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I hope that you find the information provided within the newsletter useful. If you have a question, please feel free to email me at [smarino@ku.edu](mailto:smarino@ku.edu) or by phone at 785-864-0178.

## KU enrollment holds By Karen Bailey, Assistant Comptroller

Hard to believe but very soon, students will begin enrolling for the spring 2014 semester. As part of that enrollment process, students should check for enrollment holds prior to their enrollment appointment time. There are certain holds that will prevent a student from enrolling and must be cleared before a student can enroll. These holds can be viewed in Enroll & Pay in the Student Center on the right hand side. Each hold will provide instructions on the office to contact for more information regarding the type of hold or the action needed to clear the hold.

## Academic Advising at KU

Enrollment for the spring term is now! In order for new students to register for classes next semester, they must complete an advising session with an academic advisor. The earlier a student can make arrangements for this, the earlier they can enroll for desired course sections. Furthermore, earlier enrollment traditionally equates to increased availability of preferred courses. Students can schedule an appointment online with the Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC) by following these simple instructions:

- Step 1: Log onto the Kyou student portal
- Step 2: Scroll to the "Advising" tab and click on "Student Information"
- Step 3: Click on the "Academics" Tab
- Step 4: Click on "Make an advising appointment"
- Step 5: Scroll to your advisor and click on "See available appointments"

Students can also view an online tutorial video by logging on to: <http://mysuccess.ku.edu/scheduling-appointments>. Students who incur issues or difficulty in scheduling an appointment are welcome to contact the UAC for assistance by phone at: (785) 864-2834 or e-mail at: [advising@ku.edu](mailto:advising@ku.edu).

Please encourage your student to make an appointment **now** -- we look forward to seeing them soon!

# Undergraduate Advising Center

## **New Jayhawks, New KU Core**

**By Greta Wendelin Perel, Assistant Director, Undergraduate Advising Center**

Do you have a new freshman or a student who transferred to KU this fall? If so, they are part of one of the most exciting changes happening at KU! All new students are taking part in the KU Core—or the new general education requirements—as of this fall. Since this new requirement is going to be a big part of every new student's education, it's important to cover some basics with a little "KU Core 101."

First, the KU Core is the new "gen ed" requirement for all new KU students. It consists of six goals with corresponding learning outcomes, and it takes about thirty-six credit hours to fulfill it. This is a significant change from the old "gen ed" requirements, which required more than seventy hours! This has tremendous consequences for KU students. For one, it means that students have the opportunity to double major, minor, or double minor (and more!) in their degree, all while graduating in four years. Students under the KU Core have more freedom in determining how they want to spend their degree hours—whether it's earning an extra major or exploring different disciplines, the KU Core allows a student to customize their degree more than ever before.

Second, students are no longer required to take certain classes in order to satisfy the KU Core. For example, Western Civilization (HWC 204 & 205) was once a required class for many KU students. Though the topics covered in the subject matter may be engaging, it's now one of many different options from which a student can choose. For example, in the event your student shares interest in global issues and needs to fulfill Goal 1 Outcome 1 in the KU Core, s/he could take UBPL 200 Sustainability and Society, LING 106 Introduction to Linguistics, PCS 120 Peace and Conflict Studies, or SOC 160 Social Problems and American Values—and that's just a short list! The KU Core allows students to pursue their interests while also meeting "gen ed" requirements.

Furthermore, courses that a student should take for her or his major may also count towards the KU Core. To offer one example, a student pursuing a communication studies degree will take COMS 130 Speaker/Audience Communication and COMS 235 Intro to Rhetoric and Social Influence. Both of these classes will count towards the KU Core. Dozens of different majors coincide in this manner with the KU Core. Therefore, students are encouraged about the possibility to "double dip" on classes that count towards their major and their new "gen ed" requirements!

Students and parents learning about the KU Core was one of the most enjoyable components of Summer 2013 orientation; likewise, students and parents are beginning to discover that it's just one of many things that makes KU a great place to be. If you or your student has questions about the KU Core and what it means, don't hesitate to check out the KU Core website at <http://www.kucore.ku.edu/>. It does a great job of breaking down how the KU Core fits in a degree, as well as provides a list of the hundreds of courses that can fulfill the KU Core.

Also, don't forget to bookmark <http://advising.ku.edu/> for a great resource for you and your student. The Undergraduate Advising Center is here to help your student and you find out about academic policies, majors, classes, graduation plans, and campus resources. Remind your student to call the Undergraduate Advising Center at 785-864-2834, or drop by 126 Strong Hall!

## School of Health Professions

### Students interested in the health professions

By Robin Merritt, Academic Advisor, Undergraduate Advising Center

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Is your student interested in the health professions, but doesn't want to be a doctor or nurse? The KU School of Health Professions has a degree for you! Our programs cater to a wide variety of interests. For example, Clinical Laboratory Sciences and Health Information Management are programs with little/no patient contact. On the other end of the spectrum, Respiratory Care and Occupational Therapy offer lots of patient contact. In addition, we have degree programs at all levels: undergraduate, graduate, and certificate.

