



# It's Never Too Early to Think About Spring

Following are dates, deadlines and procedures that are important to be aware of as you prepare to enroll for the spring 2008 semester.

- Spring 2008 session course offerings may be viewed on ISIS by Oct. 8, 2007.
- Early registration for spring 2008 session courses begins November 26, 2007.
- The spring 2008 session begins January 22, 2008.

## How to get ready:

- Review your Degree Evaluation and Degree Progress Worksheet
  - Access your current Degree Evaluation online via ISIS > Student Records > Degree Evaluation (current) listed under Courses & Grades.
  - Contact your advisor if you don't have your Degree Progress Worksheet and need another one.
  - Don't remember who your advisor is? Your advisor's name is listed on your Degree Evaluation and in ISIS > Student Records > Major & Advisor.
- If you haven't taken classes for 12 months or longer you'll need to submit an **Application for Re-entry** form. There is a \$20 re-entry application fee.
  - Complete the online application and pay the re-entry fee by credit card.
  - If you have enrolled at another college or university since you last took University of Iowa courses, you must have an official transcript sent to The University of Iowa Office of Admissions.
  - Deadline for Application for Re-entry is two weeks before classes open.
- Review spring 2008 session course offerings on the ISIS schedule of courses.
  - Courses available for viewing by October 8, 2007.
  - For instructions on searching for courses using the ISIS Web site, including a video tutorial, go to Find A Course at <http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/ccp/findacourse.htm>
  - Remember to review prerequisites as listed on the ISIS Course Detail page.
  - Need to know which UI departments are part of each Distribution Area? See listing at <http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/ccp/blsbas/distareas.htm>
  - Pay attention to any courses that require special permission to register.
- Contact your advisor to discuss your course selections for spring 2008 session.

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## Changes to Guided Independent Study Course: *Playwriting I*

Playwriting I (049:062) no longer satisfies the General Education Humanities Requirement. The course still is considered upper level and may be used to satisfy upper level and the Communication/Fine Arts Distribution Area requirements.

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- If this is your first enrollment in University of Iowa semester-based course work, your advisor will need to request that your record be set up for spring registration.
- Your advisor gives her approval by electronically authorizing you to register, or she may give you a registration number to enter when you register.
- Discuss courses requiring special permission with your advisor.
- Clear any “not permit” blocks on your record. ISIS alerts you to such blocks and directs you to the appropriate office to resolve them. You may be blocked from registration due to:
  - overdue U-Bill
  - failure to provide health immunization records to Student Health (For additional details, please see article on page 3.)
  - failure to provide required transcript to Admissions
- Your pre-scheduled registration date and time will be listed on ISIS about mid-November. This is the earliest time you can register. You are allowed to register until the day before a course begins.
  - Remember, courses may fill-up or be cancelled due to low enrollment, so the earlier you register, the better!
  - We highly recommend you register at least two weeks prior to the course start date to allow time to order textbooks, take care of unforeseen registration problems, and allow time for automated computer processes to run.

### Ready to enroll?

- Log in to ISIS with your Hawk ID and password.
- You must be authorized to register by your advisor. (see How to Get Ready above)
- Follow the Registration link in the light gold navigation bar near the top of the page.
- Select **Power Registration** to search for courses. An Add button will allow you to register for a course if it's open.
- Only use **Rapid Registration** if you know the exact course AND section you want and it is open for registration.
- You can switch back and forth between the two registration methods without being “unregistered.”
- As you add courses, you will see your schedule being built at the top of the registration screen.
- You will be assessed tuition for courses in which you have registered.

- Questions? Follow the ISIS Help link or go directly to <http://isis.uiowa.edu/isis/help/registration.page>
- Review and/or print your completed schedule. There are various paths for this including a link from the schedule created automatically as you register.
- A handy review of your personal information, course schedule, Significant Deadline Dates, and more, is available via ISIS > Student Records > Enrollment Summary.

### What if you change your mind?

- You should confer with your advisor if you plan to change your registration.
- Make sure you understand the financial and academic consequences of dropping or adding a course. Consult the Registrar's Academic Deadlines at <http://www.registrar.uiowa.edu/calendars/academic.aspx>. Highlights for spring session are also listed below.
- Keep in mind there may also be consequences affecting your financial aid, health insurance, or progress toward your degree.
- You can add or drop courses via ISIS through the day before a course starts. There is no fee to add or drop during this period and your tuition will be adjusted as appropriate.
- After the course starts, you will no longer be able to drop or add yourself on ISIS, and you may be subject to Late Registration or Add/Drop fees (see Late Registration and Adding & Dropping below).
- You'll need permission from the instructor, your advisor, and, depending on the date, the dean of the college offering the course in order to drop or add a course that has already started.
- To determine what permissions you need, consult Course Deadlines Lookup at <http://www.registrar.uiowa.edu/more/coursedeadlines.aspx>
- Contact our office if you need assistance in determining whom to contact for permissions.
- Students with access to campus may take signed add/drop forms to Registrar's Service Center, 17 Calvin Hall, or to the Center for Credit Programs, 116 International Center.
- Students at a distance may request permissions by e-mail. Permissions should be forwarded to [credit-programs-register@uiowa.edu](mailto:credit-programs-register@uiowa.edu).

