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Dates & Deadlines

MARCH 17: - The last day to withdraw from a regular Spring term class without permission from your CLA advising office. You can withdraw online at: <http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/registration.html> .

- After March 17, you will need to use your One Time Only late cancellation or petition for extenuating circumstances occurring after the deadline if you wish to withdraw. See the university calendar for more information on cancel deadlines:

http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Calendars/Refund_and_DropAdd_Deadlines.html

- Start thinking NOW about whether you might need to withdraw from a course. Talk to your instructors and advisers about your current grades to help you make an informed decision.

MARCH 17-21: ** SPRING BREAK**

MARCH 21: ** Holiday** University offices closed.

MARCH 28: Deadline to apply for May term 2008 graduation. Seniors planning to complete their degree in May term 2008 must apply online at: <http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/graduating.html>

Strategies for SUCCESS

- Stay on top of your assigned readings and assignments for class. If you have not done well on papers or exams thus far, or if you wish to do better, discuss this with your instructor or TA. Find out if they can help you with suggestions regarding study practices that may be helpful. Go over assignments or exams with the instructor or TA. Utilize any necessary resources such as the writing center, SMART Learning Commons, UCCS, your academic advisor, instructors' office hours and help from your classmates.

- You should decide soon whether you need to withdraw from a course. Don't wait until it's too late! Withdraw before March 17th.

- If you'd like to make an appointment with your adviser before you register, make it now! Appointment slots fill up rapidly in March and April-sometimes requiring you to wait up to two weeks for an appointment. Call 612-626-7707 to schedule.

Not Earning the Grades You Want? See what SASS has to offer...

A Mid-semester LASK 1101 is enrolling now!

1-credit LASK 1101 is offered in both full-semester and mid-semester versions. This course helps you develop the academic and LIFE skills you need to be a successful college student and a productive adult. You will work one-on-one with a learning consultant to develop individualized learning strategies to meet your specific needs and improve your academic performance. Permission is required to enter this course, and priority is given to students who are on academic probation and/or are going through academic difficulty.

To enroll in the mid-semester LASK 1101, which meets the week of March 24 through the end of Spring 2008 term, contact Michael Starkey by Friday, March 14th (afternoon) at 612-624-2564, stark216@umn.edu .

For upcoming study skills workshops offered through the Student Academic Success Services (SASS), visit http://www.uccs.umn.edu/education/SASS_workshops.htm

Featured Video-Article: "IS MIND CONTROL POSSIBLE?"

In this video clip, U of M Biomedical Engineering Professor Bin He investigates whether we can control computers simply with our minds! Watch him speak, and learn about his current research here: <http://www.discover.umn.edu/featuredDiscoveries/harnessingBrainpower.php>

Do MIDTERMS Have You STRESSED OUT?

College can be very stressful, especially around exam time. Find out how to identify the sources of your stress and learn strategies to keep it at bay on this helpful website, created just for U of Minnesota students: <http://www.mentalhealth.umn.edu/stressmgmt/index.html>

Announcements

NEW!! UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH TOOL

The U offers a new tool to help you find scholarships that are right for you! The new Undergraduate Scholarship Search tool locates scholarships for you based on your student profile (your major, college, residency, and more...). To try out this great tool, click here: http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Financial_Aid/Scholarships.html

NEW!! MINOR IN COMPARATIVE U.S RACE & ETHNICITY

A new minor in Comparative U.S. Race & Ethnicity is being offered as a collaboration of the departments of African-American & African Studies, American Indian Studies, and Chicano Studies, and the program in Asian American Studies. More information about the minor can be found on the minor website: www.comprace.umn.edu. Interested students can contact the adviser in African-American & African Studies at comprace@umn.edu for information and to declare.

Upcoming WORKSHOPS and INFO SESSIONS

STUDY AWAY INFO SESSION-- FREE REFRESHMENTS!

-- Thursday, Apr 3, 2008, 3:00-4:30, B-33 Johnston Hall

Learn from a panel of students experienced in study abroad and a Learning Abroad Center adviser about the many possibilities to study away as an undergrad. Time for questions and discussion will be provided, as well as free food. Don't miss it!

