

Academic Advising

April/May 2011

Preparing for your Academic Advising Appointment

Special points of interest:

- Fall/Winter registration for 2011/12 is open now!
- Academic standings are assessed in May after final grades are submitted.
- Students must maintain a Cumulative GPA of 1.7 or higher to remain in Good Academic Standing at MSVU.
- Intent to graduate forms for the Fall Convocation are due by August 15th. Applications are available at www.msvu.ca/registrar

Important contacts:

Academic Advising
advising@msvu.ca

Registrar's Office
registrar@msvu.ca

Distance Learning
distance@msvu.ca

Financial Services
financial.services@msvu.ca

Student Affairs
counselling@msvu.ca

Writing Resource Centre
writing@msvu.ca

Being well prepared for your academic advising appointment can be helpful to both you and your academic advisor. At certain times of the year, it may be difficult to get an appointment with your academic advisor at a moment's notice. That's why it's important to be prepared for your academic advising appointment so that you get the most out of the appointment and have all of your questions answered at one time. Here are a few suggestions for students to help them better prepare for a meeting with their academic advisor.

DO:

- Show up early or on-time for your advising appointment.
- Be familiar with your program requirements by reading the academic calendar before your meeting.
- Have a list prepared of the courses that you would like to take or think you may need to take for your degree.
- Call to cancel your appointment well in advance if you are unable to make it so another student may take your appointment time. During peak advising times, it may be a week or more of a wait to see an advisor.

DON'T:

- Leave your course selection entirely up to your advisor. What may be interesting to your advisor may not be interesting to you.

Who is your Academic Advisor?

- If you are in a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science and have not chosen your major or have decided to complete the BA or BSc General Studies program, you will contact the Student Academic Advisor in the Deans' Office. You can contact advising@msvu.ca or 457-6400 to book your appointment. If you are in a Bachelor of Arts or Science and have chosen your major, you can contact the Department Chair of your major.
- If you are enrolled in a Professional Studies program such as Applied Human Nutrition, Business Administration, Child and Youth Study, Family Studies and Gerontology, Information Technology, Public Relations, or Tourism and Hospitality Management, you will contact that Department for academic advising. Some Departments designate advisors based on students' last names so you may want to contact the departmental secretary for information on your advisor.

For more information on Academic Advising and for links to departmental websites, you can go to the Academic Advising website, www.msvu.ca/advising.



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Important Dates for April/May 2011

Student Volunteers Needed !!

If you are a current MSVU student and would like to be involved in our **Early Advising and Registration Program** for our new incoming MSVU students, we have a job for you!

The Deans' Office is looking for close to 15 MSVU students to help welcome our newly accepted students to MSVU on Friday and Saturday, June 3rd and 4th, 2011

If you are interested, please email Doug Rogers, Student Academic Advisor at Doug.Rogers@msvu.ca

Any questions regarding this program can be directed to advising@msvu.ca or Heather Graham, Academic Advisor at (902) 457-6324.

April 6: Classes end

April 7: Reading day

April 8: Exams begin

April 8: Deadline for payment of Summer Session 1 courses

April 16: Exams end

April 17: Rosaria Dining Hall closes at 10am

April 18: Last day to register for Summer Session 1 courses starting prior to May 9.

April 26: Summer Session 1 Distance courses begin

May 2: Last day to register for Summer Session 1 courses starting on May 9.

June 1: Last day to register for Summer Session 1 courses starting on June 2.

Take a Summer Course!



Taking courses during summer sessions can benefit students in different ways. Many students are not only taking full course loads during the regular academic year but are also working part-time or full-time jobs. Here are just a few of the benefits of taking summer courses:

- Reduce your course load during the academic year and take up to 2.5 units in the summer sessions so you can have more time to focus on your courses.
- Speed up the time it takes to complete your degree by taking a full course load in the academic year and up to 2.5 units of coursework in the summer sessions.
- If you have one course or subject that you are struggling with, take it in the summer so you can give your complete attention to that one course.
- Complete a half unit course in 3 to 6 weeks.