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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 contact my by email at smarino@ku.edu or by phone at 785-864-0178.

Academic Advising at KU

Technological advancements in the Undergraduate Advising Center By Randall Brumfield, Director

The use of non-traditional pedagogy in the classroom evolves with each passing semester. Utilizing online discussion boards, course management systems, live streaming, and recorded lectures to deliver instruction are examples of how faculty strive to more effectively meet the needs of students. In academic advising, this concept is not much different. The Undergraduate Advising Center has recently implemented tools that allow for advising staff to reach students beyond waiting for the semesterly appointment to avail itself. Integrating early warning systems, data synthesis software, student information management systems, and other resources allow for advisors to contact students should they fail to show for class, underperform (and overperform) on course assignments, not registering for classes in a timely manner, or waiting to schedule an advising appointment prior to registration. Instead of waiting until the end of the term to perform a post-mortem analysis, advisors are in a position to positively and proactively influence student decision-making throughout the course of a semester. In other words, our goal is to help successful students remain successful, and, lend a hand when most needed for those who may be struggling to hit their stride. As these tools are refined, tested, and implemented they will mutually benefit students and advising professionals altogether, not unlike our faculty colleagues on campus.

Undergraduate Advising Center

Five Questions Advisors Wish Students Would Ask

Advisor Rebecca Cates dishes on the best questions students could ask, but don't!

Main advising is almost here, the season when freshmen and new transfer students meet with their advisor to decide on fall semester's course schedule. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to reflect on their semester, strategize for success, and dream big. But so often, students treat it like a mandatory chore. Every advisor has heard from his or her advisees, "just remove my hold and tell me what to take." For thirty minutes, a student could take advantage of this opportunity to get professional guidance that goes beyond just the basics. So where's a student to start? UAC advisor Rebecca Cates shares her top five questions that students should be asking during their advising appointments.

1. I don't know what I want to major in. How can I learn more about my options?

This opens up a conversation about the different ways that students can explore majors, get information, and connect with the people and tools that can match them with a major that fits their needs and strengths.

2. I'd like to learn more about my major. What resources are available to me?

Students may feel confident about their major, but are fuzzy on the details about what their major entails. Advisors can direct them to the department website, the catalog, and other resources that spell out the requirements of a major, important deadlines, and other information that's good to know sooner rather than later.

3. How can I get these holds on my account released?

Holds are special notices on students' accounts that notify them of some restriction, and then typically prevent students from enrolling in classes until some action is taken. Students should make an appointment with their advisor.

4. I know what I want to major in, I know what classes to take, so why is it important for me to meet with an advisor?

Even for students who've "got it figured out," talking with an advising can be a great opportunity to touch base, learn about other resources, reflect on the previous semester, and think ahead. Advisors have ways of digging deeper and helping students to think differently about what they're doing. Oftentimes, students may be dealing with other issues and having a friendly conversation with someone can help to alleviate stress. Advisors are an important, personalized connection for students, and talking with one regularly, even if a student doesn't "need to," can help to keep students healthy and balanced!

5. How can I connect my major with a career?

Students often get anxious when they think past school to a career and may wonder how their degree in sociology, communication, or math is going to help them in the job market. Fortunately, there are great resources on campus to help students make the connection between a major and a career. The University Career Center, along with other resources, are all available for students thinking about their time after college!

Financial Aid and Scholarships

By **Rachelle A. Vigna, Assistant Director, Financial Aid & Scholarships**



FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION!

AWARD NOTIFICATIONS/ACCEPTING AID

April 1, your student's eligibility for financial aid will be determined and their awards will be available for review. An email notification will be sent to your student's registered KU email address. Your student may also check their status online at <https://sa.ku.edu> > *Student Center* > *Accept/Decline Awards*. Please be aware of any Holds or To Do Lists items the student may have as these items can prevent financial aid awards from being offered. The student will have 30 days to accept financial aid before it is cancelled. If financial aid is cancelled, the student must contact the FAS office to have aid reinstated. The student may submit this request via email at financialaid@ku.edu. Please allow 2-3 business days to complete this request. The Financial Aid and Scholarships office cannot guarantee aid cancelled can be reinstated.

ACCEPT/DECLINE AWARDS

Your student will have the option to accept or decline each award on the *Accept/Decline Awards* page. If you or your student wishes to accept only part of a loan, simply reduce the loan amount. To do this, check the accept box and indicate a specific dollar amount in the field provided. In some cases, your student may change their eligibility for Federal Work-Study to loan eligibility, and vice-versa. [Contact the FAS office](#) for details. KU processes all federal loans (Stafford Subsidized/Unsubsidized), PLUS, and Graduate PLUS through the Direct Loan Servicing Center (DLSC) administered by the U.S. Department of Education. For more information, visit studentloans.gov.

