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Summer Freshman Parent/Family Newsletter

Welcome and THANK YOU!

Welcome to the Bloomsburg University family. We are writing to help you, as parents/families of the 2009 Summer Freshman, understand some of the rigors of the six-week program.

Due to the nature of this program, course content is compressed, thus, class attendance is critical for academic success. Please encourage your student to never miss a class - including FRIDAYS!

Summer schedules consist of a **required** 1-credit study skills course and two 3-credit courses, for a total of 7 credits. All students must complete these 7 credits with at least a 2.0 grade point average to be eligible to continue at BU.

Also, a 1-credit university seminar course is **required** in the first full-time semester.

We understand that you are slightly inconvenienced because of the 5-day week during this program. We applaud your willingness to instill in your student the importance of education and good grades for their future endeavors.

Keys to Success

We feel the following are the keys to academic success:
(Please share these with your student)

- * GO TO CLASS
- * For every hour in the classroom you should study 2 to 3 hours outside of the classroom. (7 credits x 3 hours = 21 hours study time per week.)
- * Know your professors' names and get them to know yours.
- * Seek help when needed and arrange tutoring at the **FIRST** sign of difficulty.



Important Dates:

Orientation June 27-29

Summer Classes Begin June 30

No Classes July 3

Mandatory Advising Meetings * July 6 - 10

*For students enrolled in College Study Skills

Summer Classes End August 7

Summer/Fall students: see advisor regarding Fall schedules

Summer/January students: see advisor regarding Fall community college courses

Fall Classes Begin Aug 31

Spring Classes Begin Jan 19

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FAQ's:

Q. Why is my student taking courses that are not in the major they wish to pursue?

A. Every degree at BU requires approximately 53 credits of 'general education' courses. These courses are designed to expose students to other disciplines and thus better prepare them for the professional interactions of whichever degree they pursue. Also, if student test scores indicate he/she needs developmental courses, these required courses will help them improve their skills in reading, writing and/or math.



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Q. Must my student attend orientation on June 27 & 28th?

A. Yes, this orientation is designed to help students make the transition to college life - both socially and academically. For more information, please contact the Orientation Office directly at 570-389-4595.

Q. Is there tutoring available during this summer session?

A. Yes, there is free tutoring available through a number of different areas: the professor of the class, other faculty, and peer tutors.

Class Schedules

Summer 2009

Schedules will be given to students in the orientation packet once they arrive on campus. Information about checking schedules prior to classes beginning will be provided during orientation. Last minute changes do occur.

Fall 2009

Fall schedules have been created and can be viewed on the Student Information System (STINF) using the PIN sent to you by the Registrar's Office. (www.bloomu.edu/orientation) If schedules need to be adjusted, students should make an appointment to meet with his/her major advisor.

Spring 2010

The Registrar's Office will create freshman Spring schedules during the Fall semester. They will notify students when the schedules can be viewed on STINF. If schedules need to be adjusted, students should make an appointment to meet with his/her major advisor.

Q. Can my Summer/January student take courses at a community college during the Fall?

A. Yes, students may take classes at their local community college to transfer to BU. For more information, students should meet with an advisor.

Thoughts from a former Summer Freshman:

"I really enjoyed the smaller class sizes.

I went to class and did my homework everyday."

-Erin P.

Class of 2007