Registration News
Course descriptions for all Plan II SS and TC courses offered during the Fall 2010 semester are now available online on the College of Liberal Arts website: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/resources/syllabi/index.php>

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1. **Plan II Junior/Senior Dinner**

P2SA would like to invite current juniors and seniors to this year's Junior/Senior Dinner, which will be held Sunday, May 9 at 7 p.m. Location is TBA. Please only sign up if you're absolutely certain you can attend so that we can order the right amount of food. We hope you will join us for a delicious dinner to celebrate the end of the semester!

Sign up here: [http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dHMyTk82MmpHZm5MeV VqREp5aHg5Vke6MQ](http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dHMyTk82MmpHZm5MeV VqREp5aHg5Vke6MQ)

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2. **BHP Transfers**

Applications for freshman to transfer into the Business Honors Program are being accepted now through May 3rd. If you are not in the business right now, remember you must apply to transfer into McCombs as well.

More information about the Business Honors Program can be found at [http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/programs/bhp/admissions/sophadmissions.asp](http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/programs/bhp/admissions/sophadmissions.asp) and the application can be accessed at [https://utdirect.utexas.edu/business/bhp/ bhp_soph_app.WBX](https://utdirect.utexas.edu/business/bhp/ bhp_soph_app.WBX). If you have any questions, please contact Eric Hui, a Business Honors, Finance, and Plan II Honors senior who is a student recruiter with BHP.

[eric.hui@bba06.mccombs.utexas.edu](mailto:eric.hui@bba06.mccombs.utexas.edu)

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3. **College of Education Transfers**

Students interested in transferring to the College of Education should attend one of the following information sessions.

**Kinesiology and Health:**

May 6 at 4 p.m. in BEL 1005

**The College of Education offers the following degrees/majors:**

- BS Athletic Training
- BS ALD: Early Childhood to Sixth Grade ESL Generalist Certification
- BS ALD: Early Childhood to Sixth Grade Bilingual Generalist Certification
- BS ALD: All-Level Special Education Certification
- BS ALD: Youth and Community Studies
- BS Kinesiology and Health: Applied Movement Science (teacher certification in physical education)
- BS Kinesiology and Health: Exercise Science
- BS Kinesiology and Health: Health Promotion
- BS Kinesiology and Health: Physical Culture and Sports
- BS Kinesiology and Health: Sport Management

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4. **Summer Enhancement Program**

To serve its students better, UT is launching a program to expand and improve its course offerings in Summer 2010. Some Colleges/Schools will offer courses that may be hard to get in the long semesters. Some will introduce new specialty courses. More information on special offerings can be found at [http://www.utexas.edu/provost/initiatives/summer/](http://www.utexas.edu/provost/initiatives/summer/), but here are just a few sample courses:

**ARCHITECTURE:** Architecture and Society (ARC s308) with Laurence Speck, the W. L. Moody, Jr. Centennial Professor in Architecture.

**LIBERAL ARTS:** Creative Writing (E f325) with Professor Oscar Casares, acclaimed author of Amigoland. Introduction to International Relations and Global Studies (IRG s301), with Michael Brenner, incoming Director of IRG.

**NATURAL SCIENCES:** Humans and a Changing Ocean (MNS f309), with Professor Tracy Villareal, Department of Marine Science. Physical Chemistry Laboratory (CH f153K).

**SOCIAL WORK:** Working with Youth Gangs (SW f360K) with Professor Gangs (SW f360K) with Professor Michael Lauderdale, the Clara Pope Willoughby Centennial Professor in Criminal Justice.

PELL GRANTS are available for eligible students taking 3 or more semester credit hours in the summer. These are IN ADDITION TO the Pell Grants provided in the long semesters. For details contact the Office of Student Financial Services at [http://finaid.utexas.edu/](http://finaid.utexas.edu/).
5. **SummerStay Program**
The College of Liberal Arts encourages you to consider our new SummerStay program. To participate, you will select two courses in the same summer session from a cluster of related courses. Each cluster will require an additional meeting time for “bonuses,” including faculty visits, outside speakers, and community events.

Each summer session offers SummerStay clusters. Remember: you must pick two courses from a given cluster to get access to the bonuses. Just notify the advisor coordinating each cluster to assure your enrollment in the exclusive bonuses!