## BLS Student Profile:

# Jeff Roberts

Iowa City has always been, for me, like one of those women you first meet as a young man with envy and a certain attraction. In spite of the draw you both feel, the timing is never quite right to get involved.

First, she is dating your friend and you're single. Then they split up and you're involved. Later on, you get married and you find out she's single and has been asking about you. Finally, when you're older, wiser, more mature, you run into her again at a 20 year reunion or at someone's second marriage ceremony and you find yourself in a deep meaningful relationship that ends up changing the rest of your life.

I first traveled to Iowa City in the early 1980's from Champaign-Urbana where I was then living in an ancient dormitory on 4<sup>th</sup> Street with my best friend from high school. There was a certain justice to this arrangement because the only reason I was going to Illinois in the first place was the enthusiasm my roommate's father, who had graduated as an Illini twenty five years earlier, had shown for his school. His pride and love as an alumnus had swept the rudderless fellow I was at the time north from our small high school near St. Louis earlier that fall.

My roommate and I set out in a beat-up Datsun sports wagon one fall afternoon heading west and compressed the four-hour trip to Iowa City to six hours with our frequent stops on the side of I-80 to check out the vegetation as the aluminum cans piled in the back seat. That first weekend flashed past me in a blur, but the soft, indistinct memories stay with me to this day. I still remember Chuck Long breaking my heart at Kinnick Stadium. Then, later that night, lifting my glass for another round of drinks at The Field House below some giant, wall sized picture of a naked man running across the fifty-yard line waving a giant I flag in a stadium filled to capacity.

As the night finally approached the dawn, I realized both how cold the Iowa River was in the fall and the camaraderie that comes from playing the fool among a supporting cast of fools. Near the close of the decade, I almost came to feel antipathy for Iowa City, in general, and Hayden Fry (always smiling from under those damn aviator glasses), in particular, as Mike White exited from Illinois and my school at that time went on probation.

Luckily for me, as my credit hours wound down in that race between graduation and expulsion, a diploma arrived as its capstone.

By the late nineties, as my wife was moving out of my house, the Bachelor of Liberal Studies Program at Iowa was moving into my life. Suddenly as I put my kids to bed at 8:30 every night and turned out the light, calligraphy and literature classes as well as history and the Writer's Workshop awaited me in my study.

From my little desk in Kansas City I was given access to the best writing program in the nation, a challenging curriculum in the liberal arts and made contacts and relationships that led to my first book being published ("Little Stores" available on Amazon) when a former teacher from the program became my editor and even came down to Prospero's Books in Kansas City for the reading and the book launch.

To top all of this off, it has all happened before I have even completed the program. Oddly enough, around this same time I found myself pulling for Steve Alford and there is still a beer stain on my ceiling from the time I jumped up as Warren Holloway caught that pass and scampered through the corner of the end zone against LSU.

Now, sitting here at my desk with this application for graduation at Iowa before me and reminiscing about the past, I find myself interrupted by my son borrowing the car keys as the acrid smell of a curling iron floats from my daughter's room. I grin and watch as he jingles the keys and walks away through the kitchen and I find myself dreaming that my own children will feel the same draw to the north that I had 27 years before. Thinking back, I can only hope I or someone else can be as strong of an influence on them as my roommate's father was for me in my formative years.

As I hear the car starting up out in the garage, I drift off in a reverie and I can picture the faces passing through the Memorial Union as the warm glow of the neon lights fill the bars on Dubuque Street and overflow out into the streets at dusk.

As my mind drifts away to the west, the sky explodes in orange as the sun sets over the boundless acres of dirty greens, yellows and browns that paint the fields stretching out to the horizon. As every day passes, the Iowa River rolls endlessly through campus like it has for the many generations that came before me and it will for the many generations that will come after.

I smile and a sense of warmth flows through me because I know that in my short 45 years, Iowa City hasn't changed, but I certainly have.

*Jeff Roberts is currently completing his final course work at The University of Iowa.*

## Need two more semester hours? Iowa State Offers Caucus Course

The Iowa Presidential Caucuses: History, The 2008 Elections, and The Future

Course: Political Science (Pol S) 312, section XW

A short history of how US presidential candidates are selected. Highlights of Iowa caucuses since 1973.

A detailed look at all the interesting developments, candidates, and issues (including polls) of the 2008 caucuses. A brief look at what the future holds for the Iowa caucuses in a changing political environment.

For more information, go to <http://www.lifelearner.iastate.edu/> and click on the Iowa Caucus Class Online graphic in the upper left hand corner of the screen.

Computer requirements: Internet and e-mail access, WebCT ID

Dates: 10/15/2007-12/14/2007

Delivery Method: web

Credit: 2 undergraduate

Tuition: \$446-undergraduate

Delivery fee: \$100 & Computer fee applies

Off-campus program: Bachelor Liberal Studies

Instructor: Steffen Schmidt, University Professor

Text: TBA

Registration Note: After August 24, 2007, and if AccessPlus does not function, you can register by other convenient methods. Read Registration Information at <http://www.lifelearner.iastate.edu/courses/register.htm> for reference and use options 2, 3 or 4. If you are in the Ames area, you can pick up an add slip in 503 Ross Hall. If you need registration assistance, please email [iowacaucus@iastate.edu](mailto:iowacaucus@iastate.edu).

