WELCOME FAMILIES!

[Cartoon: First Day of School vs. First Day of College]
Our agenda this morning

• The Academic Advising Center and “deciding” majors
• Graduating in a timely manner and having a bright future-helping themselves
• How you can help your student
• How today will play out
• After today
Many good reasons to explore

• Many interests
• No clear ideas yet
• Career ideas but what’s the best major?
• Major ideas but what can I do with it?
• Didn’t know they didn’t have a declared major
Not “Undecided”

- Deciding
- Exploring
- Open major
- Smart choice
What Employers Want

• Good communicators
• Problem solvers/critical thinkers
• Team players
• Technology skills
• Work ethic
Most majors do not have a direct career path

- This is intentional
- Very few do
Not just your major

- General Education
- Leadership
- Internships/PT work
- Study Abroad
- Involvement
- Must be able to articulate how your major helped
• Learn about themselves, majors and careers
• Course planning & registration
• Academic difficulties (e.g. probation, ineligible to return)
• Transfer of credit
Responsibility of the student

- Be informed
- Make use of advisors
- Use available resources
- Learn how to learn
Valuable Online Resources

Academic Advising Center

Course Catalog

UW-L homepage search
Resources and Support

- Murphy Learning Center
- Student Support Services
- Multicultural Student Services
- ACCESS Center
- Counseling & Testing
- Office of Student Life
- Academic Advising Center (AAC)
How you can help?

• Ask questions of your student

• Still have questions? - have your student call
FERPA

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Access and Privacy of Student Records
Even “deciding” students are part of a College

- Science & Health
- Liberal Studies
  - School of Arts & Communication
- School of Education
- College of Business
ADVISOR ASSIGNMENT

• Undeclared majors are assigned an advisor in the Academic Advising Center (AAC)
• Students with declared majors are assigned a faculty advisor
• Advisor assignments will be made in August
What happens this afternoon?

• Your student will be busy this afternoon!
  • Pre-Advising
  • Advising
  • Registration
Pre-Advising

- General Education
- Academic Advising
- Registration basics
Advising

- Your student has been pre-registered for 1-2 GE courses
- The pre-registered courses were chosen based upon your student’s identified interests from the registration survey
- Your student will meet individually or in a small group with a professional advisor
Advising

• Advisors will be looking at AP/IB/CLEP credit as well as any transfer course work
• Advisors will help interpret placement test scores
• Advisors will help identify additional courses based on interests and GE categories where the student will have multiple options
Fall Schedule

- Course availability in general
- Math and science availability
- The goal is to make sure ALL fall courses contribute to each student’s degree
General Education Categories

Skills
- Literacy – Writing & Communication (6)
- Math/Logic/Modern Languages (7)

Liberal Studies
- Minority Cultures (3)
- International & Multicultural Studies (6)
- Science with lab (4)
- Self & Society (3)
- Humanistic Studies (3)
- Arts (2 courses)
- Health & Physical Well-being (3)
Changes to Schedule

• Beginning July 13\textsuperscript{th} students may change their schedules via WINGS, if necessary

• Courses may be added/dropped/swapped via WINGS through the 5\textsuperscript{th} day of classes in the fall
Questions

Today…
Please Ask!

Tomorrow…
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