familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): Good Evening everyone and welcome to tonight's Family Chat! Tonight we are talking about midterms and Fall Family Weekend. However, you are welcome to ask any questions that you might have.

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): My name is Arie Gee and I serve as the Assistant Director for Family Programs and Engagement in New Student and Family Programs.

musiclover: Good evening, Arie.

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): Hi everyone, my name is Kris Klann and I am one of the Associate Directors here in New Student & Family Programs

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): Welcome @musiclover! Thank you for joining us tonight!

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudentFamilyPrograms): Do you have any questions for us at this time?

cjeta: Hi everyone, if a student fails a class can they redo it summer and drop the failed grade?

musiclover: My student started at UF during the Fall 2014. At that time her major (College of Health and Human Performance) required an internship of 15 credits during the last semester. The most recent undergraduate catalog shows has changed the internship is 12 credits. Which will apply: the 15, that was the requirement at time of admission or the actual one at the tome of the internship?

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): @jceta, UF does not have grade forgiveness, so all attempts count. If the course is for the students major, then I would encourage them to talk to their advisor about their best options. If it's just a gen.ed. or elective course, then the student will not necessarily need to repeat the same course.

musiclover: Sorry, I mean TIME of the internship

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): @musiclover, your student should speak with their advisor, but degree requirements are typically catalog year specific, so she would need to meet the requirements for the catalog under which she started.

musiclover: Thank you, Kris.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Hi all, my name is Lynn O'Sickey and I am an academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center (AAC).

cjeta: thank youits not for his major I just wanted to know, so he can use his 9 summer credits well.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): jceta...

Lauren: I have a question about RA's. Are they required to live in the dorm?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): jceta, your student is generally not advised to repeat a course unless it is required for the major/degree.

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): @Lauren, yes RA's are required to live in the Residence Halls

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): jceta, since it is the same as far as how it will calculate into your student's GPA (all attempts calculate), we usually suggest taking a different class. If your student earned a D, it might not meet major or university requirements, but they only get credit once so repeating doesn't help them progress toward their degree unless it is required and they must retake and earn a C.

rimabanerjee@gmail.com: Way out of topic but just wanted to let the University know some things. In one of the job fairs the Recruiters were very nasty. My son's friend came back to his room and sat curled up in a ball because someone was so nasty. The recruiters should understand that the kids are trying. They do not have to be rude and demeaning.
gsfernandez: I would like to get clarification on the summer class credits required. Are freshmen required to take summer courses this summer or are they able to take it the summer following their sophomore year.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): gsfernandez...

Lauren: Was it the job fair from today? Or the one in Sept.?

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): @rimabanerjee, I'm so sorry to hear that. If you would like to e-mail specific information about that, I'll be sure to share it with our Career Resource Center. My e-mail is KrisK@dso.ufl.edu.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): gsfernandez, the State of Florida requires all students who enter UF with fewer than 60 credits to complete 9 credits at one of the 11 State Universities in summer. These can be in one summer or spread out over multiple summers...

rimabanerjee@gmail.com: No. The one in September. The kids are not stupid. If you tell them to try next year they will be happy to do that.

musiclover: I understand that an internship could fulfill summer credit requirement. Where can we find more information about this option?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): ...gsfernandez, your student can take UF courses online from home, attend a Florida public university near home, do an internship and get UF credit and/or do overseas study to meet this requirement.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): musiclover...

jceta: Thank you for the information Lynn. Do you know anything about a workshop for freshman reregistration.

gsfernandez: Thank you Lynn for clarification on the summer credits.

rimabanerjee@gmail.com: Are there more opportunities for summer internships or conferences?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): musiclover, if your student gets UF credit for an internship in the summer, it can go toward the summer requirement. Students can talk to their major/college about internships related to their major. The Honors office also offers academic credit for internships and students can get that even if they are not in honors. http://www.honors.ufl.edu/Internships.aspx The Career Resource Center can be very helpful in finding internships. http://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/Students.html

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): jceta, it depends on your student's major, many majors or colleges will offer such workshops.

rimabanerjee@gmail.com: Thank You.

jceta: ok, so he needs to get in touch with the college of engineering?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): gsfernandez, you're welcome :-)

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): jceta...

