

Greetings Baylor students! Here's our "valentine" to you – a new To-Do List full of helpful information. This month's list includes important information about academic success, financial aid, as well as academic advising and registration information. We hope it is helpful and that you utilize this information. Be sure and enter the important dates below in your planners now.

Thanks and have a wonderful February. – Your Baylor Quality Service Team

## February To-Do List:

### Tip of the Month

You are going into the 4<sup>th</sup> week of classes - which means you are almost one-third through the spring semester. Have you.....

- had a major exam?
  - do you need to talk about test recovery?  
[http://www.baylor.edu/support\\_programs/index.php?id=42442](http://www.baylor.edu/support_programs/index.php?id=42442)
  - how about a tutor? [http://www.baylor.edu/support\\_programs/index.php?id=33852](http://www.baylor.edu/support_programs/index.php?id=33852)
  
- scheduled your major assignments, projects, or research papers?
  - need to visit the writing center?  
<http://www.baylor.edu/english/index.php?id=12534>
  - have you ever met a reference librarian?  
<http://www.baylor.edu/lib/index.php?id=30144>
  
- gotten behind on homework?
  - it's time to visit with your professor to see how to catch up.
  - how about a tutor? [http://www.baylor.edu/support\\_programs/index.php?id=33852](http://www.baylor.edu/support_programs/index.php?id=33852)
  - or a mentor? [http://www.baylor.edu/support\\_programs/index.php?id=22922](http://www.baylor.edu/support_programs/index.php?id=22922)
  
- made your advising appointment for summer and/or fall classes?
  - to find your academic advisor(s)-  
Log into Bearweb and go to Student & Financial Aid, then Advisement, and then Advisement Contact Information to verify your major and to check all your academic advising requirements and instructions.
  - thinking about changing your major? <http://www.baylor.edu/careercounseling/>

### Important To-Do's

- **Pay February tuition installment** – Log in to BearWeb (<http://bearweb.baylor.edu>) and choose "Student & Financial Aid" and then "Cashier."

- **Don't procrastinate! File your FAFSA to meet March 1<sup>st</sup> priority deadline** – You have to file or renew your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) **every year** to be considered for need-based financial aid. For more information see this website: <http://www.baylor.edu/finaid/fafsainfo> .
- **If you are thinking of dropping a class...** – Be aware of the deadlines. Last day to drop a class without a grade is **February 9<sup>th</sup>**. After that, you will get a “DP” or “DF;” a “DF” has the same effect as an “F” on your grade point. Registration & Academic Records Office will verify with professor his/her signature and any grade of DP before they process the dropped class. Dropping classes can affect all kinds of things like your financial aid and your eligibility to stay in the residence hall. Read the information on this site before dropping a class: <http://www.baylor.edu/advising/index.php?id=50796>
- **Get all your books before it's too late** - The bookstore will begin returning textbooks that have not sold beginning in mid-February, so if you haven't bought all your books yet – keep that in mind. They won't be there forever.
- **Start preparing for registration** – Early registration for summer and fall '09 takes place in April, and with a few exceptions students register according to the number of hours completed. Click here for more information on the early registration schedule for all classifications (<http://www.baylor.edu/earlyregistrationschedule> ). April may seem a long way off, but there are lots of things for you to do between now and then. Here are some suggestions:
  - **Visit Career Counseling** – Undeclared or wanting to revisit your MAJOR decision? Contact Career Counseling for assistance BEFORE advising begins to get a head start on the process. You can schedule an appointment online at [www.baylor.edu/careercounseling](http://www.baylor.edu/careercounseling) . For more information, call 254-710-8434.
  - **Check out the list of classes** – Summer and fall course listings will be up on the web by **February 6<sup>th</sup>**. Take a look and have some ideas before you meet with your advisor: <https://www1.baylor.edu/courselistings> .
- **Make an appointment to be advised for Summer and Fall 2009 classes** - For students in many majors and programs, appointment-making for academic advising begins in early February and will continue through early registration in April. **Don't wait too long to make your appointment(s) to be advised or you may not be able to register until after your assigned registration date.** All freshmen, most sophomores, and many juniors and seniors are required to be advised before registering. Students are assigned to advisors by major or academic program and semester hours completed.

All students should log into BearWeb and go to Student & Financial Aid, then Advisement, and then Advisement Contact Information to get specific details about their advising requirements and who to contact for an appointment. E-mail any questions to [academic\\_advisement\\_office@baylor.edu](mailto:academic_advisement_office@baylor.edu) or call 254-710-7280.

## Other Good Things To-Do

- **Check for additional scholarship opportunities for next year** – [http://www.baylor.edu/finaid/addl\\_scholarships](http://www.baylor.edu/finaid/addl_scholarships) . These applications will be for the 2009-2010 academic year; apply if you meet the criteria! Check the site often; new applications are added throughout February and March as they are received!
- **Check out the newest MEET the MAJORS PODCAST** for Engineering and Computer Science and Child and Family Studies. Other podcasts include information on International Studies, Social Work, Community Health, Speech Communication and Communication Specialist. [www.baylor.edu/careercounseling](http://www.baylor.edu/careercounseling)
- **Sign up for Spring Break housing** – If you plan to remain on campus for any part of the Spring Break (March 6 – 15) you will need to sign up through our website: [www.baylor.edu/cll/breakhousing](http://www.baylor.edu/cll/breakhousing) . All exterior doors will be locked and limited services will be available. See the break housing site above for details.

### Important February Dates:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>2/5</b> – STEM Job Fair</li><li>▪ <b>2/6</b> – Summer, Fall '09 course listings should be on-line: <a href="https://www1.baylor.edu/courselistings">https://www1.baylor.edu/courselistings</a></li><li>▪ <b>2/9</b> – Last day to drop a class without a grade assigned. After this date, classes dropped must be assigned a “DP” or “DF” by the instructor of record. Please visit this site before dropping: <a href="http://www.baylor.edu/advising/index.php?id=50796">http://www.baylor.edu/advising/index.php?id=50796</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>2/18</b> – Internship/Job Fair</li><li>▪ <b>2/28</b> – February tuition installment due</li></ul>
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### Around the corner:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>3/3</b> – Teacher Job Fair</li><li>▪ <b>3/6-3/15</b> – Spring Break</li><li>▪ <b>3/17</b> – Courses dropped after this day will be recorded as failed. Please visit this site before dropping: <a href="http://www.baylor.edu/advising/index.php?id=50796">http://www.baylor.edu/advising/index.php?id=50796</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>3/31</b> – Non-Profit Job Fair</li><li>▪ <b>4/3</b> – Early registration begins. For more information about your early registration date, visit: (<a href="http://www.baylor.edu/earlyregistrationschedule">http://www.baylor.edu/earlyregistrationschedule</a>)</li><li>▪ <b>4/21</b> – Work in Waco Job Expo</li><li>▪ <b>4/23</b> – Diadeloso</li></ul>
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