WORKSHOPS FROM THE CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

--Thursday, March 11, 2008, 11am-12:15pm & Monday, March 31, 2pm-3:15pm -- Resume and Cover Letter Workshop

--Monday, March 31, 2008, 12:15-1:30pm -- Effective Interviewing Techniques

--Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 2:15-3:30 -- Job Searching Strategies

--Thursday, March 27, 2008, 2:30-3:45pm -- Personal Statement Workshop

Workshops held both online (<http://www.cclc.umn.edu/workshops/index.html>) and in the CCLC at 135 Johnston Hall. Click on the link at left for more info.

DO MOCK INTERVIEWS ONLINE

Choose from hundreds of interview questions and record yourself answering them on a webcam-- this is a great way to prepare and practice for those upcoming job or grad school interviews. For access to "InterviewStream" click here <http://www.cclc.umn.edu/interviews/interviewstream.html>. You can also find helpful tips on successful interviewing on this page, offered by the Career and Community Learning Center.

IDEALIST.ORG NONPROFIT CAREER FAIR and WORKING FOR CHANGE CONFERENCE

-- Monday, March 31, Coffman Union, Great Hall

This free event is a career fair AND a career exploration conference. Stop by anytime between 10 and 4 to take part. More than 80 nonprofit organizations will be there with info about their jobs and internships. You can also attend workshops that explore careers in social change. For details, see www.cclc.umn.edu/events

SCHOLARSHIPS TO LEARN ABROAD!!

FULBRIGHT GRANTS FOR 2009-10: INFO SESSIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATES

--Tuesday April 1, 3:30-4:30, 110 Heller Hall

--Thursday April 3, 3:30-4:30 East Bank location TBD [tentative, pending room assignment]

Learn about the Fulbright Grants, which provide generous support for American citizens to teach, study, conduct research, or engage in creative work abroad for a year in one of approximately 100 foreign countries. At least 1000 Fulbright grants are awarded annually. Further information about this and other scholarship opportunities for outstanding undergraduates is available at

<http://www.honors.umn.edu/scholarships/>

HECUA OFF-CAMPUS STUDY INFO SESSION

-- Wednesday, March 12th, 12:00-1:00pm, Coffman Union 303, Registration required:

http://www.cclc.umn.edu/Events/HECUA_Pizza_Info_Session1.html

Come to this info session to learn more about these HECUA off-campus study programs in the Twin Cities: City Arts, Environmental Sustainability, Metro Urban Studies Term, and Writing for Social Change. Info session speakers will include HECUA program directors and past student participants. Each program explores critical social issues through classroom seminars, guest speakers, field research, and a 20-hour per week internship in the Twin Cities. Students earn 16 credits through each of these full-time, semester-long, community-based programs. For more information (and a list of other program-specific info sessions) please visit

<http://www.offcampusstudy.umn.edu/hecua/index.html>.

LIVE & LEARN IN AN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY THIS SUMMER

PHILOSOPHY CAMP INFO SESSION

-- Wednesday, March 26th, 3:30-4:30 pm, Career and Community Learning Center, 345 Fraser Hall

Learn how you can participate in a unique May-term residential course that explores topics including vocation, community, education, and sustainability. While living in an intentional community on the prairies of southwest Minnesota, we'll explore how we have been shaped by our pasts and how we will shape our futures as individuals, community members, and citizens. We create the syllabus democratically based on our interests. We share stories. We share meals together. We learn from each other. For more info and application materials, visit

<http://www.philosophycamp.org>

WRITING WORKSHOP FOR NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS

Tuesday, March 25, 2008b 2:00-3:30pm, Magrath Library Room 81 (Computer Lab) -- "Finding reliable sources"

This workshop will focus on writing that requires cited sources. How do you determine when you must cite a source of information? We will discuss proper citation formats (such as MLA and APA). We will also cover writing abstracts and creating bibliographies. Students will have the opportunity to "workshop" an individual writing assignment as well. Please bring a writing assignment to the workshop!

Opportunities to WORK, LEARN & TRAVEL!

GAIN MEANINGFUL WORK EXPERIENCE TODAY!

FahrenHEIGHT360 matches students with organizations and positions in their chosen field to offer valuable work experience. Positions are available as in-home Personal Care Assistants and in the business world. It's never too early to get a leg-up on your job search. Contact them today to begin the simple application process at

www.fahrenheight360.com .