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): jceta, yes, he can first look at the information on their advising web page https://www.eng.ufl.edu/students/advising/who-is-my-advisor/ there are multiple pages. EG has mandatory advising, so they may do first year advising in a workshop formate.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): *format :-)

gsfernandez: Does a student need to do their internship in Florida to receive the summer credit?

jceta: Thank you Lynn I truly appreciate the information!

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): gsfernandez, no, they just need to get UF credit for it.
Mambo: I am concerned about my daughter's chemistry grades. I read Lynn the advisor recommendations to improve the student's grades. My question is, why aren't the professors teaching the strategies necessary for the students taking these exams? And also why are the professors not willing to work with the students who are willing to do extra credit to improve their grades? Alot of students are scholarship recipients and are required to maintain a certain grade point average or they loose these funds which are important to pay their tuition.

| familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): jceta, you're welcome |
| familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Mambo... |
| familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Mambo, that's a big question. Remember that in college professors have more than half the time in class (1 semester rather than one year) AND usually only 3 periods a week rather than 5, to cover all the material. So college instructors have to focus more on material than on study strategies. Keep in mind we have those other resources (Teaching Center, Advisors, Office Hours, TAs) to help students with study strategies. |
| gsfernandez: When are midterm exams? |
| familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Mambo, ...as far as 'extra credit' the key for most college courses is to demonstrate mastery. In something like Chemistry, if you haven't mastered the material, you are going to have trouble in the next course... |
| familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): @gsfernandez, many courses are in the middle of mid-terms. they schedule will vary a little bit for each class. |
| familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Mambo...so padding the grades with extra credit will not help the student succeed in the long run. We want to see students learn how to develop mastery and then they will be prepared to succeed in future courses... |
| familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Mambo, finally, most scholarships are based on the grades over the whole year, so even if students struggle a bit in their first term, they can recover their GPA. Please make sure your student is working with his/her advisor to figure out who to be successful. |
| familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): *how to be successful |

Mambo: I understand that, my daughter goes into the tests feeling prepared and knowing the content but still she feels frustrated with the outcome. There must be something more that could be done to help these students. Being an educator myself I understand the limitations of time in the classroom and focusing on the material but if a student needs extra credit and is willing to put in the extra time I believe it should be offered.

| familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Mambo, there are many things your student can do to work on preparing for exams. Talking to the professor/TA is, but it sounds like you found some of the others (perhaps on a previous chat). You are welcome to suggest to the Chemistry department that they allow extra credit, if you like. http://www.chem.ufl.edu/ |
| familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Mambo, if you'd like me to repeat my resources here, I'd be happy to :-) |
| Mambo: Thank you that will be helpful in case I missed one. |
| familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Mambo, 1) Teaching Center ¿ the TC has drop-in tutoring for students for math and science courses, usually for multiple hours every day ¿https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/tutoring/tutoringchedule/ |
| familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): 2) They also offer scheduled individual or small group (no more than 3) tutoring by regular appointment. https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/tutoring/appointments/ |
| Mambo: Is there a fee for this? |
familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): 3) with some instructors, they offer study groups run by peers who work with the instructor. https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/tutoring/study-groups/

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): 4) they also have video practice exams for chem and math where the student takes a practice exam and for the questions the student got wrong they can watch a video explaining the correct answer. https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/tutoring/video-resources/

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): 5) There are also learning strategies/study skills videos. Sometimes students need a new strategy NOT just specific content help. These can be a great help! https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/study-skills/video-resources/

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): Will anyone be joining us for Family Weekend on Friday?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): 6) I also strongly recommend students talk to their professor/TA and go over the test to understand where the individual student is going wrong and to get recommendations on effective studying for the course.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): 7) Study groups or study buddies are tremendously helpful! Students who talk through material really learn to clarify their understanding and organize/conceptualize the material.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Mambo, sorry for the funky font sizing?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Mambo, there is no charge for Teaching Center services.

patricia3201: Pat - my student cannot find a tutor at the TC for MAC1114 any suggestions.

