



Guided Independent Study Transition Begins in April

If Guided Independent Study (GIS) courses are a significant part of your degree work, you will notice many changes in the next few weeks. The GIS program is adopting a semester-based format that will make GIS courses resemble other courses traditionally considered distance education courses. While some aspects of the GIS program will be very different, others will remain familiar. So what are the changes, and what do they mean for you?

The overall changes

- Students will enroll in GIS courses during on-campus registration periods
- Students will have two academic terms to complete GIS courses
- Section numbers on GIS courses will change from GW to EX
- The EX section number indicates the semester-based rules will apply to the course registration

Choices to make now

Beginning April 16, you will be able to register early for all Guided Independent Study courses for the fall session just like any other distance education course. Because the changes listed above will not be fully instituted until the fall semester, if you plan to register for a GIS course during April, May, or June, you may choose to register for it in one of three formats:

- As a GIS course in the old format
- As a summer session “early adopter” course
- As early registration for the fall session in the new GIS format

The old GIS format. If you wish to enroll in traditional GIS courses following the nine-month rolling enrollment process, you may do so until June 15. Your course(s) will be identified with a GW section number, and you will be subject to the rules of the nine-month enrollment period.

Summer Session early adopter courses. A select number of GIS courses are being offered in the new semester-based format in summer session 2007. The summer session for these courses runs from May 14 to July 27. If you enroll in an early adopter course but do not complete coursework during the session, you are assigned a grade of Incomplete and given an extended deadline of December 1, 2007. Summer Session early adopter courses are listed on page 2, column 2.

Fall session and the new GIS format. Fall courses begin on August 27. Grades will be posted to transcripts in late December for students who finish coursework during the fall semester. April 1 is the firm deadline for all GIS Transition, *continued page 2*

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Summer & Fall

Registration Overview

Early registration for Summer and Fall 2007 courses begins the week of April 16. All course listings may be accessed online through ISIS at <http://isis.uiowa.edu/isis/courses/>. It is now possible to enter your own registration on ISIS for DE courses and workshops.

On-Campus Semester-Based Courses

Summer session courses are available for viewing on ISIS. Fall session courses are to be posted in March. If you wish to register for on-campus courses through ISIS you must have two registration numbers, one for summer and one for fall. Your advisor will have your registration numbers approximately two weeks prior to early registration. Contact your advisor to obtain your numbers. Remember, registration numbers change each semester, so those you were assigned for Spring 2006 are no longer valid.

If you have never registered for an on-campus course or if you **did not** register for an on-campus course in the Spring 2007 session, you will not automatically be assigned a registration number. You must notify your advisor that you want to register for summer and/or fall on-campus courses. Your advisor will request numbers for you through the Office of Admissions and will notify you when they are assigned along with your registration dates and times.

BLS/BAS students may register by telephone for Saturday & Evening courses during and after early registration. A registration number is required.

Distance Education Semester-Based Courses

DE summer and fall session courses will be posted on ISIS in March. Under the new registration system, current students may go into ISIS, and, when eligible, register for courses. BLS/BAS admitted students may register on ISIS at or after assigned registration times.

Guided Independent Study (GIS)

Important changes are taking place with GIS courses. See the article on page 1. If you have registration difficulties, contact your advisor or the Center for Credit Programs at credit-programs@uiowa.edu or telephone 800-272-6430 or 319-335-2575.

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coursework with grades posted to transcripts in May for those who were not included in the December grade report.

As has been true in the past, all GIS courses in the new system will continue to be delivered online, with an option in most courses to purchase print-based materials instead. While courses provide a recommended schedule for assignments and exams for students who wish to receive their course grades at the end of the session in which they enrolled, GIS courses in the new format continue to allow considerable flexibility for self-pacing of coursework over the extended two-semester enrollment period.

Summer Session 2007 Early Adopter Courses:

- 06E:001:EXZ Principles of Microeconomics
- 06E:002:EXZ Principles of Macroeconomics
- 06E:104:EXZ Macroeconomic Theory
- 06E:105:EXZ Macroeconomics
- 07C/U:137:EXZ Intro to Educating Gifted Students
- 07P:133:EXZ The Adolescent and Young Adult
- 08G:001:EXZ The Interpretation of Literature
- 16E:107:EXZ The Hellenistic World and Rome
- 031:015:EXZ Introduction to Social Psychology
- 042:140:EXZ Human Behavior and the Social Environment (undergrads)
- 042:140:EXY Human Behavior and the Social Environment (grads)
- 145:125:EXZ Contemporary Nutrition
- 169:163:EXZ Concepts & Issues in Therapeutic Recreation
- 08C:297:EXZ Fiction Writing
- 08C:298:EXZ Poetry Writing (Tools and Traditions)