## Spring Options at Iowa State University

Students interested in completing online semester-based courses should review the following spring offerings at Iowa State University

### Natural Science/Math

**Agronomy 114**—Principles of Agronomy

**Astronomy and Astrophysics 102**—North Star

Astronomy

**Astronomy and Astrophysics 103**—Evening Star

**Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology 404**—

Biochemistry I

**Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology**

**404**—Biochemistry II

**Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology 405**

—Biochemistry II

**Biology 155**—Introduction to the Human Body

**Horticulture 193F**—Introduction to Horticulture

### Social Science

**Anthropology 350/550**—Primate Behavior

**Criminal Justice 352**—Punishment, Corrections and Society

**Criminal Justice 403**—Criminal Offenders

**Sociology 352**—Punishment, Corrections and Society

### Professional Fields

**Human Development and Family Studies 102**—

Individual and Family Life Development

**Human Development and Family Studies 370**—

Communication in Family Development

## Significant Deadline Dates for Spring 2008:

<http://www.registrar.uiowa.edu/calendars/academic.aspx>

### Late Registration:

- If you wait to register for anything until after the session begins, you will be charged a late registration fee:
  - \$20 late registration fee January 22-28, 2008
  - \$60 late registration fee January 29-February 4, 2008
  - \$100 late registration after February 5

### Adding & Dropping (full-semester rules):

To drop a course means means you are terminating enrollment in one or more courses but you are remaining enrolled in at least one other course, regardless of delivery method.

- The last day to add or drop a course without a \$10 per-course charge is February 4, 2008.
- The last day to drop courses without a “W” on your permanent record is February 4, 2008.
- The last day to drop individual courses in order to affect tuition and fee assessment is February 4, 2008. After this date you will be held to 100% tuition and fees for dropped course(s).
- Last day to drop individual semester-length courses is April 7, 2008 (no refund).

### Withdrawing Entire Registration:

To withdraw your registration means you are terminating your enrollment in every course, even if you're only enrolled in one course.

- Last day for tuition and fee adjustment for withdrawal of entire spring session registration is February 15, 2008.
- Withdrawal of entire spring registration January 22-25– student held to 10% of tuition and fees.
- Withdrawal of entire spring registration January 28-February 1–student held to 25% of tuition and fees.
- Withdrawal of entire spring registration February 4-8–student held to 50% of tuition and fees.
- Withdrawal of entire spring registration February 11-15–student held to 75% of tuition and fees.
- Withdrawal of entire spring registration after February 15–student held to 100% of tuition and fees.
- Last day to withdraw entire spring registration is April 21, 2008 (no refund).

## How to Remove Student Health

### “Not Permit” Block

If you are a distance education student and have a “Not Permit” for student health reasons, you will not be able to register on ISIS for spring classes.

In order to permanently remove the student health “Not Permit” block, contact:

- Student Health Services: (319)335-8370 or send email to [student-health@uiowa.edu](mailto:student-health@uiowa.edu).

Provide proof of two Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccinations. Most people have had to meet this requirement for primary school. To locate your childhood records, check with your physician's office, school system, or your parents. If cannot find your records, you can have the MMR vaccination at Student Health.

To temporarily remove the student health “Not Permit” block, contact:

- The Center for Credit Programs (CCP): 800-272-6430/319-335-2852 or send e-mail to [credit-programs@uiowa.edu](mailto:credit-programs@uiowa.edu).

An enrollment staff member at the CCP will contact the Student Health Center for you and your “Not Permit” will be removed only for the spring session. For the following summer and fall sessions, you will once again have to call the CCP and request that the “Not Permit” be removed. This process must be repeated for each session.

If you intend to register for on-campus courses, you must provide proof of two MMR vaccinations to Student Health Services.

### Scholarship Opportunity for Women

If you are a 40+ woman, the new AARP Foundation Women's Scholarship Program may be source for funding for you. Applications must be submitted by October 31. You may review the requirements and access an application form at: <http://www.aarpfoundationwlc.org/>

### Guided Independent Study Deadline

Under the new guidelines, students who enrolled in Fall 2007 session GIS courses must have all assignments and exams completed and recorded by April 1, 2008, in order to avoid receiving a failing grade.



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## Dates and Deadlines

- Oct. 16 Undergraduate degree application deadline for December 2007 graduation.
- Nov. 5 Last date for undergraduates to drop individual semester-length courses for fall session.
- Nov. 26 Last date for undergraduates to withdraw entire registration of semester based courses for fall session.
- Winter Session 2007 and Spring Session 2008 early registration begins.
- Dec. 1 Last date to file for Division of Continuing Education scholarship for fall session.
- Dec. 14 Last date to file second-grade-only option, 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 26 Start of Winter 2007 Session.
- Jan. 22 Start of Spring 2008 Session.
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