Brief descriptions of the cluster themes appear below, along with the session offered: for more information on clusters, including complete course listings, go to: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/Programs/Summer-Programs/summer-stay.php>

6. **Psychology Internal Transfer Sessions**
On the website below is a list of transfer information sessions for summer/fall admission to the psychology major. Students interested in switching to or adding psychology as a major, should plan to attend one of the sessions found on the website. Attendance at one of the sessions is mandatory for admission purposes.

Please visit our website for more details about admission criteria: <www.psy.utexas.edu/>

7. **New B.S. Degree in Environmental Science**
Dr. Stoff would like to inform the Plan II Honors Program that UT-Austin will offer a new B.S. degree in Environmental Science. Several innovative new courses will be taught as part of the degree plan, including two that will be offered this semester as small pilot courses.

Please consider learning more about the courses and degree plan. More information can be found at <http://www.esi.utexas.edu/education/education.html>. There will be an information session on these courses and the new degree plan on

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**EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS**

1. **Job Search Boot Camp**
Our boot camp offers a quick and easy way to get all the information you need to launch your job search in one afternoon. Arrive with a pen and paper, leave with a career plan. May 20, 12-4 p.m., RSVP required (space is limited): <https://www.myinterface.com/lacs/event_view.aspx?token=vHEp8yqJsC0WCQYI0cWZaQ%3d%3d>

2. **Liberal Arts Dean’s Office Student Job**
We are looking to hire at least one peer advisor for the summer. Please forward this to anyone who might be interested. Interviews will begin in early May. Because of the long training process, we prefer candidates whose graduation dates are later than May 2011.

Job Description
Peer Advisors act as the administrative "front line" for the advising suite for undeclared Liberal Arts students. They provide accurate information to the students, faculty, and staff who rely on the Student Division for information on University and College policies and procedures. Peer Advisors are responsible for providing accurate information over the phone, through email, and in person to students, faculty, and staff.

Qualifications
Currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate student at UT
Customer service experience
Detail-oriented
Good communication skills
Fast learner
Ability to handle confidential information
Ability to work 15-20 hours per week in summer/fall

$10/hr. Position will carry forward into fall semester. Turn in cover letter and resume to GEB 2.200 by 5/3/10, or email to <maggie.wilhite@austin.utexas.edu>, Call (512) 471.4271 with your questions.

3. **Farley Capital L.P. Analyst**
Farley Capital L.P. was formed in 1990. We are a long only investment partnership that strives to produce superior returns for investors by employing the philosophy of value investing. We conduct careful fundamental research on all of our investments. Our culture is very entrepreneurial and provides ample opportunity for advancement.

This is an entry level position suitable for a Spring 2010 graduate or a professional with less than two years of finance experience.

Start date: immediate or June 2010
Please e-mail resume to: <eallende@farleycap.com>

4. **House Select Committee Internship**
The House Select Committee on Government Efficiency and Accountability, a committee tasked with making recommendations to eliminate inefficiencies in state government, including finding best practices for purchasing state goods and services and reviewing advantages and disadvantages of privatization, is seeking interns. These unpaid positions will focus primarily on reading and summarizing reports about similar past initiatives in Texas and in other states and will help prepare hearing materials and briefs. For more information becoming an intern for the House Select Committee on Government Efficiency and Accountability, please contact Jose Aguayo, <Jose.Aguayo_HC@house.state.tx.us>.

5. **Intellectual Entrepreneurship "Pre-Graduate School Internship."**
This internship is open to students in all UT colleges/schools and departments. You may earn one, two or three hours of academic credit (CMS 164M/264M/364M) by participating in the internship.

In addition, you may read more about this program on the web: <http://communication.utexas.edu/ie/>

NOTE: Because of the generosity of several UT deans, undergraduates who do their pre-grad internship in programs in the following colleges will be eligible to receive travel grants to help cover part of the cost of attending an academic conference (with their grad mentor)--- Law, Public Affairs,

A wonderful UT web feature about this program is at: <http://www.utexas.edu/features/2008/ie-2/>

If after examining these materials you have questions, please feel free to contact Rick Cherwitz at <spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu>.