Mambo: Thanks for your help. I have passed on some of this info to my daughter. Hope this helps her.

gsfemnandez: Is there an attendance policy for students? I've heard there's a math class that the student's may watch the lecture on video/on line?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): patricia3201, MAC1114 should be covered under the drop-in tutoring they do for precalculus, etc. https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/tutoring/tutoring-schedule/ Your student could talk to his/her professor and/or Dr. Kevin Knudson, the Math department Undergraduate Coordinator. They often know grad students who tutor, though there is a cost for private tutoring.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): gsfemnandez, attendance requirements are entirely up to the instructor of the class.

patricia3201: Thanks

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): patricia3201, Here's the info for Math advising http://www.math.ufl.edu/courses/undergraduate-advising/ Also, their tutor list is right on their advising page http://www.math.ufl.edu/files/tutorlistFall2015.pdf

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Happy to help.

Jlucas: Do they offer private tutoring for chemistry too?

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): jlucas, there's info on the General Chemistry web page about tutoring, the Chem Learning Center, etc. http://www.chem.ufl.edu/generalchemistry/genchem.shtml see the right hand column.

patricia3201: Thanks again, this list really helps.

Jlucas: Thanks

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): :-)

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): We are having an advising fair at Family Weekend this weekend if you are going to be in Gainesville.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Keep in mind we will only be able to very general advising in a public place (nothing confidential), but we hope to see folks there.
familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): All, Advance Registration for spring term is coming up...students have registration start times that are assigned by number of credits earned, so seniors register before juniors, before sophs, etc...

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Your student should have received an email to their Gatorlink email (if they are reading that!) that explains they should go to the Registration Prep section on ISIS. There your student will see his/her degree audit, any holds that might prevent registration and their registration start time.

rimabanerjee@gmail.com: When should the kids register for next semester?

jceta: Thank you Lynn for all of the important information tonight both of my boys have their heads in the books right now. I have sent the information them.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): jceta, hopefully my son does too! You're welcome :-)

jceta: :)

musiclover: My daughter took a class at FAU during this past summer. FAU sent the transcript electronically to UF at the end of June. When my daughter contacted UF via phone they acknowledged receipt of it, but indicated it would take a couple of weeks to show in her transcript. Up to this day her records show that she needs to take the class. Do you have any advice on following up this matter? Thanks.

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): musiclover, I'm sending you a request for a private chat, since it's quiet tonight, I'll take a look at her record and see what's up.

bridget: when is the deadline to sign up for family weekend

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): pre-registration is currently closed. however, you can register the day of. check-in starts Friday at 5:00 p.m. in the Reitz Union

bridget: is there a maxium amount of people? will we be turned away

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): there are some of the add on events that are currently full, but we still have space available for our basic package. you can find the full schedule of events here on our website (https://www.dso.ufl.edu/nsfp/families-nsfp/family-weekend/fall-2015/).

bridget: have you ever been to the astronomy viewing

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): Yes, it's fantastic. A very popular choice with our families

bridget: can you expand on the master classes? I not sure what this entails

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): the master classes are an opportunity to hear from different colleges/departments/faculty and learn more about the student academic experience.

bridget: ok thanks!

familychatmoderator(Lynn - Advisor): Hey folks, just a reminder before we sign off. Your student can find contact info for his/her advisor at http://www.ufadvising.ufl.edu/advisers.aspx

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): any final questions before we wrap up?

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): That concludes our chat for tonight. Thanks everyone for the great questions. We'll have the transcripts posted to the website soon. We hope to see you at Family Weekend! Go Gators!
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<td>familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): a good GPA is part of the application process, and what defines a competitive GPA will vary depending on the program, but it is rarely a 4.0 that you need to get into grad school.</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): again, it will vary depending on the internship. Some will look at GPA and others will be more concerned with skill set and ability to learn within the work setting.</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): getting an internship is very similar to finding a job. students have to be willing to do some searching and put themselves out there. the Career Resource Center (crc.ufl.edu) hosts Career and Internship Fairs every Fall &amp; Spring where recruits will come and look for students, but students can also search online for opportunities.</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(NSFP_Kris): i have known students who have worked at starbucks. because it is a high visibility position, i'm sure they get a number of applicants and can be competitive positions.</td>
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