

# ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

## Fall 2011 News Update



### Announcements & Reminders:

*Every freshman awarded a TOPS scholarship is required to attend a TOPS workshop in the Fall semester.*

#### Fall 2011 semester TOPS Workshop Schedule:

- *Wednesday, September 7, 2011*  
*10am, 1pm, 3pm, & 5:30pm*
- *Thursday, September 8, 2011*  
*10am & 2:30pm*

All workshops held in Student Union Ballroom.



### Two-Week Advising Session:

*Oct 17 - Nov. 1, 2011*

*Remember to contact your advisor!*

*Check ULink for their name & contact info.*

- ⊕ Ask your advisor about **Winter Intersession (WI)**.
- ⊕ WI courses can help you reach your TOPS requirement of **24 credit hours** in an academic year.
- ⊕ Early advising allows you to register early and choose the most convenient days and times for your courses!



### Freshman Financial Aid Guidelines:

If you are a freshman receiving financial aid, (a loan or grant), you are required to earn a minimum 2.0 GPA and complete at least 67% of all registered hours to remain in good standing.

### ▪ *What are Interim Grades?*

*Interim grades* for freshman courses are due Sept. 28 & will be available on ULink immediately following. Please carefully review these grades and seek help immediately for courses in which you are struggling. Refer to tutoring information below for help in difficult courses.

### ▪ *Can I Drop?*

Dropping (or withdrawing from) a course can affect: TOPS, loans, grants, scholarships, housing, international status, insurance, upper division eligibility, athletics, military benefits and more! Visit with a counselor in the Academic Success Center, 115 Lee Hall, if you are considering withdrawing from a class.

### ▪ *Is Tutoring Available?*

The Learning Center offers FREE individual (one-on-one) tutoring, study group tutoring, supplemental instruction (SI), on-line tutoring (Brainfuse & TA<sup>3</sup>P), computer lab assistance, and other on-line resources, most of which are offered in coordination with various academic and administrative departments on campus.

Tutors are available at The Learning Center for almost all 100- and 200-level math and science courses as well as for ACCT, BSAT, CMPS, ECON, EECE, ENGR, ESOL, FREN, PSYC, QMET, SPAN & STAT.

For more information: [The Learning Center](#)

### ▪ *It's a FACT...*

Students attending **Supplemental Instruction** study groups average a letter grade higher than students not attending. Contact the Learning Center, 482-6573, to learn more about how you can raise your grades!



### *Questions?*

**Call, stop by, or email us!**

**Academic Success Center:**

**115 Lee Hall**

**337-482-6818**

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### ▪ *Can't Decide on a Major?*

Help is available. Take a career interest survey or receive career counseling in 110 Lee Hall. For more information:

**[The Career Counseling Center](#)**



### *TOPS Eligibility Requirements:*

- ❖ **Continuous** enrollment as a **full-time** student during each academic year (Fall & Spring)
- ❖ Earn a **minimum** of **24 credit hours** of credit (a "D" is earned credit)
- ❖ Maintain full-time status through the 14<sup>th</sup> day of classes each semester
- ❖ Maintain the following GPA based on award:
  - Opportunity Award: **2.3** the first academic year & **2.5** all subsequent academic years
  - Performance Award: **3.0\***
  - Honors Award: **3.0\***
- ❖ Steady academic progress (**2.0 GPA**) at the end of any semester must be earned to avoid suspension of the TOPS award

\*Performance or Honors award recipients who do not maintain a 3.0 GPA at the end of an academic year will revert to the Opportunity Award, provided they have maintained the GPA necessary for renewal of that award.

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***Have a successful semester!***