

Biology Advising Newsletter 9/16/2014

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1. Pre-enrollment Advising Meetings

Avoid the October rush and sign up for your advising meeting now! All three advisors have appointment sheets in A258 Langley. **BRING YOUR BLUE ADVISING FOLDER.**

Oct 27 - spring enrollment begins

PLEASE! Be mindful when selecting a time, to prevent having to scratch out your name later.

Remember that we also take walk-ins for quick questions. Drop by if we can help you with something!

2. S/NC Grade Option Deadline

Satisfactory/No-Credit ... often erroneously called Pass/Fail

S/NC Grade Option - Friday Sept 19 fill out paperwork in 140 Thackeray Hall

You may take one (1) BIOSC class as S/NC. Unlimited co-reqs and GenEds can be taken as S/NC

"Certain courses are offered on the S/NC (Satisfactory/No-Credit) grade option. This option was designed to encourage students to explore new and potentially difficult subjects without fear of the risks of failure. Under this option, a student who does satisfactory work (a grade of C or better) in a course receives the grade of S. If the student's work is not satisfactory (a grade of C- or lower), the grade of NC (No Credit) is given. Courses for which an

S is received are counted toward graduation, but are not computed in the GPA. Courses in which an NC is received are counted toward neither graduation nor the GPA."

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3. Handy Tool: Find People

Looking for your Professor or other people on campus?

<http://find.pitt.edu/>

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4. Academic Skills One-Hour Workshops

Time Management - Sept 16, 6pm, ARC G-1 Gardner Steel
How to Succeed in the Science Courses - Sept 23, 6pm, ARC G-1 Gardner Steel
Overcoming Test Anxiety - Oct 15, 6pm, ARC G-1 Gardner Steel
Time Management - Oct 17, 2pm, 540 William Pitt Union
Overcoming Procrastination - Oct 29, 6pm, ARC G-1 Gardner Steel
Overcoming Procrastination - Nov 7, 2pm, 540 William Pitt Union

Light refreshments will be served. Students can receive OCC credit for each workshop they attend.
Register: http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/success/arc_workshops.html

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5. Life Sciences Research Certificate - this semester deadline Oct 6

Are you looking for extra majors, minors, certificates and are interested in research? We may have just the thing for you...

<http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/rescert>

The academic plan of the Certificate is a great way to build your research skills in and out of the lab.

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6. \$\$\$ Horowitz Research Fellowship - due Oct 6

Seniors doing research in this Department of Biological Sciences, you may be eligible for this fellowship!

The student is expected to work at least ten hours per week during the academic year and present a talk at the departmental Undergraduate Research Symposium in late spring.

The stipend is \$3000 for the academic year, along with \$500 for supplies

<http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/awards-and-fellowships/norman-h-horo>

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7. \$\$\$ Spring 2015 Brackenridge Fellowship - due Nov 17

This fellowship is named for the founder of the University of Pittsburgh, Hugh Henry Brackenridge. It supports University of Pittsburgh undergraduates who conduct an independent research project and participate in a weekly seminar in which Fellows present and discuss their projects. The fellowship awards a stipend of \$800; in addition, it requires students to register for 1 credit of research and participate in two weekly seminars: one in which students present and discuss their research projects, and one in which faculty mentors discuss their work.

<http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/fall-spring-brackenridge-fellowships>

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8. St. George's University Medical School Info Session - Oct 7, 6:30pm, Pittsburgh Marriott City Center

Attend this info session in Pittsburgh to learn about the oldest Caribbean Medical School. Learn about the day-to-day life of a student at St. George's University and look into the curriculum and life on campus and the island.

<http://www.sgu.edu/future-students/university-open-house.html>

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9. Career Fair Prep Week 2014

- **Career Prep Tent** - Tues 9/16, 11am-2pm
Outside William Pitt Union (Fifth Ave side)
- **Top 10 Tips for Career Fair Success** - Tues 9/16, 7pm
William Pitt Union Ballroom
- **Resumania** - Wed 9/17, 10am-10pm
2nd floor, William Pitt Union
- **Career Prep Tabling** - Thur 9/18, 10am - 1pm
Benedum Hall Basement
- **Top 10 Tips for Career Fair Success** - Thur 9/18, 8pm
The Perch- Sutherland Hall
- **Career Prep Tent** - Fri 9/19, 11am-2pm
Outside William Pitt Union (Fifth Ave side)

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10. Pitt Fall 2014 Career Fair - Sept 24, 11am-4pm, Petersen Events Center

Professional dress is required.
<http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/fallfair>

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TRI-BETA - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A221

9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2

www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt

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BIOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A221

9/16, 9/30, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9

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PITT OUTDOORS CLUB - Tuesdays, 9pm, WPU Patio & Lawn

<https://www.facebook.com/PittOutdoorsClub>

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BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY CLUB

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OPTOMETRY CLUB

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ECOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Mondays, 5:30pm, 540 WPU

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9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/8

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PRE-VET CLUB - Thursdays, 8pm, Langley Lobby

pittprevet@gmail.com

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POMS - Fridays, 5:30pm, location varies

Premedical Organization for Minority Students

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<https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/poms>

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Until next week,

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