

Summer and Fall 2006: A Guide to Early Registration

Early registration for Summer and Fall 2006 session-based courses begins the week of April 17. Now is a good time to review course options and registration procedures.

Course Listings

You may access all course listings online through Iowa Student Information Services (ISIS) at <http://isis.uiowa.edu/>. In addition to viewing on-campus daytime courses, you may refine your search by selecting the following groupings:

- Saturday & Evening Class Program
(session-based on-campus courses and workshops)
- Distance Education courses and workshops
(session-based Web/Telecourse/ICN/Off-Campus courses)
- Guided Independent Study courses
(non-session-based self-paced courses)

Registering for On-Campus Session-Based Courses

Both summer and fall session courses are currently available for viewing on ISIS. Remember that in order to register for on-campus courses through ISIS, you must contact your advisor for your assigned registration number(s). You will have a different registration number for summer and fall sessions. Your advisor will have your numbers approximately two weeks before early registration. Registration numbers change each semester, so numbers you were assigned for the Spring 2006 session are no longer valid.

If you never have registered for a session-based course or if you did not register for a session-based course in the Spring 2006 session, you will not automatically be assigned a registration number. Notify your advisor that you want to register for summer and/or fall session-based courses so that numbers can be requested from the Office of Admissions. Your advisor will in turn notify you of your numbers and registration dates and times.

Alternately, BLS students may register over the telephone for Saturday & Evening courses during and after early registration; however, you still must have a registration number.

Registering for Distance Education (DE) Session-Based Courses

DE summer and fall session courses may be viewed on ISIS as well at <http://continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/ccpl/de/deoppor.htm>. You do not need to be logged in to ISIS

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Read *The Beacon* Online

The Beacon is also available online at <http://continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/ccpl/bls/>

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Student Success Story

Nancy Romine

Nancy Romine's final undergraduate course at The University of Iowa—What Is Storytelling For?—was fitting. A story, Nancy has learned, is not always linear. Her graduation date, December 17, 2005, and her last course highlight Nancy's circuitous route to a bachelor's degree, which began in 1972. A graduate of Mid-Prairie High School in Wellman, Iowa, Nancy's original intention was to earn an undergraduate degree in preparation for law school. After only two years at The University of Iowa; however, life's circumstances intervened and she dropped out of college.

In 1994, at the behest of her supervisor at Head Start, Nancy returned to The University of Iowa and enrolled in one course through the Saturday & Evening program. Because The University did not offer an area of study in early childhood education, Nancy found her way to the flexible BLS program for nontraditional

students and began a ten-year, one-course-per-semester commitment to achieving her degree. She changed jobs and continued her education through Saturday and Evening courses, telecourses and semester-based distance education courses.

In 2004, Nancy was invited to join Phi Beta Kappa Alpha of Iowa in recognition of her academic achievement. Since returning to school in the Fall of 1994, the lowest grade she achieved was an "A." And although she declined the invitation, Nancy was invited by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to apply to be a commencement speaker at the December 2005 graduation ceremony.

Nancy Romine's goals may have changed over the course of 33 years. Although she has not ruled out graduate study, her immediate plan is to improve her current position at The University of Iowa, and with her degree she is ready to be classified as a professional. Her route to an undergraduate degree may not have been a direct one, but its twists and turns have made her achievement a laudable story worth telling.

Summer 2006 Online Courses Available Through Iowa State University

Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology 404--Biochemistry I

Biology 155--Introduction to the Human Body

Criminal Justice Studies 240--Introduction to the U.S. Criminal Justice System

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

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

Criminal Justice Studies 341/Sociology 341-- Criminology

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

Political Science 442/542--The Policy and Politics of Coastal Areas

Sociology 134--Introduction to Sociology

Sociology 331--Social Class and Inequality

To register or find out more about these courses, contact:

Iowa State University

Continuing Education and Communication Services

Ames, IA 50011

Telephone: 515-294-6222

Web site: <http://www.lifelearner.iastate.edu/>

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to search and request registration for these courses. To search offerings, select “Courses” from the top navigation bar, then refine your search using the tools provided. Click on the course title for course details and to link to an online registration request form.

There are three additional ways you may register for DE courses:

- Telephone the Center for Credit Programs at 800-272-6430 or 319-335-2575;
- Mail your form to Center for Credit Programs, 116 IC, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242-1802; or
- Fax your registration to 319-335-2740

You do not need registration numbers to register for DE courses.

