



Guided Independent Study Courses now Semester Based

Guided Independent Study (GIS) courses are now available only in the semester-based format. Remember that registration must be requested in accordance with The University's fall, spring, and summer registration periods. Here is a summary of the GIS changes:

Enrollment changes:

- You must enroll in GIS courses during on-campus registration periods (this includes early registration).
- You have two academic terms to complete a GIS course, although you may complete the course in one academic term. If you do not complete the course in one academic term, you will automatically receive an "I" for "Incomplete." You will not have to request an "Incomplete" from an instructor.
- Section indicators on GIS courses have changed from GW to EXY or EXZ.
- The EX section indicator means the semester-based rules apply to course registration.

Billing changes:

- You may no longer pay by credit card.
- Tuition will be charged to your University Bill.
- The Cashier's Office offers two payment options:
 1. Paying Balance in Full.

If you choose to pay the full amount of the contracted items, you will pay the total shown as the "Balance Due" by the date indicated on your bill.

2. Deferred Payment Plan.

By paying the Minimum Periodic Payment listed on the billing statement you will automatically become enrolled in this plan. Students will be billed for tuition in three installments during the Fall and Spring semesters as follows:

Fall Semester - August, September, October
Spring Semester - January, February, March

A \$20.00 Deferred Payment Fee will be assessed on the last installment of the semester if you choose this billing option.

During the Summer Semester installments will be billed in June and July. A \$15.00 Deferred Payment Fee will be assessed on the last installment of the summer semester if you choose this billing option.

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Fall '07 Online Options at Iowa State University

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

Natural Science/Math

Biochemistry, Biophysics and

Molecular Biology 404--Biochemistry I

Biology 101--Introductory Biology

Biology 155--Introduction to the Human body

Biology 173/Environmental Studies 173--

Environmental Biology

Entomology 201--Introduction to Insects

Entomology 211--Insects and Society

Genetics 308/Genetics, Development

& Cell Biology 508--Biotechnology in
Agriculture, Food, and Human Health

Professional Fields

Food Science and Human Nutrition 101--Food and
the Consumer

Horticulture 193F--Topics in Horticulture:
Introduction to Horticulture

Social Sciences

Sociology 134--Introduction to Sociology

Sociology 341/Criminal Justice Studies 341--
Criminology

Sociology 352/Criminal Justice Studies 352--
Punishment, Corrections and Society

Sociology 484--Topical Studies in Criminal and
Juvenile Justice: Ethics in the U.S. Criminal
Justice System

Political Science 513 --Intergovernmental
Relations

BLS Success Story

A Dream Comes True

By Candace Stender

May 12th, 2007 is a day I will always cherish; the day I graduated from college. The journey began in my early twenties. I was the first in my family to have the dream of a college degree. The plan was to graduate in four or five years; however fate led me in another direction—marriage and three children.

The decision to quit weighed heavily on my heart. I promised my parents, my grandmother and myself that I would finish someday. It was a promise I didn't know that I would be able to keep. My family being a priority, my dream of a college degree drifted further from my mind.

In my mid 30's I began my career as a 911 dispatcher, a career that not only paid very well, but one that I also truly enjoyed.

August 16, 2004, I took a tragic homicide call, the call that gave me a reality check. I was 38, I realized that life is short, I needed to finish the degree I said I would finish someday now, or I never would.

I had begun my degree at The University of Iowa, and I wanted to finish there. The only dilemma was I lived in Kansas. I went online to The University website. I was pleasantly surprised to learn of the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) program. It was the perfect solution.

I had already accumulated 120 semester hours, yet I still needed 34 more to graduate in the program. I had to fulfill three core areas. I had already completed two. The choice was humanities or communication arts, both being weak subjects in the past. I took a chance and enrolled in Personal Writing. I soon realized a passion I had not known, the passion of writing; a passion I am certain I would not know if I had graduated in my twenties. I am currently working on my first book, *A Midlife Crisis* and hope to publish it next year.

The BLS program is a great opportunity for non-traditional students, such as myself, who are working and have busy families to take care of. Being able to work at my own pace, with no classes to attend made my dream a reality.

Veterans: The University of Iowa Veterans Association Is Here for You

Web site: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~uiva/>

Address: Room 203 Communications Center,
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242

Telephone: (319) 384-2020

The University of Iowa Veterans Association (UIVA) is a group of veterans and others interested in helping newly arrived veterans or returning reservists at the University of Iowa to adjust and integrate into University life. Additionally, the group plans to support everyone still serving in the armed forces and their families, and to raise the awareness of fellow students of the sacrifices being made on their behalf every single day. This is not a pro-war or anti-war group; it is a pro-service member group plain and simple, so people of all political ideologies are welcome.

The UIVA newsletter informs student veterans of issues and news affecting the veteran community, raises awareness of opportunities and activities for veterans on and off campus, and offers one more campus resource to help veterans get the most from their college experience.

The newsletter offers advice, information, and support. Past newsletters are archived on the UIVA Web site. The following information is from a meeting with Kelly Carrell, a counselor in the UI Office of Student Financial Aid:

Financial Aid Tips

- After completing FAFSA you should receive a postcard from UI confirming.
- If you receive no postcard confirming your FAFSA, CALL the UI Office of Financial Aid at (319) 335-1450 or (800) 553-4642.
- Remember you also have to turn in a copy of your Tax Return and a UI 2007-2008 Verification Form for Self-Supporting Students (can be found on ISIS in Student Records: Financial Aid).
- Montgomery GI Bill doesn't affect your eligibility for subsidized loans.
- If you recently have separated from Military Service, that counts as loss of employment

under Special Circumstances on #17 on the Verification Form.

- Be upfront and honest; if you aren't they can take money back.

Independent Student

As a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, you are automatically a self-supporting student and are eligible for more assistance. If you are a National Guard or Reserve member, you are eligible if you have been on active duty for as little as a day. If not, you also qualify if you:

[W]ere born before January 1, 1984, enrolled in a graduate or professional program at the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year, legally married on the day you file the FAFSA, an orphan or ward of the court (or have been until age 18), have children who receive more than half of their support from you, have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you, from the date you file through FAFSA through June 30.

Grant Writing Course Debuts, Fall '07

A new distance education course debuts in fall 2007. *01P:185/024:170 Grant Writing* will be available for 3 semester hours. You may view a description and register for the course in July.

The course will be offered on the World Wide Web, and students will take part in interactive meetings with the instructor every other week using virtual classroom technology.

Offered interdepartmentally by the School of Art and Art History, the course has been developed as part of the Certificate in Nonprofit Management program. (See <http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/ccp/de/NonprofitCertificate.htm>)

Students in the Bachelor of Liberal Studies program who are also completing this certificate may incorporate *Grant Writing* into their degree work. Students not in the nonprofit certificate program are also welcome to register.

The fall semester runs August 27-December 21. Students with an active HawkID and password may register online by going to The University's ISIS system at isis.uiowa.edu.



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Dates and Deadlines

- July 01 Last date to apply for Division of Continuing Education scholarship for fall session.
- July 17 Last date for undergraduates to drop individual semester-length courses or withdraw entire registration of semester-based summer session.
- July 18 GIS course work due for summer '07 session grades.
- July 20 Last date to file second grade-only option
- August 27 Start of fall semester
- October 16 Undergraduate degree application deadline for December 2007 graduation

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