

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT NEWS

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www.uiw.edu/firstyear

Important Spring 2009 Dates

(Undergraduate Extended term only)

Last day to add a class or register	January 20th
Last day to drop a class without a fee	January 20th
Financial Deadlines	January 20th

For more information please visit the Business office website at www.uiw.edu/busoff/calendar.htm.

Register/Add/Drop for Spring 2009

Please contact us ASAP if assistance is needed.

Open office assistant position

TRIO Student Success Program is searching for an office assistant. The application and job description can be downloaded at <http://www.uiw.edu/trio>. The deadline for applying is next **Thursday, January 22nd at 5pm.**

Become An FYE Peer Mentor

We are recruiting Peer Mentors for 2009-2010. Peer Mentors are students who have been successful at UIW all-around and would like to help our incoming first-year students throughout their entire first year. Additional information and applications are available on the First Year Engagement web site—www.uiw.edu/firstyear. Applications are due no later than **5pm on Wednesday, February 4th.** Contact Rochelle Ramirez at rramire2@uiwtx.edu or 805-3004 for more info.

Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society for First-Year Students

First year students who are in the top 20% of the UIW first year student class will be invited to become a member of Alpha Lambda Delta. Invitations will be sent via email within the next few weeks. For more information please contact President, Tonie Tercero, at ttercero@uiwtx.edu or Kristy Pacheco at kpacheco@uiwtx.edu.



Writing —When is the Right Time to Seek Help?



Many students do not know that tutors are available to assist you throughout the **entire** writing process (from brainstorming until a final draft is ready). We encourage you to visit the Learning Assistance Center (LAC) to set up **free** tutoring as soon as you receive the assignment. The LAC is located on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building in AD 206. Please contact Christina at mariza@uiwtx.edu or call 829-3870.

Admission to the Major

The University Advising Center (105 Adm. Bldg.) will begin accepting student appointments for Admission to the Major beginning February 16th. This is an essential process in the students' academic program. **The purpose of Admission to the Major is to: (a) facilitate the preparation of an official degree plan by the Registrar's Office, (b) ensure that students are taking the appropriate courses according to their academic program and (c) assist students to make informed choices about their intended major.** Eligibility requirements include completion of 32 hours (Core and major requirements) and a 2.00 GPA. **Nursing, Nuclear Medicine or Pre-Pharmacy students do not need to follow this process.** For more information contact the University Advising Center (805-5814) or any of the following staff members: Moises Torrescano (moisest@uiwtx.edu), Kedra Grant (kegrant@uiwtx.edu), David DeRouen (dderouen@uiwtx.edu), Sara Ann Leal (saleal@uiwtx.edu) Roland Sul, Academic Counselor (sul@uiwtx.edu). **The deadline to apply is March 20th.**

Student Disability Services (SDS)

Before you begin, SDS would like to know if we may be of service to you. We ensure accessibility to UIW programs, services, and activities for students with documented disabilities. This is accomplished through a variety of services tailored to each student's documented strengths. If you would like to enroll for our services, please contact Cynthia Pino, Academic Counselor at 210-829-3997.