UNIVERSITY WIDE

1. Center for Sustainable Development Symposium

The Center for Sustainable Development, in collaboration with the UT Office of Sustainability and the Campus Environmental Center, is hosting a two-day event on September 9th and 10th, 2010, showcasing sustainability-related operations initiatives and research projects occurring on campus.

On Friday, September 10th, 2010, a full-day UT Campus Sustainability Symposium will include presentations given by selected faculty, staff and students. Please visit the following link to read the Call for Abstracts, due Tuesday, June 1st:

<http://soa.utexas.edu/files/csd/CampusSustainability_CallforAbstracts.pdf>

We encourage collaboration in the submission of abstracts, which will be chosen by a scientific committee based on relevancy to the topic and their unique contribution to the diversity of subjects presented. In addition, a collection of short essays resulting from this symposium will be published to showcase the various realms of sustainability happening on the UT campus and to serve as a platform for future research and collaboration.

For more information, please contact Barbara Brown Wilson at the UT Center for Sustainable Development at <bebrown@mail.utexas.edu> or (512) 471-2709.

The Center for Sustainable Development <http://soa.utexas.edu/csd/>

2. Research Project to Improve Body Image

Do you like what you see in the mirror? If the answer is "No" and you want to feel better about your body, we’d like to invite you to participate in The Body Project - a research study designed to promote body acceptance! The Body Project is funded by the National Institutes of Health, and it is specifically designed to help young women feel better about their bodies.

The study is open to any female student at UT and it consists of four assessments spread out over the next two years. Each assessment involves completion of an interview and short written survey, and you can receive up to $180 for participating.

Some participants will also have the opportunity to attend a free 4 hour workshop designed to improve your body image.

For more information or questions e-mail at <saraweber@mail.utexas.edu> or by phone at (512) 475-8165.

Sara L. Weber, LPC Integrated Health University of Texas Counseling Center <http://www.utexas.edu/student/cmhc/>

University of Texas Health Center <http://healthyhorns.utexas.edu/> (512) 475.8165

3. Lavender Graduation Ceremony

This year's event will be held in the Tower, in Main Room 212 on Wednesday, May 19 from 5-7 p.m.

This event is for anyone graduating in 2010. It is for both undergraduate and graduate students. Lavender Graduation is for any students identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, gender-queer and their allies.

Register to walk the Lavender Stage and get more info at: <www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/gsc/lavendergrad.php>

4. Peer Academic Coaching Program

The Peer Academic Coaching program is open to any student interested in receiving coaching from a trained UT student on how to prepare effectively for UT classes. Peer coaches are trained by learning specialists, and the program as a whole is certified by the College Reading and Learning Association. Common topics include note-taking and reading techniques, time management and concentration, and test taking and test preparation. Participants can expect to learn how to match the ways in which they study to the unique demands of each course.

The cost is covered by the UT Learning Center; potential participants should be open to trying new study techniques and be willing to meet privately once a week for an hour with a peer coach. Participants are admitted to the program on a rolling basis, subject to coach availability.

Students new to the university should visit the UT Learning Center in Jester A332A; all other students can complete a participation request questionnaire online by going to <http://enroll.utlc.utexas.edu/> and clicking on “Academic Coaching – Get a Coach.”

*Students who have never used UT Learning Center services will need to start with "claim a password" when first visiting this site. If assistance is needed, call 471-3614 between 9 and 5, M-F.

5. Spring Bevonomics

Bevonomics, the new money management program from the Office of Student Financial Services at UT Austin, gives you the information and tools you need to learn how to make good financial decisions about your money and your future! Our workshops are open to anyone in the UT Austin community, and you don’t need to bring anything to a workshop — just show up!

Contact BEVONOMICS for more information:
Bevonomics is located in the Office of Student Financial Services (OSFS). Please contact us at <info@bevonomics.org> or (512) 475.6231/6282.

Check the website for a full schedule: <http://www.bevonomics.org/>

6. NSCS Invitations

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is inviting high-achieving students at The University of Texas at Austin to become members of The
National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). NSCS offers more in undergraduate scholarships than any other honor society nationwide.

If you received an invitation, complete your membership application online by visiting [http://join.nscs.org/join](http://join.nscs.org/join). If you have any questions about your username or password, contact nscs@nscs.org or call 1.800.989.6727.