BECOME A CERTIFIED LEADER

Get your Leadership Certification by taking exciting Leadership Skills workshops like "Leadership (R)evolution," "Leadership: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," and "Mentoring for Career and Personal Development." See the full list of workshops and register online at: http://www.lead.umn.edu/certification/workshops_by_theme.html

SUMMER RESEARCH ON LOW-INCOME ADOLESCENTS IN ALABAMA

The School of Public Health in the University of Alabama at Birmingham is offering a summer research internship for students interested in studying neighborhood poverty and its impact on adolescent behavior. Students who participate in the internship will conduct a survey of adolescents living in public housing and other very low-income neighborhoods in Mobile and Prichard, Alabama. Interns will be required to live in Mobile between May 19, 2008 and August 1, 2008. For more information, please contact John M. Bolland, Department of Health Behavior, School of Public Health, University of Alabama at Birmingham, RPHB 227, 1530 3rd Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35294-0022, (205) 975-7149, bollandj@uab.edu . Interested students should send a note indicating their interest and a resume (with names of and contact information for three references). The will begin screening applicants on March 17, 2008, although they will continue accepting applications until all positions are filled (typically at least the middle of April).

HELP HMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS

Needed: Bilingual (Hmong/English) college students to help Hmong Thai students (enrolled in Hopkins School District) attain skills for a successful life in the U.S.

Where: CURA- Center for Urban and Regional Affairs on the West Bank (enter via Carlson business school or library)

Time: Sunday nights from 6pm-8pm

For more information: contact Gaohnou Vang at 612-625-5584 or vang0678@umn.edu

REWARD A REMARKABLE WOMAN

Several awards, grants and scholarships are available honoring remarkable female students, faculty and staff members of the U of M. If you would like to nominate someone, find out more details on the Office for University Women website: <http://www1.umn.edu/women/awards.html> . Nominations are due March 14th.

ON-CAMPUS JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR ENGLISH B.A. CANDIDATES

The English Undergraduate Studies advising office has two open peer adviser positions for Fall 2008 and Spring 2009. The application deadline is very soon: March 14, 2008 by 4:30pm. Contact Beverly Atkinson (612-625-4592, atkin001@umn.edu) with questions.

EVENTS on Campus

THEATER

"Peace Crimes"

February 22, 2008-March 9, 2008

1970. Three years after the Summer of Love, the Vietnam War goes full tilt with no end in sight. Thousands of young men are drafted each month through lotteries at their local Selective Service office; for every 1,000 men drafted, approximately 234 are killed or wounded in the conflict. A handful of young men, including college students and a theologian from the Newman Center at the U of M, are busted by the FBI for raiding draft board offices across the state. Dubbed the "Minnesota Eight" by the press, they are tried for conspiracy, convicted and sent to federal prison. Were their crimes heroic acts of civil disobedience or acts of terrorism? Patriotism or treason? "Peace crimes" or just crimes?

Contact utheatre@umn.edu or (612) 625-4001 for times and ticket information.

EXHIBITS

"Seeing Climate Change," exhibit at the Bell Museum

Paintings, photography, pub gatherings and poetry mark a four-month exploration of the effects of global warming on northern ecosystems in "Seeing Climate Change" January through April 2008 at the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum of Natural History.

"The Exquisite Book: The International Library by Helmut Lohr, et al." Through Aug 8, 2008. For more information please visit <http://www.weisman.umn.edu/>

"Who is a Citizen, What is a Citizen?" Though Aug 3, 2008. For more information please visit <http://www.weisman.umn.edu/>

LECTURES

"Communication Before Language," Michael Tomasello, Co-Director, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany

Monday, March 31, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm, with reception immediately following; Moos 2-690

Tomasello discusses his research on the use of gestures by human infants and apes--especially the gesture of "pointing"-- and how these non-vocal signals seem to be the immediate precursors to verbal language. Students interested in Child Psych, Psychology, Speech Language & Hearing Sciences and Anthropology may be especially interested.

"Our Habitual Lives: How the Brain Makes and Breaks Habits." Ann Graybiel, PhD., Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Walter A. Rosenblith Professor of Neuroscience in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at MIT.

Wed, May 14, 2008 4:00 - 5:00 pm; University of Minnesota Medical School, Mayo Memorial Auditorium; 425 Delaware Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455

Dr. Graybiel studies the neurophysiology of the basal ganglia, a brain region that is implicated in the control of movement and cognition, as well as in our ability to learn habits. Disorders in this region have been implicated in Parkinson's and Huntington's diseases, and in neuropsychiatric disorders such as Tourette's syndrome, obsessive-compulsive disorder, depression, and also addiction.

*For more information on what is happening on campus please visit <http://events.tc.umn.edu/>

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