

PEER to PEER

The College of Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Student Newsletter

End of Semester Checklist

The end of the semester is fast approaching, so this will be our last peer to peer newsletter for this academic year! We can hardly believe that the year has gone by so fast! We want you to be as prepared as possible for the final weeks of the year by providing you with a checklist:

1. Remember to finish all of your classes strong. Stay vigilant even as the weather turns nice. Give all of your final exams and papers your full attention.



2. Seek help if you need extra assistance in any of your classes. Consult with peers, the Academic Support Center, or TA's for extra help. Also, you can always speak with your professor.

3. Meet with your advisors to be cleared for registration. Please bring your desired class schedule, with some second and third choices.

4. Register for next semester and/or summer courses.

5. If you are wait-listed for any of your classes, be sure to check your AU e-mail. Remember you only have 24 hours to register after you receive the e-mail from the registrar.

6. Meet with AU central to ensure your student account, scholarships, and financial aid are all set for next semester.

7. Consult your RA or landlord about closeout/moving policies.

8. Lastly, HAVE FUN and enjoy your summer!

We cannot wait to see you next year!

Good luck on your finals!

CAS Research Events: What Do Research Projects Look Like in the College of Arts and Sciences?

If you missed the CAS student research conference, don't worry! There are more research events at the end of April at which seniors present their thesis or capstones.

These events are open to all, and attending them is a great way to learn more about unique topics. You'll also see examples of the projects you can do as a senior in your potential major.

- **Honors Capstone Research Conference:** Wednesday, April 13; 9am-5pm in MGC 2-6;
Seniors from a variety of disci-

plines will present their Capstone research in oral or poster format. The poster session is from noon-1:30, and the oral presentations are given throughout the day. Contact honors@american.edu for more information.

- **Literature and History Day:** Wednesday, April 20; 9am-5pm, location TBA; Literature and History seniors will present their theses and then take questions from the audience. Contact the departments at lit@american.edu and history@american.edu for more information.

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Student FAQ of the Month:

Q: What are special topics General Education courses?

A: These are courses that are not offered every semester and count toward both clusters in a particular area of the General Education program.

In Fall 2011, two special topics courses will be offered: GNED-220 "The English Language," which is a second level course for Area 2, and GNED-240 "Media, Myth, and Power," which is a second level course for Area 4.

Since these courses are not offered every semester, take advantage of them while you can! You can find more information by searching for these courses the Schedule of Classes website: www.american.edu/provost/registrar/schedule/index.cfm

CAS Research Events (cont.)

- Winners of the Robyn Rafferty Mathias Student Research Conference:** The conference was held on Saturday, April 2 and featured presentations and performances by CAS undergraduate and graduate students. If you are interested in learning more about the winners of the Robyn Rafferty Mathias Student Research Conference, check out this month's Peer to Peer Podcast.

We conducted interviews with conference participants and highlight the importance of research and public presentations in your college education.

Check out: www.american.edu/cas/src/ for more information about the conference and the winners.

Other CAS departments hold similar events, so contact the one you're interested in for more details!



Tips from your Peer Advisors: Summer Plans

Summer is a chance to recharge after a long school year, but it is also a great time for students to pursue academic opportunities that they can't fit into their busy fall and spring semesters.

Samiye Yaman, a sophomore from Cyprus studying chemistry, uses her summers to explore internships and study abroad opportunities. During the summer of 2010, Samiye had an internship at Dr. Burhan Nalbantoglu Government Hospital in Cyprus. Samiye got hands-on experience shadowing doctors in the operating room and in the emergency room. Samiye says her experience made her certain that she wants to be a doctor.

This summer Samiye is studying abroad

in Australia to conduct research on cardiovascular disease. The chance to combine research with travel makes this summer study abroad opportunity perfect for Samiye's academic and personal interests. She notes that taking advantage of these opportunities during the summer instead of during the school year has given her more time to enjoy the experience.

You can take advantage of summer opportunities, too! Visit the **Career Center (Butler Pavilion, 5th Floor)** to learn how to explore internship and volunteer opportunities in your hometown, and stop by the **AU Abroad Office (Rockwood Building)** to learn about summer study abroad programs!

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-Lindsay Inge (CAS Peer Advisor)

Important Reminders:

- 4/13—4/16: Senior Week events. Visit: www.american.edu/commencement/Senior-Week-Events.cfm for more information.
- 4/25: Last day of classes.
- 4/26: Study Day, no classes held.
- 4/27—5/3: Final Exams.
- 5/4—5/6: Graduating Seniors may pick up regalia from campus store.
- 5/7—5/8: Graduation Ceremonies held in Bender Arena.

