



September To-Do List

We hope your fall semester is off to a wonderful start. With all of your new demands - new classes, new professors, and new responsibilities - it can be easy to forget some of the little details of academic life that will ensure your success at Baylor. It is our hope that this monthly "To Do" list will make it easier for you to remember those important details and enrich your experience this semester. We are so glad you are here at Baylor! Sic'em Bears!

Tip of the Month:

Be Proactive & Plan for Success Today - Before you do another thing, sit down with a semester calendar and record every major test and assignment. Concentrate on the big things. Why today? As you go through this exercise you may see that on September 26th (for example) you have two major tests and a research paper due. Yikes! You realize immediately that you will need to start preparing for these things early on so that you don't find yourself, on October 14th, thinking, "How did this happen?"

Instead, if you get a head start, you will be thinking, "Wow, this is not so hard after all!" Remember the 5 P's - "Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance!" Here is a [one-page online Fall 2014 Semester Planner](#) that you might find helpful. For more helpful academic success tips, view the [Six Minutes to Success Videos](#) or visit [Academic Support Programs](#) in the [Paul L. Foster Success Center](#).

Baylor University Libraries have wonderful resources available for students as well. In addition to their friendly [staff](#) that are eager to help you, you can also find out more about their services [here](#). Be sure you check out their [Research Paper Planner](#).

September 2014 To-Do's

Prioritize:

- Check Baylor email daily.
- Make the [Current Students site](#) your homepage.
- If you have a diagnosed disability, request accommodations with the [Office of Access and Learning Accommodation](#).
- Current OALA students, request letters of accommodation through BearWeb.
- Send the [Office of the Registrar](#) official transcripts for dual credit or transfer credit.

Academic:

- Bookmark and explore the [Paul L. Foster Success Center](#) website.
- Be sure you can access all of your classes through [Blackboard](#) or [Canvas](#).
- Take the [MAP-Works Assessment](#) to learn about how your academic performance matches up to your goals, beginning September 10.
- Prepare for [Academic Advising](#) for Spring registration.

Financial:

- Apply for [Work Study](#).
- You can access your [E-Bill](#) and [set up authorized users](#) for your Baylor Cashier's Account.
- You can also purchase or refill your [BearBucks](#).

Development:

- Find a [church](#).
- Find a [student organization](#) to join.
- Work out at the [SLC](#). If you want to try something different, check out [Bearobics](#)!
- Learn about [community service opportunities](#).
- If you are having difficulty juggling the stress of your academic, employment, and social responsibilities, or if you are struggling with a particular issue, check out the [Counseling Center](#).
- Interested to know how to start planning for career success but not sure where to start? Check out [Career and Professional Development](#), which offers workshops and events throughout the year to assist students with success beyond Baylor.

Important September 2014 Dates:

- **9/02** - Tutoring Begins in the Paul L. Foster Success Center, Lower Level Study Commons, West Wing
- **09/03** - Last day to register or add a class for Fall 2014
- **09/05** - Last day to drop or reduce Meal Plans
- **09/02-09/08** - 75% refund
- **09/10** - Classes dropped after this day will be recorded as W (Withdrawal) on the transcript (through November 4)
- **09/10** - Last day to drop a class without advisor approval for Fall 2014
- **09/09-09/15** - 50% refund
- **9/11** - Assessment of change in schedule fee begins

- **09/16-09/22** - 25% refund
- **09/30** - Fall monthly bill due

Check It Out:

- **09/02** - [Kick-Off Your Career](#) - Fountain Mall, 11am-2pm.
- **09/02-09/05** - [Oso Fit Assessments](#) in the SLC Assessment Room (SLC 318) between 11am-1pm or 4pm-6pm.
- **09/03** - [Getting Into Top Law and Graduate School Programs: An Insider's Perspective](#) - Baines Room of the SUB, 5pm.
- **09/04** - [Getting Into Top Law and Graduate School Programs: An Insider's Perspective](#) - Baines Room of the SUB, 6pm.
- **09/11** - [\(Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics\) STEM Job Fair](#) - Cashion 5th Floor, 1pm-4pm.
- **09/11** - [Phi Beta Kappa Albaugh Dinner](#) - Marilynne Robinson, "Reconceiving Realism: The Case for a Deeper Attention," Bennett Auditorium (Draper 172), 7pm.
- **09/12-09/13** - [Freshman Retreat](#).
- **09/19-09/20** - [Family Weekend](#).
- **09/29** - [Beall-Russell Lecture](#) given by Amy Tan - Cashion 510.

- **09/02-09/06** - [Multicultural Greek Week](#).
- **09/24** - [HIREABEAR Career Fair](#) - Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Avenue, 12:30pm-4:30pm.
- **09/24-10/05** - [Into the Woods - A Tony Award-winning musical](#) - Jones Theatre.
- **10/09** - [Save the Date for the University-Wide Majors Fair](#) - Cashion 5th Floor, 2:30pm-4pm.