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Financial Aid and Scholarships continued

CANCELLATION/ADJUSTMENT OF AID

The Financial Aid & Scholarships office has the responsibility to adjust and/or cancel your student's awards in a number of different circumstances. Some examples in which an award(s) may be adjusted include:

- The student receives any other assistance not listed on his/her Financial Aid Award Summary. Other assistance includes scholarships, fellowships, loans, and/or benefits from the university, vocational rehabilitation, ROTC scholarships, fee remissions or reductions, and local, state, and/or national scholarships;
- The student's enrollment changes or if the student changes from undergraduate to graduate or vice-versa;
- The student's residency or degree status changes;
- The student does not meet the minimum [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) standards;
- The student [withdraws](#) from one or more courses;
- The student fails all his/her classes in a semester,
- Estimates of income on the FAFSA were used (you should correct the data as soon as your tax information is available);

If you anticipate any of these circumstances, please [contact the FAS office](#) immediately. Failure to report this information may result in you being required to repay financial aid. You may report additional assistance in *Enroll & Pay* at <https://sa.ku.edu> > *Student Center* > *Accept/Decline Awards* > *Award Package Page 2*.

IMPORTANCE OF THE NEW STUDENT FEE FOR FRESHMEN

Incoming Freshmen are assessed a new student fee. If you do not pay the new student fee by the due date, your financial aid will be cancelled. For details about the new student fee, including payment instructions, visit affordability.ku.edu/billing/paying/newstudentfee.

University Career Center

Summer Internships

By Katrina Zaremba, Outreach Coordinator

Summer Internships

Internships play an extremely important role in today's competitive job market. Students with internship experience often have the advantage over students without internship experience when it comes to securing a position after graduation. Not only do internships allow students to gain relevant experience to include on their resumes, they provide students the opportunity to explore a variety of career paths while developing professional skills that will transfer to a career path they choose.

Benefits of an Internship:

- Gain valuable experience
- Have an edge in the job market
- Transition into a job
- Decide if it is the right career
- Create personal network
- Apply classroom knowledge
- Gain confidence

The career coaches at the University Career Center meet individually with students to explore internship positions and to help prepare the student by reviewing resumes and practicing interviewing skills. Have your student set up an appointment by calling 785-864-3624.

Internship Newsletter

[Subscribe](#) to the Internship Newsletter to receive weekly updates in your inbox with the latest internship postings, events, and workshops.

KU Career Connections: Jobs & Internships for Jayhawks

KU Career Connections is a free online job and internship database through which KU students can apply for positions, post their resumes for employers to view, signup for on-campus interviews, set up email alerts, and much more. Students may register for full access online by logging in to [KU Career Connections](#). If they have not registered before, they will be prompted to complete a survey when they log in.

Career Courses

Did you know that the UCC offers career courses each semester? With fall enrollment around the corner, it's the perfect time to have your student check out these courses that can assist them with the job search process: <http://career.ku.edu/courses>.

The University Career Center provides comprehensive career services to KU students. We are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and are located in 110 Burge Union. To learn more about the UCC's services, events and resources, please visit our website: career.ku.edu.

Academic Calendar

Spring 2014

Tuesday, February 18, 2014	0% refund begins *
Thursday, February 20, 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
Monday, April 21, 2014	Last day to withdraw from a class or the University (full semester classes, excluding Law)
Monday, April 21, 2014	Second Period Drop Ends *
Wednesday, April 23, 2014	Graduate Application for deadline
Thursday, May 8, 2014	Last day of classes
Friday, May 9, 2014	Stop Day
Monday, May 12, 2014	First day of Finals
Friday, May 16, 2014	Last day of Finals
Sunday, May 18, 2014	Commencement
Friday, May 23, 2014	Grade Submission deadline -- 11:59 p.m. (excludes Law)
Friday, June 6, 2014	Law grade submission deadline -- 11:59 p.m.
Post Semester	
Friday, June 6, 2014	Law grade roster entry access shut off
Friday, June 13, 2014	Course Completion Deadline
Friday, June 13, 2014	Official Degree list due
Monday, June 23, 2014	Degrees post to transcripts
Monday, July 7, 2014	Diplomas available

KU News - Headlines:

KU partners with Institute of International Education to increase study abroad participation
<http://news.ku.edu/2014/03/06/ku-partners-institute-international-education-increase-study-abroad-participation>

Business, engineering team to attend Collegiate Wind Competition
<https://news.ku.edu/ku-business-and-engineering-team-attend-wind-competition>

Research: Natural fungal products could offer potential Alzheimer's therapy
<https://news.ku.edu/2014/02/18/research-natural-fungal-products-could-offer-potential-alzheimers-therapy>

More News

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
Counseling and Psychological Services: <http://www.caps.ku.edu>
Enrollment questions: www.registrar.ku.edu/
Financial Aid & Scholarships: <http://www.financialaid.ku.edu>
First-Year Experience: www.orientation.ku.edu
KU Continuing Education: www.continuinged.ku.edu
KU Online Courses: www.online.ku.edu
KU Parent/Family Assistance: <http://www.vpss.ku.edu/pal.shtml>
KU Writing Center: <http://www.writing.ku.edu>
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/
Supportive Educational Services: <http://www.apex.ku.edu/>
Testing Prep Link: www.Continuinged.ku.edu/programs/testprep/index2.php
Timetable of Classes online: <http://www.classes.ku.edu>
Undergraduate Advising Center: www.advising.ku.edu
University Career Center: www.kucareerhawk.com
Watkins Health Center: www.ku.edu/~shs
 (For specific School phone numbers, call KU Directory at [785-864-2700](tel:785-864-2700).)