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Priority registration is coming soon, are you prepared? class offerings for the spring semester open on October 25 and registration runs from November 7-17. You will be receiving an envelope in your mail with more information about registration so keep an eye This mailing will also indicate which day you will be registering. Regardless of your class year, you will have to meet with your faculty advisor to either register for courses or to be released to be selfregistered. Make sure to set up a meeting with your advisor sooner rather than later! Having this conversation with your faculty advisor is crucial to staying on track with your curriculum and to set up a schedule that will help you be the most successful you can be. You can search for class offerings through your ASAP account or through the academic scheduling webpage by clicking here. If you have any questions about registration, your faculty advisor should be your main point of contact but you can also go to the Dean's office of your respective College.



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10 Ways To Make The Most Of Academic Advising Appointments

The end of the fall semester is approaching, which means it's almost time to meet with your academic advisor to discuss your spring class schedule. Make the most of this valuable conversation by using the suggestions below.

UNDERSTAND THEIR ROLE.

It is not just about figuring out which courses to take. Advisors serve as an ongoing resource to help you discover and achieve your goals. As you track your progress toward graduation, your advisor will help you apply your skills outside the classroom through service projects, internships, study abroad or co-curricular opportunities.

ADVISORS WILL EXPECT YOU TO INITIATE CONTACT, AND IT IS BEST TO DO SO EARLY.

Scheduling an appointment may permit more time for a conversation than if you simply drop by during their office hours.

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR COURSE SCHEDULE.

Most colleges permit you to be the architect of your degree. Yes, you must satisfy the core requirements of your major. But beyond this, you have some remaining elective credits that you get to structure on your own. Consider a double major or minor. Browse the course offerings to identify other areas of interests and diversify your expertise. Solicit your advisor's input regarding other needed competencies or skills in your chosen profession.

DO YOUR RESEARCH AND BE PREPARED.

You are solely responsible for tracking your satisfaction of degree requirements and are expected to be aware of university policies, requirements, and procedures.

Acquaint yourself with your college's catalog and important dates for the current semester, such as the last day to request pass/no credit or the last day to withdraw from a course.

Read More:

View the course schedule. Prior to your appointment, identify a few classes and sections that interest you.

If you are interested in internships, browse through the listing that is published by your campus career center. Come ready to discuss a few of these opportunities.

BE HONEST.

Some students experience academic difficulty and do not know where to go for assistance. Advisers can refer you to tutoring services, as well as support services on campus. If you anticipate that a particular subject will be challenging during the next semester, share this so your advisor can help you select other courses that compliment your strengths and bring balance to your class load.

EXPLORE YOUR CAREER OPTIONS.

Most majors qualify you for multiple careers. Ask your advisor to identify popular professions for your field of study. If you are not entirely sure of your major, share any concerns that you have.

BECOME FAMILIAR WITH YOUR DEGREE AUDIT REPORT.

Many colleges permit you to track your degree status and the requirements you have satisfied. Ask your advisor how to access and understand this report.

CREATE A PLAN OF STUDY WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

Some courses are offered in alternative years; some programs have specific application deadlines. Other activities, such as studying abroad or pursuing an internship, require careful planning. Having a roadmap will minimize unforeseen problems and help you identify the number of elective credits for your major.

FOLLOW THROUGH.

Your academic adviser is invested in your success and persistence in school. Advisors have good reasons for referring students to a specific campus office or expressing concerns about their enrollment in a particular course. Be open to their suggestions and take action.

STAY IN TOUCH.

Contact your advisor if you have more questions or are unable to enroll in the courses you identified together. An ongoing relationship can blossom if you cultivate it – and you will be glad you did, especially as graduation approaches and you need strong references to launch your career.

10 ways to make the most of academic advising appointments Billie Streufert - http://college.usatoday.com/2015/04/10/10-ways-to-make-the-most-of-academic-advising-appointments/



WESTERN NEW ENGLAND | WINE UNIVERSITY | WINE Career Development Center

The Career Development Center is your resource for summer jobs, internships, major and career information.

