

Hello Baylor Students –

The days are getting longer, the trees are beginning to bud and lawns around campus are changing from brown to green. Thus, spring break is just around the corner! This month's to-do list is dedicated to information that will help you plan for your next semester at Baylor as well as assist you with a strong finish to this semester. Even though there will be many distractions in the coming months, stay focused on your academic pursuits while enjoying the spring weather in Waco.

Thanks and have a safe and rejuvenating Spring Break! – Your Baylor Quality Service Team

March To-Do List:

Tip of the Month

Take advantage of one-on-one mini-workshops at the Paul L. Foster Success Center. Mini-workshops are free; they usually last 30 minutes to one hour and they are individualized so you learn what you want to learn. A mini-workshop can help you get organized for a test, read more effectively, stop procrastinating or pick up lots of other skills to help you get the grades you want. **May 8th** is the first day of finals – don't let it sneak up on you. Prepare now. Here's the website to learn more: http://www.baylor.edu/support_programs/mini_workshop.

To Do

- **Pay March tuition installment** – Log in to Bear Web (<http://bearweb.baylor.edu>) and choose “Student & Financial Aid” and then “Cashier.”
- **Last Day to Drop with Passing Grade** – Tuesday, March 18th is the last day to drop a class with a passing grade. If you feel you need to drop a class and are in good standing, your professor will need to sign and note the grade on a change in schedule form that you must present at the Registrar's Office before 5 p.m. on March 18th. The Registrar's Office is located in Robinson Tower, Suite 370. After that date, all courses dropped will be assigned a DF (failing) grade automatically.
- **File your FAFSA** -- If you have not already done so, file the 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Office of Academic Scholarships and Financial Aid will make awards for 2008-2009 in March. Some funds are limited, so don't delay! For more information see this website: <http://www.baylor.edu/finaid/fafsainfo>
- **Start preparing for registration** – Early registration for summer and fall '08 begins for most sophomores, **April 10th**, and first-year students, **April 15th**. (Click here for more information on the early registration schedule <http://www.baylor.edu/registrar/earlyregistration>). Here are some suggestions:

- **Visit Career Counseling** – Go to www.baylor.edu/careercounseling or call 254-710-8434 to schedule an appointment.
- **Check out the schedule of classes** – <https://www1.baylor.edu/courselistings>.
- **Review the rules for transfer credit** -- If you are planning on taking classes at another school this summer be sure to mention that during your academic advising appointment. Here’s the website for information about transferring credit to Baylor: http://www.baylor.edu/admissions/transfer_credit_policies .
Three important things to remember:
 - o From the semester you enter Baylor until you graduate you may transfer in a total of only 15 hours.
 - o If you plan to take 2000 level Spanish, French, or German classes at another institution, you must first seek the approval of the Modern Foreign Language department.
 - o If you decide to repeat a course you’ve taken here at Baylor, you cannot take it elsewhere and transfer the credit back. That course must be repeated here at Baylor.
- **Make an appointment to be advised for Summer and Fall ‘08 Classes** – All first-year students, most sophomores, and many juniors are required to be advised before registering. **Don't wait too late to make your appointment(s) to be advised, or you may not be able to register until after your registration date!** To verify your major and to find your current advising requirements, instructions, and advisor contact information, log into Bear Web at (<http://bearweb.baylor.edu>). Choose the “Registration” option and then choose “Advisement and Contact Information.” Email any questions to academic_advisement_office@baylor.edu or call 254-710-7280.

Important March Dates:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3/8-3/16 – Spring Break ▪ 3/18 – Courses dropped after this day will be recorded as failed. Please visit this site before dropping: www.baylor.edu/advising/index.php?id=50796 ▪ 3/21-24 –Easter Break 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3/26 – Early registration for honors and university scholars ▪ 3/31 – March tuition installment due
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Around the Corner:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4/7 – Early registration begins for most juniors ▪ 4/10 – Early registration begins for most sophomores ▪ 4/15 – Early registration begins for most first-year students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4/17 – Diadeloso: www.baylor.edu/diadeloso ▪ 5/5 – Last day of classes ▪ 5/6-7 – Study Days
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Other Good Things to Do:

- **Apply to live on campus this summer** – Are you thinking about staying in Waco this summer? If so, think about staying on campus at the North Village whether or not you are registered for summer courses. The housing cost for each session is \$713 and current students living on campus during the summer will be housed in Heritage House. The 2008 summer school application is available on-line: www.baylor.edu/cll/apply .
- **Transfer students** - Would you like to make Baylor's transfer process better? We are looking to improve the transfer experience and can't do it without your insight! If you are interested in participating in a transfer focus group and answering a short questionnaire and have not already done so, please contact Kendra Pulliam at kendra_pulliam@baylor.edu. Your thoughts and ideas will help us improve the transfer experience for current and future Baylor transfer students!
- **Check for additional scholarship opportunities for next year** – http://www.baylor.edu/finaid/addl_scholarships. These applications are provided by various Baylor organizations; we encourage you to apply if you meet the criteria. A link to numerous outside scholarship opportunities appears on this site also. Check the site often; new applications will be added throughout March as they are received!