

Hello Baylor Students –

The days are getting a bit longer, the trees are beginning to bud and lawns around campus are changing from brown to green. Thus, spring 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 the current one. 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 6th** 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 Services & Financial Aid” and then “Cashier.”
- **Last Day to Drop with Passing Grade** – Tuesday, March 17th 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 Registration and Academic Records Office (Robinson Tower, Suite 370) before 5 p.m. on March 17th. That office will verify with professor his/her signature and grade of DP before they can process the dropped class. After that date, all courses dropped will be assigned a DF (failing) grade automatically.
- If you have not already done so, file the 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Office of Academic Scholarships and Financial Aid will begin making awards for 2009-2010 in March. For more information see this website: <http://www.baylor.edu/finaid/fafsainfo>.

- **Start preparing for registration** – Early registration for summer and fall '09 begins for most sophomores, **April 20th**, and freshmen students, **April 22nd**. (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. Be sure to check out our podcasts on several different majors!
 - **Check out the schedule of classes** – <https://www1.baylor.edu/courselistings>.
 - **Check BOTH your advising flag(s) AND registration holds** - Remember that advising “flags” and registrations “holds” are two different things. Your advising flag(s) is set automatically as soon as you complete all your advising requirements and you can verify this in BearWeb. In addition, you should check BearWeb to make sure there are no holds that will block you from registering for classes.
 - **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 .
Four important things to remember:
 - From the semester you enter Baylor until you graduate you may transfer in a total of **only 15 hours**.
 - Never assume that **online courses** will transfer to Baylor. Always check with the department in question beforehand to see if an online course will be approved for transfer credit. Some departments will not accept any online coursework even if that class has an exact match at Baylor.
 - 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.
 - 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 '09 classes** – All freshmen, most sophomores, and many juniors and seniors 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 “Student Services and Financial Aid” option, then “Advisement” and then “Advisement 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">▪ 3/7-3/15– Spring Break▪ 3/17 – Courses dropped after this day will be recorded as failed. Please visit this site before dropping: www.baylor.edu/advising/index.php?id=50796	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 3/31 – March tuition installment due
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Around the Corner:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 4/3 – Early registration for honors and university scholars▪ 4/10 – 4/13 – Easter Break▪ 4/10 – Early registration begins for most seniors▪ 4/16 – Early registration begins for most juniors▪ 4/20 – Early registration begins for most sophomores▪ 4/22 – Early registration begins for most freshmen http://www.baylor.edu/registrar/earlyregistration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 4/23 – Diadeloso: www.baylor.edu/diadeloso▪ 5/1 – Last day of classes▪ 5/4 – 5/5 – Study Days▪ 5/6 – 5/12 – Final Exams▪ 5/15 – 5/16 – Commencement Exercises
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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, why not stay on campus at the North Village or Arbors Apartments? The 2009 summer school application is available on-line beginning March 2, 2009. Eligibility, information and application available at:
www.baylor.edu/cll/summerhousing .
- **Transfer students** - Would you like to make Baylor's transfer process better? We are continually looking for ways in which 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. Links to our departmental scholarship search and 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!