Don't wait until your senior year to plan! Meet with your Career Counselor who will help you direct your interests and identify the resources, experience, and connections you need for success!

Click the links below for more information and to schedule an appointment to meet with your Career Counselor.



Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 26 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. JOBtoberfest - AIC

Friday, October 27 all day Walgreens Interviewing On-campus

Friday, October 27 2:00-3:00 p.m. Behavioral Interviewing Techniques Walk-in

Tuesday, October 31 12:00-2:00 p.m. Open Resume Hours

Thursday, November 2 all day Enterprise Holdings Interviewing On-campus

Friday, November 3 2:00-3:00 p.m. Communication Skills: Be a STAR

Thinking about an academic internship for the Spring?

Meet with your Career Counselor soon!

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It's A Bird...It's A Plane...IT'S A GOLDEN BEAR! So gather up family and friends and put on your capes to visit your favorite Western New England University student at Family and Friends Weekend 2017! The Campus Activities Board (CAB) has designed a weekend of fun-filled activities for the entire family to enjoy with their Golden Bear. Super Hero activities are designed so that families can select what activities they would like to participate in throughout the weekend while still having time to explore the Springfield area. All of the activities on campus are free of charge, except meals and admission to the Golden Bear Football game. There is no 'Family Registration Fee' either so plan to make it a multi-generational visit to campus! However, all those who pre-register will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card to a local restaurant as well as a Golden Bear swag bag!

Tickets are available exclusively online by visiting wneu.universitytickets.com.

For a full list of weekend activities, click here.



Does the "Ideal Schedule" Exist?

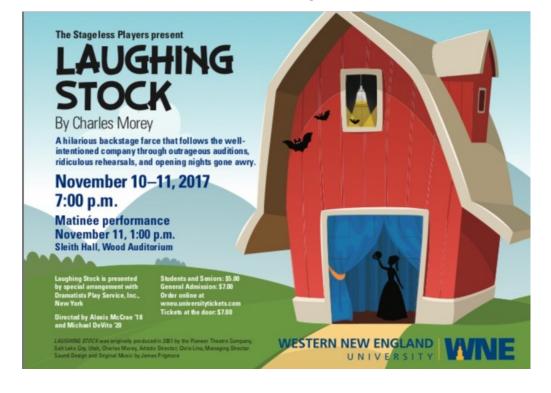
Registering for courses and creating a class schedule can be very confusing and stressful for some. You might be worried about taking the wrong classes or getting into certain classes, so make sure to plan ahead and seek advice from fellow students and faculty around you. Here are a few tips from the Academic Success Center to help you create the best schedule for you:

• Go see your advisor: This is so important! Besides the fact that you have to see them to get registered or at least released to register yourself, having a conversation with your advisor about registration helps ensure you are taking the right courses! Certain majors have a set sequence that has to be met otherwise it throws you off of your path to degree completion. Last thing you want is to register for the wrong courses and find out you have to take another semester or two to graduate! Use the resources around you and ask questions!!

- Study your Audit of Degree: Every student has access to their degree audit on their ASAP account so take advantage of it! Each major has their own curriculum path to graduation that you have to meet and the degree audit outlines everything for you. Look into what courses you still have to take and some of the requirements for graduation. It's also helpful to look at the academic catalogue in addition as well.
- Look through course offerings: The course offerings for the upcoming semester are always posted before registration opens so make sure to be proactive by looking at what courses are offered. While the offerings are subject to change, most of the information stays the same and gives you an idea of what times certain courses are offered.
- Create ideal schedule AND think of alternatives: After looking at all of the course offerings, create the

schedule you think would set you up for the most success. Keep this as a working document you have once registration approaches but also think of back up options! It's very possible a class may get cancelled or close before you register so having a backup plan (or two) will help reduce any anxiety about having to create a whole new schedule.

