety of courses are offered in a 3-week, condensed format.
 - Usually 2-3 credit classes (some Gen. Eds.)
 - See the *Class Timetable* for listings of courses being offered
 - Registration begins November 12 (\$100 registration deposit is NOT required for Winter Intersession registration)



Transferring Courses



- Check school's website get schedule of what is being offered
- See Teri (or Carla or Guy) to make sure a class will transfer correctly
- You will need to fill out a green "Off Campus Course Evaluation and Permit" form (in 124 Mitchell or 105 Graff) prior to taking the course
- If from a UW System school, check the Transfer Information System (TIS) – www.uwsa.edu/tis
- You **CANNOT repeat** a course off-campus



Calculating GPA



- To calculate your GPA:
 - For each course, take the # of credits X the point value for the grade earned in the class
 - After doing this for each graded course, add all grade point numbers earned
 - Divide this number by the total number of graded credits to determine your GPA

Grade	A	AB	B	BC	C	D	F
Point	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.0	0.0

Example:

Course	# of Credits	Grade Earned	Course Grade Points
BIO 105	4	C	8
ENG 110	3	AB	10.5
ART 102	2	B	6
ESS 100	1	P	--- (no grade)
MTH 150	4	B	12
Totals	14 (13 graded)		36.5 grade points

$36.5 \text{ grade points} / 13 \text{ credits} = \mathbf{2.80 \text{ GPA}}$

Making the Grade



- Academic status is determined by semester GPA, cumulative GPA, number of credits attempted, and previous or current academic status...

Determining Academic Status			
Cumulative Credits Attempted	“Good Standing” if cumulative GPA not less than:	“Probation I/II” if cumulative GPA less than:	“Ineligible” if semester GPA less than:
1-18	1.60	1.60	1.00
19-29	1.80	1.80	1.25
30-44	1.80	1.80	1.50
45 & beyond	2.00	2.00	1.50

- *See the Undergraduate Catalog (pages 43-44 or on the web) for more detailed information*

Excess Credit Policy

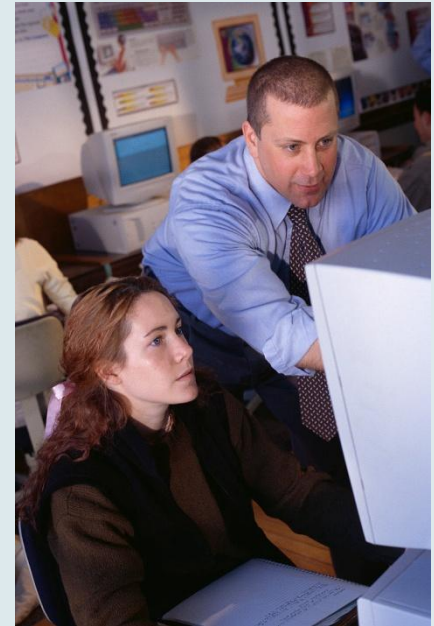


- **Applicable only to Wisconsin residents:**
 - Undergraduate students who have earned 165 credits (or 30 credits more than required by their degree programs, whichever is greater) will be charged a surcharge, equal to 100% of the regular resident tuition, on credits beyond that level.

Other Resources



- **VISIT!**
 - UW-L Homepage: www.uwlax.edu
 - ✦ Current Students
 - ✦ SAH Advising site (www.uwlax.edu/SAH)
 - Academic Advising Center (Cartwright)
 - Counseling & Testing Center (Morris)
- **READ!**
 - Advising Brochure
 - Catalog!
 - Timetable (UWL Homepage, link at bottom – then read the left side panel)
 - Emails from faculty and administration
- **TALK to your instructors!**



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