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**PLAN II NEWS**

1. Plan II Convocation  
Thursday, September 3rd  
7:00 p.m. in WEL 1.308

Plan II Convocation kicks off the academic year and is MANDATORY for all Plan II first-year students. Be there by 6:45-50 to check in. Dress code: snappy casual (no shorts/flip-flops!). Plan to go to dinner with your World Lit Peer Advisors prior to the event and walk over to Welch Hall together.

2. Freshman Getaway  
Register NOW, along with your lifetime membership to the Plan II Students' Association.  
Friday, September 11th  
3:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
REGISTRATION DUE by September 10th; registration forms available at the Plan II front desk

Plan II Getaway kicks off the social year with great food (including vegetarian options), volleyball, swimming, frisbee, soccer, and Shakespeare. Every first-year attends this annual event so don’t be the one who misses out. Get to know Plan II faculty, staff, and peer advisors in a great setting away from campus—the Shady Springs Party Barn! Buses start loading at 3:30 p.m. in front of the Littlefield Fountain on 21st Street, leave by 4 p.m.

**ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. UPDATED: Non-US History Requirement for Students in all Catalogs  
Plan II students in all undergraduate catalogs will now be under the updated Non-US History degree requirement which is six hours in the same geographic area (the early/late requirement has been removed). Students can find the list of approved Non-US History courses on the Plan II website on the “Advising Forms and Guides” page: [http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/advising/adv-forms-guides.php](http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/advising/adv-forms-guides.php)

2. New TC 357 Junior Seminar Added to Fall 09 Schedule  
Professor Wayne Rebhorn from the Department of English will be offering his TC 357 course “Self and Society in Renaissance Culture” during the fall 2009 semester. This course aims to introduce students to the civilization of the Renaissance in Europe from Petrarch and Boccaccio in mid-fourteenth century Italy to Molière in mid-seventeenth century France. Although the primary focus will be on the literature of the period, the course will also consider politics, philosophy, and art, as well as social and intellectual history. Class meets TTh 11:00-12:30 in CAL 21 (unique 43827). For more information visit the College of Liberal Arts course description database: [http://web.austin.utexas.edu/cola/students/courses/coursedetail.cfm?courseID=26585](http://web.austin.utexas.edu/cola/students/courses/coursedetail.cfm?courseID=26585)
3. Free Seminars Offered at the UT Learning Center
   Secrets of Academic Success
   9/22 - 10/8        3:00 to 3:50 p.m.        TTh        3 weeks
   What does it really take to do well at UT? Come learn skills that will, with practice, supercharge your learning. We'll talk about using a systematic approach to studying and learning that can be applied to any class or learning opportunity. In addition to learning a more effective way to study, learn how to more successfully manage time, how to take better notes, and how to utilize specific strategies that will help improve test preparation and test-taking skills. The course also talks about the emotional components of learning and learning style preferences. Take this step toward getting the desired results at UT!

   Refresher for M 408D (Seq, Series, and Multivariable Calculus)
   8/31 - 9/3        6:00 to 7:15 p.m.        MTWTh        1 week
   This class reviews the major concepts from M408C and is appropriate for students beginning M408D. The class is designed to refresh students' memory of the foundational elements of calculus that will be built upon in their M408D course. Each day of this four-day refresher will cover roughly one-quarter of the M408C curriculum, therefore a full review requires attendance on all four days.

   Refresher for M 408L (Integral Calculus)
   8/31 - 9/3        6:00 to 7:15 p.m.        MTWTh        1 week
   This class reviews the major concepts from M408K and is appropriate for students beginning M408L. The class is designed to refresh students' memory of the foundational elements of calculus that will be built upon in their M408L course. Each day of this four-day refresher will cover roughly one-quarter of the M408K curriculum, therefore a full review requires attendance on all four days.

   For more information on other free seminars follow this link: [http://www.utexas.edu/student/utlc/classes/](http://www.utexas.edu/student/utlc/classes/)

4. University Extension Launches Five Month Online Courses
   Starting September 1, 2009, all University Extension (UEX) independent study online courses will be offered as five month courses. These shorter, faster online courses allow fast and consistent progress. The student sets the pace while engaged, rapid instructor feedback helps students complete a course faster. Depending on the student’s pace, some courses can be completed in a month or two. Students may take up to 30 days to complete a final exam. UEX offers over 60 undergraduate courses from across the curriculum, including many core curriculum courses.

   To learn more, visit the "Five month online courses" link on our home-page, [http://www.utexas.edu/ce/uex/](http://www.utexas.edu/ce/uex/), or contact us by phone or e-mail. (512) 471-2900  uex@austin.utexas.edu

5. New Grading System Implemented Fall 2009
   The new plus/minus grading systems has been implemented starting with the fall 09 semester. For more information visit: [http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/news/1876](http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/news/1876)
UNIVERSITY EVENTS

1. Study Abroad Fair
   Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009
   Gregory Plaza
   10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Choosing a study abroad program that is the "right fit" is the best way to achieve personal and academic goals for study abroad, as well as assistance with long-range career plans. It is important to plan carefully because hundreds of opportunities exist, more than every before. They differ in location, duration, curriculum, degree of cultural immersion, language, cost and many, many other ways. There is much to consider, so it's wise to begin planning as soon as you can. It's never too early to start! Join us at the fair to begin surveying your options.

USEFUL MISCELLANY

1. Submitting to the Plan II Newsletter

   The Plan II newsletter 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 considered for publication in the newsletter.

   Please keep in mind that although the Plan II newsletter enjoys a substantial and diverse readership, its circulation is still relatively small. It should not be relied upon as an employer's only means of advertising for a position, a group's only advertisement for an event, etc. To reach a wider audience, please use university-wide electronic and paper advertising outlets.

   To place a news item in the Plan II newsletter, you must do the following, or your messages will not be included:
   - Type your news item in the body of an e-mail to <planiinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu>.
   - In the subject line, write “Plan2News” exactly.
   - Give the name of a contact person with phone number or e-mail address.
   - Provide an activity date or a deadline, whichever is appropriate.
   - Do not use “we” or “I.” Please write your submission in third person.
   - Write in complete sentences and use correct grammar.
   - News items will run until your deadline, or through two issues of the newsletter if no deadline is provided.
   - The text of submitted newsletter items (including job and internship postings) must be fewer than 150 words, not including headline and contact information. Please edit your entries to this length.
before submission. An overly-lengthy entry will be returned to its sender and will not appear until this standard is met.
- Send your news item to <planiinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu> no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday (for the Tuesday letter) or 3:00 p.m. on Thursday (for the Friday letter). The 3:00 p.m. deadline is final. Do not send your message to any other address. No one else can approve news items for inclusion in the Plan II newsletter and no other address will be used to receive entries.

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