Reflect on your learning style: Are you a morning person? Do you handle back to back classes well? Would you prefer a night class or a class that meets multiple times a week? Thinking about what kind of student you are is extremely important when trying to create a schedule. You want to set yourself up for success so be realistic with yourself about the courses you choose and the timing of the course. Sometimes you may not have a choice, but when able be very strategic with your course selection.



Commuter Appreciation Day



November 7, 2017

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Behind the campus center (Rain location: Portico)

Join us for a FREE coffee tumbler*, coffee, hot chocolate, and munchkins!

Any questions? Contact Anna Pickard at anna.pickard@wne.edu.

*While supplies last.



CLASH OF CLASSES X 2017

Sponsored by Student Senate

Midnight Madness, the annual Clash of the Classes, event sponsored by Student Senate will take place on Friday, November 3 at 9:00 p.m. in the Alumni Healthful Living Center (AHLC). Midnight Madness brings out the best friendly competition between classes! Classes compete in various events such as dodgeball, dance competitions, tug of war, and much more. As their class members compete, students cheer each other on! Do not miss this campus tradition that also welcomes the winter athletes for the start of their season.

Catch the spirit!

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October/November

Ī	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	22	23	24 Emerging Leader Art of Leadership Student Senate Public Safety Meet & Greet Commuter Connections Luncheon	WOW: Sliders and Star Jars (Student Activities) Spring Calendar Event Info Meeting	26 Emerging Leader Art of Leadership Freshman Focus Midnight Madness Pre Event CAB Swag Wagon	Tea Party (Feminists Unite) Trick or Treat (RHA) FRIDAYS (Class of 2019)	28 Family & Friends Weekend FB v. Salve Regina University SATURDAYS: Comic Magician Ben Seidman (CAB) Late Night @ the Rock (Historical Society)
Š	29 Family & Friends Weekend	30 Midnight Madness Trivia Night	31 Emerging Leader Art of Leadership Midnight Madness Giant Jenga Tunes on Tuesday	1 Midnight Madness Improv Show	Emerging Leader Art of Leadership Midnight Madness Video Games CISB Speaker Se- ries: Mike Reiss ESPN NFL Nation	Improv on the Rocks Show WARP Pokémon League MIDNIGHT MADNESS (Student Senate)	4 Hiking Trip (Outing Club) WARP Pokémon League Senior Symposium World Fest (U&ME)
1. /. /	MARP Pokémon League Dance Team Fall Showcase	6	7 Emerging Leader Art of Leadership Commuter Appreciation Day	8	9 Emerging Leader Art of Leadership Marketing Association Speaker Series Spring Calendar Event Meeting	10 Stageless Players Fall Production Stageless Players Meet & Greet the Cast FRIDAYS: Game Room Reveal	11 FB v. Nichols College Stageless Players Fall Production Late Night @ the Rock (CARE)
	12 Open House Fall Music Showcase	13 Spring Calendar Event Meeting	14 Emerging Leader Art of Leadership Tunes on Tuesday Freshman Focus Golden Bear Bash (CAB)	15	16 Emerging Leader Art of Leadership	17 FRIDAYS: Golden Voice Singing Competition (GBTV & WNEK)	18 Nerd Day (WARP) Comedian Tyler Boeh (CAB) SATURDAYS (Pre- Pharmacy Club) Late Night @ the Rock (NRHH)
	19 Climbing Trip (Outing Club)	20	21	Thanksgiving Recess	Thanksgiving Recess	Thanksgiving Recess	25 Thanksgiving Recess
	26 Thanksgiving Recess	27	28 Yearbook Club Photos Commuter Connections Luncheon	29 WOW: Pretzels & Pop Culture (Student Activities) Yearbook Club Photos	30 CAB Swag Wagon Yearbook Club Photos	1 Improv on the Rocks Show FRIDAYS (Class of 2021)	2 SATURDAYS (Cupola Yearbook)

For more information about these events and other events taking place on campus, visit