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 25th (for example) you have two major tests and a research paper due. Yikes! You realized immediately that you will need to start preparing for these things early on so that you don’t find yourself, on September 25th, 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!” You might find a Weekly Study Calendar or a Fall 2015 Semester Test & Assignment Calendar helpful when planning your monthly activities and assignments. For more 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 in any way they can. Be sure you check out their Research Paper Planner.

September 2015 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.

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**Academic:**

• Bookmark and explore the Paul L. Foster Success Center website.

• Be sure you can access all of your classes through Canvas.

• Take the MAP-Works Assessment to learn about how your academic performance matches up to your goals, beginning September 10.

• Begin to plan for your academic future by reviewing how to contact your academic advisor [here](#). Once you have set up your advisement appointment, begin preparing for the appointment by filling out [this form](#).

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**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](#).

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**Development:**

• 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 2015 Dates

9/8 – Tutoring Begins in the Paul L. Foster Success Center, First floor lobby check-in

9/8-14 – 50% Add/Drop Refunds (Student Financial Services)

9/9 – Students that withdraw from the University after this day for Fall 2015 will receive a W (Withdrawal) on their transcript (through November 4) (Office of the Registrar)

9/9 – Last day to drop a class through BearWeb and without advisor approval for Fall 2015 (Office of the Registrar)

9/10 – FIRE (Finance Insurance Real Estate) Career Fair, Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation Room 250, 5:30-7:30pm

9/15 – STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics) Fair – The Baylor Club, McLane Stadium, 1001 S Martin Luther King Blvd, Waco – 12:00pm-4:00pm

9/15-21 – 25% Add/Drop Refunds (Student Financial Services)

9/23 – HireABear Career Fair – Waco Convention Center, Chisholm Hall, 100 Washington Ave., Waco – 12:30pm-4:30pm

9/30 – Fall monthly bill due date (Student Financial Services)

Check It Out:

9/9 – Panhellenic Recruitment Orientation, Waco Hall, 6:30-7:30pm

9/11 – Traditions Rally, 7:30-9:30pm, Fountain Mall

9/15-18 – NPHC Week

9/17 – Beach Bash, Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Building, 6:00-8:00pm

9/18-19 – Family Weekend

9/23 – On Topic with President and Chancellor Ken Starr and Rudy Giuliani
More information, activities and events can be found on the University Calendar (http://www.baylor.edu/calendar.)