7. **Psychotherapy with Men Conference**

A conference devoted to promoting best practices and increasing treatment accessibility for boys and men. At the University of Texas, Austin June 5th, 2010.

Registration is now open, but space is limited. The first conference sold out and we expect the same this year. If registering after April 1st, contact Aaron Rochlen to inquire about space. Fees are $150 for professionals and $75 for students, which includes breakfast, lunch, and drinks.

For more information check the website: [http://ows.edb.utexas.edu/?q=site/2nd-national-psychotherapy-men-conference/registration](http://ows.edb.utexas.edu/?q=site/2nd-national-psychotherapy-men-conference/registration)

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. **Fulbright Competition**

The 2011-2012 Fulbright competition opens on May 1, 2010. The deadline for apply for a 2010 Fulbright Scholarship is noon, Friday, Sept. 3rd. Submissions should be brought to the Provost Office in MAI 201.

Purpose: The Fulbright program for U.S. Students is meant to foster international cooperation in education, research, and cultural exchange. The program supports a student’s work abroad for one academic year (typically nine months). The program operates in more than 140 countries. Scholarships are available to support research and training in nearly all disciplines, including sciences, engineering, social sciences, humanities, professional fields, and performing and creative arts. There are also English Teaching Assistant (ETA) grants that allow students to work with English teachers in a number of different countries. The program provides funds for travel to and from the host country, a stipend sufficient to cover living expenses, and administrative support.

Graduate students usually pursue independent research related to their dissertation topic, or, in the case of creative or performing artists, pursue training, performing, or engage in their studio practice. Graduating seniors (undergraduates who will complete their degree prior to going abroad) may also conduct research, but are required to be enrolled in courses at an institute of higher education in the host country during the grant period.

Eligibility: Applicants must be U.S. citizens. They must have completed a bachelor’s degree by the beginning of the grant period, or in the case of graduate students, they must not have completed a doctorate degree as of October 18, 2010.

These items to be submitted on line:

- completed application form
- three letters of reference (usually from faculty, though in some cases a letter from a non-faculty expert in the proposed field of study is acceptable). Instructions on completing references found at: [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/preparing_completingreferences.html](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/preparing_completingreferences.html)
- language evaluation form (for most non-Anglophone countries). Consists of a form completed by a college-level language instructor. Specific instructions on completing language forms available at: [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/preparing_completinglanguage.html](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/preparing_completinglanguage.html)
- completed application form
- statement of purpose (two pages, typed, single spaced)*
- personal statement (one page, typed, single spaced)
- letter(s) of affiliation with an institution in the host country
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education attended by the applicant

*(Creative and performing artists also provide samples of their work)

In mid to late September, applicants are interviewed, given feedback on their proposal and personal statement, and assigned a mentor. The applicants are allowed several days to make revisions. The revised applications, along with the Committee’s evaluations, are forwarded to the National Committee, which determines which applications are to be forwarded to the Host Country Committees for consideration. The latter committees, consisting of scholars and representatives of the host country governments and the U.S. Department of State, make the final selections. Successful applicants will be notified by June, 2011.

**STUDY ABROAD**

1. **Summer 2010 Study Abroad Programs with Courses in Communication**

***Open to all UT students***

Schedule of information sessions here: [http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/ip-sessions.html](http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/ip-sessions.html)

For more information on College of Communication Programs and a schedule of information sessions, please visit: [http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/index.html](http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/index.html)

**USEFUL MISCELLANY**

1. **Submitting to Plan2News**

Plan2News is published on Tuesdays and Fridays during the semester for students currently registered in Plan II and others associated with Plan II who send their e-mail addresses to planiinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu. News items for the letter include announcements from the Plan II office and the Plan II Student Association, as well as performances and exhibits by Plan II students. Read the newsletter to learn about courses, registration, advising, job opportunities and special events. Personal and political announcements will not be published in the newsletter; and internships and job announcements should normally be sent to the Liberal Arts Career Services office, after which they may be
I pledge allegiance to Plan II and the University of Texas at Austin. And to the program for which it stands underfunded, indescribably awesome, with liberty and cookies for all.”

Plan II Pledge

Currently at the HRC:
<http://www.hrc.utexas.edu/>