April 2017

Uh oh! An error may have caused you to receive the 2016 version of this April newsletter. Please see corrected 2017 information and dates below.

Celebrate the Milestone

Congratulations, the end of your first semester is in sight! You have come a long way and learned a lot this semester. Take some time to appreciate how far you've come and reward yourself for all your hard work.

The Shift

At this point in the semester many transfer students are getting ready for final exams while also planning for the future. It can feel like a lot to manage. Remember, there are many campus resources available to help you finish the semester strong as well as set future academic and career goals.

Fall 2017 Registration: The Essentials

Make an appointment with your Academic Advisor to discuss course registration for fall 2017 and beyond. Use your APAS, Schedule Builder, and Graduation Planner to create different options for future semesters.
Don't forget to bring your questions about getting involved in student groups, research, and learning abroad to make the most of your appointment.

Choosing or Changing Your Major?

Course registration for summer and fall 2017 begins soon. Now is the time to start thinking ahead. If you are exploring majors (or thinking of changing your major), check out the Getting Started guide from the Center for Academic Planning & Exploration (CAPE) for some tips. Appointments are also available—stop by 511 Bruininks Hall or call 612-624-3076.

Time to Hit the Books

End-of-the-semester studying can be better when done together rather than alone. Study using a SMART strategy with peer tutors, test bank materials or with your own study group.

Do you have a paper to write and aren’t sure where to begin? Be sure to visit your Peer Research Consultants and writing consultants for help.

There are also online resources and an assignment calculator to help you stay on-track.

Everything You Need to Know About Spring Jam

Spring Jam is a spring tradition at the U, where we celebrate the end of yet another successful school year. This year’s Spring Jam Festival will take place on April 22 and will be complete with food trucks, carnival rides, performances, concerts and more! Make sure you order your student wristband today!

Goldy’s Reminders

Campus Climate Updates

The University's Campus Climate website is the place to go for updates on the “We all Belong Here” campaign, support for students affected by the travel ban executive orders, the university’s statement on transgender support, and many other issues relevant to the campus culture.
Wait! When Is My Final Exam?

As you set a plan for your last weeks of the semester check the schedule for Final Exams.

Note: There are no regular classes during finals week and you may meet in a different room or at a different time than normal. Don’t forget to check the hours for U Libraries as you prepare - some locations have open study space 24 hours a day during finals.

Register for a Grand Challenge Course

Grand Challenge courses are interdisciplinary courses, co-taught by exceptional U of M faculty that explore current global grand challenges such as disease, climate change, renewable energy and more! All GCC courses meet an LE requirement and many fulfill major requirements - check with your academic adviser.

Plan Your Commute to Campus for Summer and Fall 2017 Now

If you plan to use public transportation to get to campus this summer and/or next fall, don’t forget to purchase your U-Pass. A U-pass costs $100 per semester for unlimited rides on city buses and light rail. Order online beginning April 24th. Fall U-Passes will be available for purchase in early August.

If you plan to drive your car to campus this summer or next fall be sure to check out the Parking & Transportation Services website for information on summer and fall parking contracts. (The fall 2017 student lottery for a contract spot is open from April 4th-July 23rd)

Stay ’In the Know’

As a reminder, this is the last TSE Monthly for your transfer transition. Stay up-to-date with the latest news and information by reading the Undergraduate Update (UU). The UU is sent to you via email bi-weekly and has a lot of great information.
Upcoming Transfer Events

Join the University Transfer Student Board (UTSB). General member meetings are every Monday, at 6:30 p.m. in Coffman Memorial Union, room 301. New members are always welcome!

Campus Events

Be sure to check your myU portal and read the Undergrad Update for important news and updates and visit the Student Unions & Activities website and U of M calendar for information on upcoming campus events.

This Transfer Student Monthly is sent by the Office of Undergraduate Education and the Transfer Student Experience in an effort to educate and support transfer students during their transition at the U of M. To view previous mailings, click here.

More resources and information is available at transfer.umn.edu.

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