

# PEER TO PEER

## THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES ACADEMIC STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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### STUDENT FAQ OF THE MONTH:

- I'm interested in an internship, where do I start?
- Internships are great opportunities to gain experience in your field and apply what you have learned in the classroom to an active learning situation. The best way to find the internship for you is to speak to your professors, your advisors, or the Career Center (located on the fifth floor of Butler.) In many cases, your major department will have a list of opportunities related to your field of study posted in their main office. You can also find an ongoing list of available opportunities in the Career Center. Remember, not all internships have to be done for academic credit!

## WELCOME BACK!

We hope your semester break offered you a chance to relax and now you are ready to dig in to the spring semester. Beginning a new semester means doing some academic house-keeping. To be sure that you have covered all your bases, here is a list of some things you should remember :

- All CAS Academic Advisors have walk-in hours the first two weeks of class, (through Jan 25th) to address any of your quick advising questions. (You can also ask a peer advisor!)
- The Add/Drop period, in which you are allowed to add or drop a class without penalty, ends Jan 25th.

- The opportunity to change your grading option, (A-F, Pass/Fail, or Audit) without penalty also ends Jan 25th.
- If you are a senior planning to graduate at the end of this semester, your application for graduation is due on February 12, 2010 and can be accessed through the AU portal at: [my.american.edu](http://my.american.edu). Remember to set up an appointment with your advisor to make sure you're set to graduate.



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **1/25:** Add/drop period for Spring 2010 classes ends.
- **1/11-1/25:** 9am-5pm Walk-in advising hours held by all CAS advisors.
- **2/1:** Last day to drop a course for 50% refund. Last day to add an internship for credit.
- **2/6:** English Competency Exam. See Literature Department for more information.
- **2/8:** Last day to drop a course for a 25% refund. No refunds will be given after this date.
- **2/10:** Dean's List Reception 4-5:30pm in Battelle-Tompkins Atrium. By invitation only.
- **2/12:** Applications due for CAS Student Research Conference.

## SPRING PEER ADVISING HOURS

Have a question? We will do our best to get it answered. Stop by during our **NEW** spring office hours (listed below) or make an appointment to meet with us through the online appointment scheduler at: [www.american.edu/cas/advising/undergraduate.cfm](http://www.american.edu/cas/advising/undergraduate.cfm).

**Alex Rose-Henig** (last names A-K):  
Tuesday and Friday 11am-2pm  
Wednesday 10am-12pm

**Amber Tollefson** (last names L-Z):  
Monday 3:30-5pm  
Tuesday 2-4pm  
Wednesday 2:30-5pm  
Thursday 1-2pm and 3:30-5pm

## STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The annual *Robyn Rafferty Mathias Student Research Conference* is in its **20th** year! It is an exciting opportunity for students to present their work for interdisciplinary panels of professors. During the all day event, students will present traditional research papers as well as original works of art and creative performances. The best presentations will be awarded **cash prizes**. Students from every CAS department are encouraged to apply. Applications can be found at: [www.american.edu/cas/src/index.cfm](http://www.american.edu/cas/src/index.cfm). Contact Mimi Fittig at [fittig@american.edu](mailto:fittig@american.edu) with questions.