Attention Iowa Writers

The "Iowa Writes" project seeks poems, essays, stories and book excerpts to feature on the University of Iowa Web site, <http://www.uiowa.edu>, under the "Daily Palette" link. Last year, Iowa Writes featured work by 187 Iowa writers, from seasoned authors like Iowa Poet Laureate Robert Dana to new writers like Claire Kean, who submitted an essay while a sixth grader at Harding Middle School in Cedar Rapids. Former Iowans may also contribute. Submissions of 700 words or less may be sent via email to iowa-writes@uiowa.edu. Writers should also include up to 50 words of biographical information.

BLS Student Profile:

David Lemons

David Lemons resides in Eustis, Florida and began as a BLS student in January 2005. Since his admission into the program, Dave has continued to complete Guided Independent Study coursework. This February he enrolled in his final two University of Iowa GIS courses and he hopes to graduate with his BLS degree before the close of the 2006-2007 academic year. Dave has supplied the staff at the Center for Credit Programs with weather updates from Central Florida throughout the year, although the staff has offered him little sympathy when he's grumbled about the cold 42 degree temperatures in Florida on a January morning when the thermometer in Iowa City read minus seven. Dave graciously agreed to offer a profile for The Beacon:

I'm a 53-year-old long-time amateur student (to say "professional student" implies I'm getting paid for it). I went back to school at 40, feeling very old, and then back at 50, beyond caring.

I work in the mental health field, running groups on substance abuse and anger management. (Motto: No matter how low you go, you can always serve as a bad example.) I am vastly underpaid, but with the salary increase I get upon accreditation I should be able to pay off my school loans in roughly 600 years.

I am single, although I have a cat, because we both mutually agree "We need our space". My main goal in life is to go back in time 20 years and make different choices. I'll let you know how that works out for me.

Financial Aid & Scholarship Notes

If you are eligible for **federally sponsored financial aid**, please file for the 2007-2008 academic year as soon as possible. Access the appropriate information on application procedures, including FASFA forms, at this UI Web site: www.uiowa.edu/financial-aid/apply07-08/index

The Siouxland Professional Women's Network is pleased to announce a \$1,000 scholarship for a non-traditional Siouxland woman planning to attend an educational institution for the academic term 2007-08. Application materials are due April 25, 2007. For information, go to www.spwn.org/scholarship.html.

Summer 2007 Online Courses Available Through Iowa State University

More information about the courses listed may be found through Iowa State University, Continuing Education and Communication Services, Ames, Iowa 50011. Telephone: (515) 294-6222. Web site: <http://www.lifelearner.iastate.edu/>

Biology 101--Introductory Biology

Biology 155--Introduction to the Human Body

Biology 173/Environmental Studies 173 --
Environmental Biology

Biology 211--Principles of Biology I

Horticulture 193A--Topics in Horticulture:
Greenhouse Crops

Horticulture 193B--Topics in Horticulture:
Nursery Crops (Annual Garden Flowers)

Horticulture 193B--Topics in Horticulture:
Nursery Crops (Herbaceous Perennials)

Horticulture 193E--Topics in Horticulture:
Vegetable Crops

Horticulture 193F--Introduction to Horticulture
Human Development and Family Studies 102--
Individual and Family Life Development

Liberal Arts and Sciences 350--Topics in
Interdisciplinary Studies: Contemporary
Problems and Issues in Globalization: An
Interdisciplinary Perspective

Sociology 241/Criminal Justice Studies 241--Youth
and Crime

Sociology 331--Social Class and Inequality

Sociology 340/Criminal Justice Studies 340--Deviant
and Criminal Behavior

Sociology 341/Criminal Justice Studies 341--
Criminology

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Information Technology Services has licensed several applications for use by University of Iowa students at no additional cost. Sign in to the ITS Software Download Site at <http://helpdesk.its.uiowa.edu/software/signin.htm> to download such applications as antivirus software, ftp software, wireless authentication software, and more.



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Dates and Deadlines

- March 2 Deadline for degree applicants for fall session.
- April 2 Last date for undergraduates to drop individual semester-length courses for spring session.
- April 16 Last date for undergraduates to withdraw registration of Saturday & Evening and semester-based Distance Education courses.
- April 16 Summer and Fall 2007 session early registration begins.
- May 1 Last date to file for Center for Credit Programs scholarship for spring session.
- May 2 GIS course work due for spring 2007 session grades

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