WITHDRAWING from a CLASS: the IMPACT

Friday, Nov 12, 2010 is the last day to withdraw from a class. A “W” will appear on your transcript, but will not affect your grade point average. Note that withdrawing below full time status (12 credits minimum) may have an impact on your financial aid, your insurance coverage, on campus housing eligibility, athletic eligibility, and in other ways. Seek advising before you make the decision to withdraw from a class. Review the following information/links to learn how withdrawing from a class may impact you.

- Degree Progress: minimum credits requirement for a Bachelor of Arts is 120, and for a Bachelor of Science is 124.
- Insurance: check with your insurance provider for their specific enrollment requirements.
- Athletic Eligibility: [http://www.keene.edu/ registrar/policy/policy.cfm?]
- Campus Housing Eligibility: [http://www.keene.edu/reslife/hfaqs.cfm] [http://www.keene.edu/reslife/ housingcontract.pdf]
- Veteran’s Benefits: [http://www.keene.edu/ registrar/veteranservices.cfm]

If you didn’t get the perfect schedule…DON’T PANIC!

First of all: Congratulations on surviving your first full on-line course registration!

Although you had a taste of the process over the summer when you added your fourth class on line, we know the first time through a full-schedule registration can be a bit daunting. For those of you who sought advising from a faculty member in your area of interest: Well done! For those of you who came to Academic & Career Advising for drop-in advising over during the last two weeks of October: Thank you for your patience when there were far more students than advisors. We met with 688 students!

Second: There are two more chances to trade up if you didn’t get what you needed.

While you’re home over break, you can look on line and see if seats have opened up in any classes you would like to add. On-line Schedule Adjustment is December 20-January 17. This will be your first chance to change your Spring 2011 course schedule. A word to the wise: NEVER DROP UNTIL AFTER YOU ADD. On-line Schedule Adjustment is open to everyone at the same time, so other students may try to pounce on the same open seat you have your eye on. Here’s the next best option to adding before you drop (needed if the class you want to add is at the same time as the one you want to drop): Do both processes at the same time — click on one to add and one to drop, then hit Submit. There’s still a chance that someone could hit Add a nano-second before you, but it improves your odds.

Your second opportunity to adjust your schedule is during the first week of classes (commonly known as the Add/Drop period). Plan out your strategy… and think of it from the faculty’s point of view: They get inundated with emails and phone calls; go see them during office hours or show up early for the first meeting of the class. If you arrive with a correctly filled out Schedule Adjustment Form (available in Academic & Career Advising and the Registrar’s Office) and ask politely if they could add you into their course (be sure to have the correct section written on your form) it shows that you’re proactive and responsible…the kind of student they want in their class.

Student Spotlight

Cynthia M. Lillibridge, ’12

Cynthia (Cyndi) Lillibridge, a New Hampshire native, arrived at Keene State this fall as a transfer student. Although she enrolled as an undecided student, she is intently working on declaring an Individualized Major in Women Studies.

“My transition to Keene from Plymouth was, of course, nerve-wracking but coming here and having friends I already knew and all the Keene staff (a special thanks to Barbara Bernstein, Sara Hottinger, and Dottie Morris) being so helpful made me feel like I was instantly at home. Having friendly faces is definitely a key element when being a first-year transfer or freshman in a new place and having this at Keene has definitely made my first semester feel like I have been here the last two years as well.”

In the short time Cyndi has been at KSC she has started working on a plan to study abroad in Ireland in the fall. In addition, she hopes to join Psi Chi and the Student Dietetic Association this spring. She has attended several Habitat for Humanity meetings and looks forward to her continued involvement with this group. Besides her on-campus involvement Cyndi also maintains a part-time job at the Red Fox Bar & Grill in Jackson, New Hampshire on the weekends.

Cyndi’s advice to other first time Keene State students is to do research and explore. There are so many opportunities out there from study abroad, clubs and organizations, to community involvement opportunities: Take charge of your educational experience.

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