Guided Independent Study (GIS)

Distance Education

You may view a listing of GIS courses on ISIS as well as at: <http://continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/ccp/gis/courses/>

Request registration for GIS courses either through the ISIS system or through the GIS Web site at <http://continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/ccp/gis/general.htm>

In general, GIS courses are available for registration at any time of the year. You may register in one of three ways:

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If you encounter problems or have questions, contact your advisor or the Center for Credit Programs via e-mail at credit-programs@uiowa.edu or by telephone at 800-272-6430 or 319-335-2575.

Special Insert: Web Resources for Financial Aid Planning

Financial aid isn't just for fulltime, on-campus students. Scroll down to the the page accompanying this newsletter issue headed Web Resources for Financial Aid Planning for a list of financial aid resources and tools. Many of these resources may be found on The University of Iowa Office of Financial Aid Web site. Locate information on federal loan applications, calculation tools, scholarship searches and more. Print this page for future reference.

ICON Tips

Iowa Courses Online (ICON) provides you with tools whether or not you are enrolled in any ICON-based Web courses as long as you have an active Hawk ID. Login to <http://icon.uiowa.edu/> with your Hawk ID and password and explore!



Calendar: Add events (personal dates or course-related dates) to your calendar in ICON and you may check your calendar wherever you have Internet access. Information you enter in your calendar is private and seen only by you. If you are enrolled in any UI courses that are posted in ICON, you may find your instructor will post course events, such as assignment and exam due dates in the calendar. We encourage students to post their significant deadline dates for courses, such as last day to drop, in their calendars.



My Personal Homepage and My Profile:

Students who are familiar with Facebook or MySpace may be interested in posting a personal homepage in ICON or setting up their profile. Links to *My Personal Homepage* and *My Profile* are in the welcome box on the *My Home* page that you reach after you login to ICON. Create a homepage in a format of your choosing (.doc, .pdf, .html, .txt, etc.) and upload the file. When you enroll in any ICON-based courses, your classmates will be able to view your homepage and your profile if you have set them up.



Ask a Librarian: Are you unsure of how to make maximum use of your UI library privileges? Follow the link to *Ask a Librarian* from the *My Home* page in ICON and select instant message, live chat or one of several other options.



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Significant Dates for Spring 2006

- April 3 Last date for undergraduates to drop individual session-length courses for spring session.
- April 17 Last date for undergraduates to withdraw entire registration of spring 2006 session-based courses.
- Summer 2006/Fall 2006 session early registration begins.
- May 1 Last date to apply for Center for Credit Programs scholarship for summer session.
- May 3 GIS course work due for spring 2006 session grades.

Remember—final grade reports and transcripts for GIS courses and semester grade courses are no longer mailed to students. Use your Hawk ID to print your unofficial transcript through ISIS: <http://isis.uiowa.edu/>

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If you have questions or would like more information about any of the items you see in *The Beacon*, phone the Center for Credit Programs, toll-free, at 800.272.6430 or direct at 319.335.2575.

Web Resources for Financial Aid Planning

Many of these links and more are available on the Web site of the University of Iowa Office of Student Financial Aid. Go to <http://www.uiowa.edu/financial-aid/weblinks/>

Office of Student Financial Aid: <http://www.uiowa.edu/financial-aid/>

- How to Apply: <http://www.uiowa.edu/financial-aid/apply06-07/>
- Scholarships: <http://www.uiowa.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/>
- Student Employment: <http://www.uiowa.edu/financial-aid/employment/>

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/>

- Student Guide: http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html
- Direct Loans: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/DirectLoan/>
- Avoid Default: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/DirectLoan/avoid.html>
- Loan Consolidation: <http://www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov/>

The Financial Aid Information Page (FinAid): <http://www.finaid.org/>

- Estimated Family Contribution Calculator: <http://www.finaid.org/calculators/finaidestimate.phtml>
- Loan Payment Calculator: <http://www.finaid.org/calculators/loanpayments.phtml>

Iowa College Student Aid Commission (ICSAC): <http://www.iowacollegeaid.org/>

The College Planning Center: <http://www.collegeplanning.org/>

Selective Service Registration: <http://www.sss.gov/regist.htm>

Scholarship Searches

- College Board: <http://www.collegeboard.com/pay/>
- Financial Aid Search (FastWeb): <http://www.fastweb.com/>
- Scholarship Resource Network Express: <http://www.srnexpress.com/>

University of Iowa: <http://www.uiowa.edu/>

- Admissions: <http://www.uiowa.edu/admissions/>
- Cashier's Office: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~cashier/>
- Registrar: <http://registrar.uiowa.edu/>
- Student Loan Accounting Office: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~fussla/>



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