

Greetings, Baylor Students!

About one more month of school, then finals, then summer! It's already time to register for your classes for next year. Can you believe you are almost done with this semester?

Bluebonnets, blue skies and Diadeloso; projects, papers, and getting organized for finals. It's now pretty enough and warm enough to study outside. Enjoy April in Waco but keep focused with the end of the semester in sight.

Good luck on your upcoming final assignments and exams. **Finish strong!**

– Your Baylor Quality Service Team

## April To-Do List

### To Do:

- **Pay April tuition installment** – Failure to be current in installment plan payments will result in a registration hold. Log in to Bear Web (<http://bearweb.baylor.edu>) and choose “Student & Financial Aid” and then “Cashier.”
- **Attend a “Preparing for Finals” workshop** – Put on by the Paul L. Foster Success Center, these free workshops are filled with tips, strategies, and information to help with final exams. Choose your most challenging course and bring: your lecture notes, textbook, course syllabus, review guides (if you have them).

During the workshop you will develop a study plan and study guides specific to your course. Workshops are scheduled for 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21 and Wednesday, April 22 in the commons area of the west wing of the lower level of Sid Richardson Building. Please e-mail [Duriss\\_Hambrick@baylor.edu](mailto:Duriss_Hambrick@baylor.edu) for additional information.

- **Get advised for summer and fall 2009 classes** – All freshmen, most sophomores, and many juniors and seniors are required to be advised before they can register. **Don't put off making your appointment(s) to be advised, or you may not be able to register until after your assigned registration day!** To verify your major and to find your current advising requirements, instructions, and advisor contact information, log into BearWeb 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](mailto:academic_advisement_office@baylor.edu) or call 254-710-7280. Also, if you plan on taking classes at another school this summer, be sure to mention that to your advisor.

- **Prevent registration frustration** – Don't wait until 6:00 in the morning on your day to register to find out you have a hold. Check Bear Web (<http://bearweb.baylor.edu>) ahead of time to make sure you are eligible to register. Here are some things to check :
  - **Have you met all your advising requirements?** – Log into BearWeb and select "Student Services and Financial Aid," then "Advisement," and then "Advisement Contact Information" to see if you still have any remaining advising requirements.
  - **Do you have any registration holds? – A registration HOLD is different from an advising FLAG.** Even if you have been advised, you could have a registration hold on your record. Some registration holds may take a few days to clear up so check them early! To view your holds go to BearWeb; select "Student Services and Financial Aid," then "Student Records."
  - **Check before your day to register** to make sure you don't have any financial or other holds that would prevent registration.
  
- **Take advantage of a 2009 summer minimester session** - Visit <http://www.baylor.edu/registrar/index.php?id=53422> to find more information about the **May 18 - June 5 session!** To find a complete listing of classes offered for the minimester, go to <https://www1.baylor.edu/courselistings> and click in the box next to 'Display summer minimester only'; next click on 'search'.
  
- **Register for summer and fall 2009 classes** – Click here for the early registration schedule [www.baylor.edu/earlyregistrationschedule](http://www.baylor.edu/earlyregistrationschedule) . See this website for a registration checklist: <http://schedule.baylor.edu/checklist> . **To maximize your summer financial aid options, you must register for all summer classes (including the minimester) at one time.**
  
- **File your taxes; file your FAFSA** – If you haven't filed your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) yet because you or your parents were waiting to do your taxes, now is the time to get it done! For more information see this website: <http://www.baylor.edu/finaid/fafsainfo> .
  
- **Or, correct the FAFSA you already filed** -- If you filed your FAFSA with **estimated** data, please correct it with **actual** data from your 2008 return as soon as possible. For more information see this website: <http://www.baylor.edu/finaid/fafsainfo> .

- **Check the final exam schedule** – Finals start **May 6<sup>th</sup>**. The final for your class will not necessarily be given at the same time your class meets. Be sure to check the finals schedule so you know when you will be taking which test: <http://www.baylor.edu/registrar/examschedule> . Also, be sure to keep the exam schedule in mind when you are making your end-of-semester travel plans, airline reservations, etc. Final exams cannot be rescheduled unless approved by the appropriate academic dean.

