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# ADVISING & ENROLLMENT FOR SPRING SEMESTER

Advising for the spring semester has started. Students are asked to complete advising appointments prior to Thanksgiving although appointments are available after that date. Most students see an advisor in the University Advising Center until they have declared their major or are accepted into a professional school. Students admitted into the Honors Program or professional schools are advised by those academic units. Students generally cannot enroll without an advising appointment. For complete information about advising and enrollment, visit: www.advising.ku.edu.
CARE PACKAGES

As a parent, you may receive information from a wide variety of campus organizations and companies offering finals kits for sale. These items are also called “Survival Kits” or “Study Packs.” We recommend that before you order a kit to look closely at the order form to ensure that it is a reputable source. It is always wise to write down the contact information from the order form in case you run into any problems. If there is no contact information given, then it probably is not a reputable source. If you do not get any information about finals care packages, you may wish to send your own or use a local Lawrence grocery store or florist to make a custom care package to deliver to your student. KU Finals Week is December 14 - 18.

FALL GRADUATE RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

KU has one commencement ceremony and it is at the end of the Spring semester; however, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and some individual schools often have fall graduation recognition ceremonies. Fall graduates are encouraged to come back to campus for the May commencement as well. For specific information about a ceremony call the Dean’s Office of the College or appropriate school.

The following is a listing of December ceremonies:

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: December 13th at 2 p.m. at the Lied Center
- School of Business: December 11th at 4 p.m. at the Lied Center
- School of Engineering: December 12th at 9 a.m. at Woodruff Auditorium in Kansas Union
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication: December 13th at noon at Woodruff Auditorium in Kansas Union

Students must complete an Application For Degree to officially graduate. For more information visit: www.timetable.ku.edu/~registr/current/graduation.shtml.

FLU SHOTS

The University of Kansas will offer both the H1N1 flu vaccine and the seasonal flu vaccine to members of the KU community at several campus clinics. As part of the federal vaccination program, the H1N1 immunization will be free. Students, staff, faculty and retirees seeking an H1N1 vaccine at these clinics must meet the federal priority group criteria and should show their KU Card.

The seasonal flu shots will be available for people 18 and older and cost $15 for an inoculation. A seasonal nasal spray vaccine is available for $20.50 for ages 9 through 49 only. Complete information is available at: www.news.ku.edu/2009/october/12/h1n1.shtml.

INTERSTATE 70 EXITS TO LAWRENCE

Part of Interstate 70 is also known as the Kansas Turnpike. The Kansas Turnpike Authority is improving the turnpike near Lawrence. As construction work continues, one of the three exits to Lawrence may be temporarily closed. While the interstate is well marked, you may wish to consult the KTA website for the most up-to-date information about closures due to construction. Visit: www.spanningthefuture.com.

PRE-ORDERING TEXT BOOKS FOR SPRING

Pre-ordering textbooks from the KU Bookstores is one of the best ways for students to reduce their textbook expenses each semester. Pre-orders will be accepted in the stores or online during the enrollment period and through the end of December.

KU students saved an average of $25 on textbooks for the 2007-08 academic year because of improvements made by KU Bookstores with help from the Textbook Task Force. KU Bookstores increased the availability of used books in its inventory from 30 percent to 45 percent. KU Bookstores also offers a 5 percent discount to students who pre-order their textbooks, which saves students time and money and helps KU Bookstores more efficiently maintain inventory and keep costs down. To learn more about the KU Bookstores or to pre-order books, visit: www.kubookstores.com.
KU STUDENT HOUSING

Register in advance for housing during break times Students staying on campus during Thanksgiving or winter breaks should register in advance with the Department of Student Housing central office. A registration form is available at www.housing.ku.edu under Applications and Forms. McCollum Hall and Jayhawker Towers Apartments remain open, so registration is only for those who live in other halls.

Fall Break Residence Halls, Scholarship Halls and Jayhawker Towers remain open during Fall Break, October 15-18. Mrs. E’s will be the only dining center for the residence halls open during the break and serves brunch and dinner.

Thanksgiving Break Residence halls and scholarship halls have full meal service through Nov. 24, then close at 11 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving break. The halls reopen at 8 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 29 and full meal service resumes the next day. McCollum Hall and Jayhawker Towers Apartments remain open throughout Thanksgiving break.

Winter Break Residence halls close at 11 p.m., Friday, Dec. 18 and Scholarship Halls close at noon, Saturday, Dec. 19. All halls re-open at 8 a.m., Monday, Jan 11. Dinner will be the last meal served in the residential dining centers on Dec. 18. McCollum Hall and Jayhawker Towers Apartments remain open during winter break. Kitchen facilities are available for student use in McCollum Hall.

Before leaving for winter break, students should:

- Turn off, clean out, and defrost refrigerator.
- Leave the refrigerator door open.
- Unplug all electrical items.
- Turn off room lights.

MAY COMMENCEMENT

Commencement is May 16th in Memorial Stadium. In March, graduating seniors and their parents (if the student has provided that information in the student’s records) are each mailed an informational packet to help them prepare for commencement weekend. Look for information at www.commencement.ku.edu.

MIDTERM TIME

Midterm exams are in full swing and your student has probably received feedback on their academic work to date. The tutoring programs offered through the Academic Achievement and Access Center accepts requests for tutoring through October 30th. For more information, visit: www.tutoring.ku.edu/ . Students can find this time of the semester quite stressful. Remind your student to get plenty of rest, to eat right, and to get some physical activity to deal with the stress. For more tips on how to deal with stress visit: www.caps.ku.edu/~caps/selfhelp/reducestress2.shtml.

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PROOF OF ENROLLMENT

Often a student will need proof of enrollment for insurance reasons. The University calls this a certificate of enrollment. This documentation is provided by the Student Records Center of the University Registrar’s Office in Room 151 Strong Hall. Students may request this certification in person or online. For more information, visit: www.registrar.ku.edu/current/enrollmentcert.shtml.
TEA TIME

Every Thursday afternoon when classes are in session from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m on the 4th floor of the Kansas Union tea is served. Join Student Union Activities (SUA) for tea, cookies, and conversation. It’s a fun way to bring some relaxation into a student’s hectic week. To learn about the many activities that SUA sponsors visit: www.suaevents.com.

HELPFUL LINKS

- KU Parent Association: www.parentassociation.ku.edu
- KU Information Center: www.kuinfo.ku.edu
- KU Alumni Association: www.kualumni.org
- KU Endowment Association: www.kuendowment.org
- KU on Facebook: www.ku.edu/facebook
- KU News: KU news releases are available online at www.news.ku.edu

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