If your student is considering medical school, the KU School of Health Professions offers undergraduate programs that fit well with the medical school pre-admission requirements, too. In addition, if your student decides not to go to medical school after graduation, she or he will have a highly employable undergraduate degree with many career options.

Our degree programs have great job placement rates, great starting salaries, and the projected growth rate for most of our programs is above or well above the national average. To learn more about the KU School of Health Professions, contact Robin Merritt at the Undergraduate Advising Center at 785-864-2805 or [rmerritt@ku.edu](mailto:rmerritt@ku.edu). The School of Health Professions website is another great place to get more information: <http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions.html>.

# KU Study Abroad

**By Melody Stratton, Outreach & Alumni Communications**

## Summer Options Abroad

As we near the end of the semester, we know that students are beginning to think about their summer plans. We at the Office of Study Abroad are proud to have a number of exciting summer program options that will enable your students to gain academic credit and international experience. In the summer of 2013 we sent 542 KU students abroad, and we look forward to sending more students abroad in our new programs launching in 2014.

KU offers a wide variety of summer opportunities abroad. Students seeking work experience can intern in London, Sydney, Dublin, Madrid, Shanghai, or Germany. Interns gain valuable experience in their fields while also earning academic credit. Foreign language programs offer students the opportunity to immerse themselves in another language and practice speaking the language with locals. Many of our foreign language programs offer scholarships through FLAS funding, and include courses for beginning, intermediate, and advanced students. Artists can hone their skills during workshops in Europe, architecture students can sketch medieval buildings in Italy, aspiring attorneys can take courses at Cambridge, and business students can learn about current marketing trends in Germany. With endless options, we are happy to help all our students find the right programs to fit their needs.

Many of KU's summer programs will enable students to complete KU Core Goal 4.2. This goal seeks to ensure that students develop an understanding of the global community and their own worldviews. We encourage you to review our core-approved programs. To learn more about all of our programs, please visit our website at [www.studyabroad.ku.edu](http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu). You will find more information about our programs, application process, and requirements. As always, we welcome questions and look forward to speaking with parents and students. Our office is located in 108 Lippincott Hall. Our hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students and parents can make appointments with us by calling 785-864-3742 or emailing us at [osa@ku.edu](mailto:osa@ku.edu).

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# University Career Center

## Parents as partners

By Katrina Zaremba, Outreach Coordinator

As a parent, you play an important role in guiding your college student through the career development process. Become familiar with the [services offered at the University Career Center](#), and encourage your student to visit us early in their academic career. We are eager to help students of all levels with their career development and implementation process.

## Upcoming Events

Internships and other experiential opportunities are very important in making students marketable in today's workforce, and the [2013 Internship Fair](#) can help students find these opportunities! Employers will be present to promote their fall, spring, and summer opportunities, so encourage your students to dress professionally, bring copies of their resume, and be ready to make a great first impression! View the list of [attending organizations](#).

Looking ahead to the spring 2014 semester, please mark your calendar for the University Career Fair on Wednesday, February 12, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Kansas Union Ballroom. Every year, the University Career Fair attracts employers from all industries looking to recruit KU students to fill a wide variety of positions. Students of all majors and years are encouraged to attend.

## Follow the UCC on Social Media

The University Career Center has recently been recognized as the sixth Most Popular College Career Services Department on Social Media in 2013. For career news, event updates, career advice and much more, follow the UCC on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Pinterest](#) and [blog](#).

# Academic Calendar

## Fall 2013

Monday, October 07, 2013	Deadline Credit/No Credit (full semester classes)
Saturday, October 12, 2013	Fall Break Begins
Tuesday, October 15, 2013	Fall Break Ends
Friday, November 01, 2013	Undergraduate Application for Graduation deadline
Wednesday, November 20, 2013	Last day to drop (full semester classes, excluding Law)
Wednesday, November 20, 2013	Last day to drop a class on-line
Wednesday, November 20, 2013	Last day to withdraw from all classes (full semester classes, excluding Law)
Wednesday, November 20, 2013	Second Period Drop Ends (full semester classes)
Wednesday, November 27, 2013	Thanksgiving Break Begins
Sunday, December 01, 2013	Thanksgiving Break Ends
Thursday, December 12, 2013	Last day of classes
Friday, December 13, 2013	Stop Day
Monday, December 16, 2013	First day of Finals
Friday, December 20, 2013	Last day of Finals
Friday, December 20, 2013	Graduate Application for Graduation deadline
Monday, December 30, 2013	Grade submission deadline -- 11:59 p.m. (excludes Law)
Tuesday, December 31, 2013	Collection of non-posted grades begins for all careers

