



# ACADEMIC

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## SUCCESS STORIES

### Making Important Appointments for a Successful Semester

While it's still early in the semester, this is a good time to start getting all your ducks in a row, so to speak. You first exams are still a few weeks away - knock on wood - and in some classes, homework is still a little light. Use this time to make appointments and talk with those people who can help to make your spring semester more successful.

#### Instructors

Email each of your instructors to set up an appointment to meet one on one outside of class. Some instructors might have already scheduled student conferences mid-semester, but this can be unhelpful if you have concerns before then. Hence, meeting your professors at the beginning of the semester can only help you. Your appointment time can be spent introducing yourself to the instructor, discussing concerns you have early on in the semester, and getting suggestions for how to study for the course. Many professors also have more time to spare at the beginning of the semester before they are bogged down with grading papers or creating exams, so they may be more relaxed and willing to talk at length with you

about the class or valuable resources that can help you throughout the term. Just engaging with them is a good way to score brownie points for showing initiative and eagerness to do well in your classes.

#### Advisors

A new year also signals a good time to set up appointments with your advisors. While you may have met with one at the end of the fall term to discuss registration, you may not have discussed long-term issues like switching majors, taking summer courses, or fulfilling future requirements for graduation. Additionally, you may have other needs at the beginning of the semester like honing study skills, creating an academic action plan, or preparing to search for jobs after graduation. If you are a transfer student, thinking of changing majors, or a junior or senior, you should contact an advisor in your college to make sure you are on the right track to graduating in a timely manner. Students looking to improve study habits like taking lecture notes or time management should contact ACE to set up an appointment for aca-

demically coaching. And consider setting up an appointment with a counselor at the UIC Office of Career Services if you are interested in learning where you can go with your degree after graduation, or meet with an undergraduate advisor in the department from which you are receiving your major (e.g. English, biology, criminal justice, etc.) to learn about how to maximize your degree.

#### Tutors

In addition to instructors and advisors, you should also make an appointment to meet with a tutor at one of the various campus locations that offer free tutoring. Even if you don't anticipate having a problem with your classes this semester, checking out various tutoring sites and introducing yourself to a tutor at the beginning of the term can save you from having to do "damage control" later if you aren't doing so well in a course.

Remember - you aren't alone in your success at UIC, so gather the troops for a great semester!

### Interested in Study Abroad?

Stop by ACE, the new Study Abroad satellite, for more information on the UIC Study Abroad Program. Information sessions are held every **Tuesday and Thursday** from **2:30-3:30 pm** in **2900 SSB**. Study Abroad advisors will be available to answer all your questions about the programs and assist you with the application process.



### Did you know...

*...the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently gave UIC a \$2 million grant to expand its family medicine residency program?*

*Source: UIC News Release*

### Spring 2011 Dates to Remember

#### **Resume & Cover Letter Workshop**

Thurs., February 3  
329 Cardinal Room SCE  
3:30—5:00 pm

#### **Tutoring Fair**

Fri., February 4  
1st Floor SCE  
10:45 am—12:15 pm

#### **Study Abroad Fair**

Mon., February 7  
1st Floor SCE  
9:30 am—1:30 pm

#### **UIC Internship & Part-Time Job Fair**

Thurs., February 10  
Illinois Room SCE  
10:00 am—2:00 pm  
For more info, call: (312) 996-3130

#### **Winter Bike Commuting Workshop**

Weds., February 16  
245 SCE (Commuter Resource Center)  
12:00—1:00 pm

#### **Save Our Semester Workshop Series**

Weds., February 23 (every Weds. thru 3/30)  
2900 SSB (Academic Center for Excellence)  
3:00—4:15 pm  
Call to register: (312) 413-0031

#### **UIC Education Job Fair**

Weds., March 2  
Illinois Room SCE  
1:00—5:00 pm  
For more info, call (312) 996-2300

#### **Interview Essentials**

Thursday, March 10  
Room A SSB  
3:00—4:00 pm

#### **UIC Spring Diversity Job Fair**

Thurs., March 17  
Illinois Room SCE  
10:00 am—2:30 pm  
For more info, call (312) 996-2300

#### **Social Networking Sites & Your Career**

Thurs., April 7  
Room A SSB  
2:00—4:00 pm

#### **Taste of UIC**

Thurs., April 14  
East Terrace SCE  
11:00 am—2:00 pm

### **Ask ACE: Chat Online with an Academic Skills Specialist!**

ACE offers the opportunity for students to chat live via IM with an academic skills specialist. From a computer, you can get ideas and immediate feedback on how to better approach your course work. Got a question on how to best study for that exam in two days? Have a concern about managing your time? Need suggestions for taking better notes? Ask ACE!

To contact Ask ACE, visit the ACE web page at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/ace> and click on the Ask ACE: Live Question & Answer link.

Note: If the academic skills specialist is temporarily away or offline during business hours, contact ACE by phone at (312) 413-0031, or in person.

Or type a message, your name, and email address into the IM box and ACE will get back to you within the next school day.



## **2011 UIC Tutoring Fair**

Have you been looking for a tutor for math? Need assistance with your Spanish language skills? Struggling to find the right chemistry study group? Stop by the UIC Tutoring Fair where representatives from various on-campus tutoring sites will be available to answer your questions and hear your concerns! All tutoring advertised is free and open to all UIC students!

### **UIC TUTORING FAIR**

Friday, February 4

10:45 am—12:15 pm

1st Floor Student Center East (Concourse)

## **ACADEMIC CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE**

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# *See you soon!*