### Important April dates:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>4/5-22</b> - For first-year, sophomore, and junior registration dates throughout the month of April, visit: <a href="http://www.baylor.edu/earlyregistrationschedule">www.baylor.edu/earlyregistrationschedule</a></li> <li>▪ <b>4/21</b> – Work in Waco Job Expo: <a href="http://www.hireabear.com">www.hireabear.com</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>4/23</b> – Diadeloso: <a href="http://www.baylor.edu/diadeloso">www.baylor.edu/diadeloso</a></li> <li>▪ <b>4/30</b> – Deadline for paying April installment plan payment. <i>Failure to be current in installment plan payments will result in a registration hold.</i></li> </ul>
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### Around the corner:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>5/1</b> – Last day of class</li> <li>▪ <b>5/4-5</b> – Reading days</li> <li>▪ <b>5/6-12</b> – Finals <a href="http://www.baylor.edu/registrar/examschedule">http://www.baylor.edu/registrar/examschedule</a></li> <li>▪ <b>5/15-16</b> – Commencement Ceremonies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>5/18</b> – Minimester Payment Due Date. Payment received after this date will incur a late fee.</li> <li>▪ <b>5/18</b> – Minimester begins</li> <li>▪ <b>5/18</b> – Summer Payment Due Date. Payment received after this date will incur a late fee.</li> <li>▪ <b>6/2</b> – Summer Session I begins</li> <li>▪ <b>7/9</b> – Summer Session II begins</li> </ul>
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### Other good things to do:

- **Take advantage of free tutoring** – The Tutoring Center is working with more and more students. Make sure you one of them! We are able to tutor you with short-notice as a walk-in appointment or with advance notice by scheduling through BearWeb. See the Foster Success Center Tutoring link: [http://www.baylor.edu/support\\_programs/index.php?id=33852](http://www.baylor.edu/support_programs/index.php?id=33852) to schedule your tutoring appointment today or simply walk-in to the Tutoring Center in room #074 of Sid Richardson in the Paul L. Foster Success Center.

**NEW!** If you're having a hard time getting over to the Success Center for tutoring and you live in **North Russell** or **Martin Halls**, try visiting our tutoring satellite centers, centrally located in either hall (see flyers posted in halls for details.)

- **Find out about financial aid for Baylor summer courses** – If you don't have financial aid now and you want to be considered for aid at Baylor this summer, email [financial\\_aid@baylor.edu](mailto:financial_aid@baylor.edu) to find out what you need to do.

If you have had financial aid for spring 2009 and register for summer classes at Baylor, you will **automatically** be considered for financial aid for summer. Check your Baylor e-mail for notification about your eligibility. Summer aid is usually limited to work-study and loan programs. With the exception of some of the Private Alternative Loans, you must be enrolled in at least six hours to be eligible.

- **Apply to live on campus this summer** – Are you thinking about living on campus this summer? If so, think about staying in the North Village's Heritage House or the Arbors Apartments where current Baylor students and incoming transfers will be housed (incoming first-year students will be housed in Alexander and Dawson.) The cost for each session is \$749. The 2009 summer school housing application is available on-line: <http://www.baylor.edu/cll> .
- **Consider an internship in Waco this summer a part time job during the school year or even a full time job after graduation** - Work in Waco job expo is the perfect opportunity for you to access a great collection of Waco companies. Instead of running up and down Valley Mills Drive dropping off applications or attending interviews, you can take care of all of that in one location in one afternoon. Take time to join us on **Tuesday, April 21** at the Waco Convention Center. Companies will be there from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm waiting to visit with you. Find out more about Work in Waco by going to [www.WorkinWaco.com](http://www.WorkinWaco.com)
- **Take advantage of Career Counseling** – It's not too late to schedule a career counseling appointment. Call 254-710-8434 or stop our office in Sid Richardson Room 132 today! For more information, visit [www.baylor.edu/careercounseling](http://www.baylor.edu/careercounseling) .
- **Make sure the summer school classes you are planning to take will transfer** - If you are planning on taking classes at another school this summer be sure to mention that during your advising appointment. Here's the website for information about transferring credit: [http://www.baylor.edu/admissions/transfer\\_credit\\_policies](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 **French, German, or Spanish** classes at another institution, you must first seek the approval of the Modern Foreign Language department at Baylor.

- 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.
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**Tip of the month:**

**Stay in the loop over the summer!** – Your Baylor e-mail account is the official method of correspondence from all University offices. Check it at least weekly during the summer so that you don't miss important notices and information.