## Spring 2013

Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Undergraduate Orientation and Enrollment
Monday, January 20, 2014	Martin Luther King Holiday
Tuesday, January 21, 2014	Monday, January 20, 2014 Last day 100% refund *
Tuesday, January 21, 2014	First day of classes
Tuesday, January 21, 2014	\$150 fee begins *
Tuesday, January 21, 2014	First day of *
Tuesday, January 21, 2014	First day 90% refund *
Monday, January 27, 2014	Last day to add/change sections without written permission *
Monday, January 27, 2014	Last day to add and change sections on-line
Monday, January 27, 2014	Last day to enroll online *
Monday, January 27, 2014	Last day 90% refund *
Tuesday, January 28, 2014	Add/change of section with written permission begins (off-line) *
Tuesday, January 28, 2014	Petition begins (off-line) form available at student's school *
Tuesday, January 28, 2014	First day 50% refund *
Monday, February 10, 2014	Last day to withdraw/drop without a "W" *
Monday, February 10, 2014	First Period Drop ends *
Monday, February 10, 2014	Last day to request a Petition to Late Enroll form (non TBA, full semester classes)
Tuesday, February 11, 2014	Second Period Drop begins *
Monday, February 17, 2014	Census Day - 20th Day of classes
Monday, February 17, 2014	Last day to add or swap a class *
Monday, February 17, 2014	Last day petition (non TBA, full semester classes)
Monday, February 17, 2014	Last day 50% refund *
Tuesday, February 18, 2014	Start Credit/No Credit *
Thursday, February 20, 2014	Tuesday, February 18, 2014 0% refund begins *
Monday, March 3, 2014	Tuition Adjustment & Residency Application deadlines
Monday, March 3, 2014	Deadline Credit/No Credit *
Monday, March 3, 2014	Last day to submit Application for and assure inclusion in the Commencement Program and July diploma delivery
Monday, March 3, 2014	Undergraduate Application for deadline
Monday, March 3, 2014	Law Application for deadline
Monday, March 17, 2014	First day of Spring Break
Sunday, March 23, 2014	Last Day of Spring Break

## KU News - Headlines:

**KU Medical Center Alzheimer's disease researchers will use \$3 million NIH grant to study benefits of exercise**

<http://www.kumc.edu/news-listing-page/ku-medical-center-alzheimer%E2%80%99s-disease-researchers-will-use-3-million-nih-grant-to-study-benefits-of-exercise.html>

**KU research grants program supports Bold Aspirations strategic themes**

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2013/10/17/ku-research-grants-program-supports-bold-aspirations-strategic-themes>

**KU Class of 2017 sets records for academics, diversity**

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2013/09/27/ku-class-2017-sets-records-academics-diversity>

**More News**

<http://www.news.ku.edu/>

## Other Useful KU Websites:

**Academic Achievement and Access Center:** <http://www.achievement.ku.edu>

**Admissions:** <http://www.admissions.ku.edu/>

**Billing Information (Bursar):** <http://www.bursar.ku.edu/>

**College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Services:** [www.collegesas.ku.edu](http://www.collegesas.ku.edu)

**Counseling and Psychological Services:** <http://www.caps.ku.edu>

**Enrollment questions:** [www.registrar.ku.edu/](http://www.registrar.ku.edu/)

**Financial Aid & Scholarships:** <http://www.financialaid.ku.edu>

**First-Year Experience:** [www.orientation.ku.edu](http://www.orientation.ku.edu)

**KU Continuing Education:** [www.continuinged.ku.edu](http://www.continuinged.ku.edu)

**KU Online Courses:** [www.online.ku.edu](http://www.online.ku.edu)

**KU Parent/Family Assistance:** <http://www.vpss.ku.edu/pal.shtml>

**Multicultural Affairs:** <http://www.oma.ku.edu/>

**Parking Department:** <http://www.parking.ku.edu>

**Sexual Harassment:** <http://www.sexualharassment.ku.edu>

**Student Affairs:** <http://studentaffairs.ku.edu/>

**Student Involvement and Leadership Center:** <http://www.silc.ku.edu>

**Student Housing:** [www.housing.ku.edu/](http://www.housing.ku.edu/)

**Supportive Educational Services:** <http://www.apex.ku.edu/>

**Testing Prep Link:** [www.Continuinged.ku.edu/programs/testprep/index2.php](http://www.Continuinged.ku.edu/programs/testprep/index2.php)

**Timetable of Classes online:** <http://www.classes.ku.edu>

**Undergraduate Advising Center:** [www.advising.ku.edu](http://www.advising.ku.edu)

**University Career Center:** [www.kucareerhawk.com](http://www.kucareerhawk.com)

**Watkins Health Center:** [www.ku.edu/~shs](http://www.ku.edu/~shs)

**Writer's Roost/Writing Center:** <http://www.writing.ku.edu>

(For specific School phone numbers, call KU Directory at [785-864-2700](tel:785-864-2700).)