

Online Family Chat - Main Lobby

Thursday, November 3, 2016

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Good Afternoon everyone! Thank you for joining us today! I'll let all of our staff introduce themselves so that we can get started!

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): My name is Arie Gee and I am the Assistant Director for Family Programs and Engagement in the Dean of Students Office here at UF.

familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): Good afternoon! My name is Catherine Seemann, and I'm the communications coordinator for the UF Student Health Care Center. Please feel free to ask me anything in the Student Health chatroom. I look forward to helping you!

familychatmoderator(Jennifer_HealthCompliance): Good afternoon everyone! My name is Jennifer and I'm an Administrative Assistant for the Health Compliance Office. Please feel free to ask me questions about the health insurance and immunization requirements. I am happy to help!

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Each of our staff have a chatroom where you can ask questions about their specific areas of expertise! Mary and I will be here in the Lobby to answer any other questions that you might have. To access these chatrooms, please click on the "Add More Chatrooms" button on the top righthand corner of your screen.

familychatmoderator(Tara_DisabilityResourceCenter): Hey, welcome all! My name is Tara Scruggs, I am one of the Assistant Directors/Learning Specialist over in the Dean of Students, Disability Resource Center (DRC). At the DRC we offer a variety of support services including; strategic and academic coaching sessions, disability specific strategy groups, support for disability management, amongst other things. If you have a question about services your students is currently receiving or would like to know more about our office please join me over in the DRC chatroom. Thank!

raniahilton@icloud.com: Hi - When do the kids have to make final decisions on the classes they will take in the spring?

amyringue@cfl.rr.com: Hello, I'm Amy Ringue and my son Christopher is a Freshman. His major is Exploratory at this time. He saw an Exploratory major adviser and is trying to follow up with the Environmental Science adviser/department but not having much luck. Any suggestions/advice that I can pass on?

familychatmoderator(Mary_CampusDiplomat): Hi Everyone! My name is Mary and I am a fourth year student here at UF. I serve as a Campus Diplomat. Campus Diplomats are the Official Ambassadors to the Dean of Students Office and strive to represent all students here on campus, provide an inclusive environment and spread the Culture of Care on campus. I can help provide a student's perspective to any questions you may have!

familychatmoderator(Tara_DisabilityResourceCenter): @raniahilton students schedules do not need to be completely finalized until the Friday of Add/Drop week at the start of the spring semester.

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @amyringue, Do you mind asking that in the Academic Advising chatroom? I'll be happy to take it there!

familychatmoderator(Mary_CampusDiplomat): @raianahilton, Registration for classes began this week for students. Once they initially register for courses per their scheduled registration time on one.uf.edu they can adjust their courses through Drop/Add week in the Spring which runs through Tuesday, January 10th.

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Hello, my name is Ryan Winget and I work with Housing here at UF.
JLitt9: Jennifer: Regarding student infirmary. My freshman daughter made the comment that it was not the place to go for 'ailments'; so when she thought she had pink eye she waited for 2 hours at a CVS walk in clinic; she was fine, but disgusted with wasting 2 hours. the next week, she thought same, and after a conversation with her at home Dr. 's office, she went to student infirmary and was in/out within 1/2 hour, with only remnants of a cold. I think (hope) she has new found respect for student infirmary.
familychatmoderator(Jennifer_HealthCompliance): @JLitt9 I am glad to hear that she had a positive experience! If there are any unanswered questions I know Catherine would be able to address them in the Student Health chat room.
Mpatel70: Hello,
familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @JLitt9: Happy to hear your student has had a change of heart! Please let me know if you have any questions about the Student Health Care Center in our chatroom, as Jennifer is with Health Compliance.
Mpatel70: Good afternoon,
AngelaMiller: Hello!
nygatorparent: i put a question into the health cat room..
Mpatel70: I would like to know is there a way can we offer Meditation class to Students,teachers and staff? as we are part of Non profit Organization , offering classes free of charge in Public libraries. It's available world wide. Just thought if we can help students to reduce their stress.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Mpatel, that is a great idea. We actually do have meditation and mindfulness classes offered through the Counseling and Wellness Center. I would reach out to them to see if there are any partnerships that you could explore!
Mpatel70: That would be great!
ckchase: I understand there is a craft room at the Reitz Union. Where can my daughter find out the schedules and times for this opportunity?! think this would be a great way for a quick break with a sense of completion.
familychatmoderator(Mary_CampusDiplomat): @ckchase The hours, events and information for the Arts and Crafts Center in the Reitz can be found here:https://www.union.ufl.edu/acc
familychatmoderator(Mary_CampusDiplomat): @ckchase It is a great way to decompress and I know that the ceramics painting pieces are affordable and they put them in the kiln for you! If you don't finish your piece in one sitting you can also come back and a later date and continue to work on it. They will hold it there for you.
karencappetelli: When do the dorms re-open for the spring semester?
familychatmoderator(Mary_CampusDiplomat): @karencappetelli Try asking your question the Housing and Residence Education chatroom so the housing staff can get you a definite answer.
ckchase: Mary, Thank you for your assistance. Maybe I will get a birthday present out of this. :)
familychatmoderator(Mary_CampusDiplomat): @ckchase That would be awesome! A perfect gift from a student with a college budget.
neeta: Can you explain why counselor would insist my son to take classes that he already has received credits in high school?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Hi @neeta, I can take that question in the Advising Chatroom!
neeta: thanks

rsantiago: Quick question, is there a blog or posting area where students traveling to different parts of state can catch a ride. We like to see if there is , hate having daughter drive home on long weekends - 4 hour drive each way?

ckchase: Flex Bucks - if you have a meal plan does unused fall Flex Bucks carry over to Spring. I thought we were told no when we signed up but a saw a post on Facebook that they do.

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Hi folks, my name is Lynn O'Sickey and I'm an academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center. I'll be in the Academic Advising Chat room in a minute to answer academic questions that Arie hasn't been able to handle. WARNING: I'm currently in the waiting area of a doctor's office while I wait for my Dad. I will have to sign off for 20-30 minutes in order to take him home when he's done. I'm sure some of you have had this experience! Anyway, if I miss your question, please feel free to email me at losickey@advising.ufl.edu.

familychatmoderator(Mary_CampusDiplomat): @rsantiago There is a UF Ride Board page on Facebook, if your student searches it, it should come up pretty easily!

ksimpson: Thanks Lynn!

familychatmoderator(Mary_CampusDiplomat): @ckchase Flex bucks will carry over to the Spring!

rsantiago: Thanks Mary

Floridagatorgal: Once this chat is over, how would I go about viewing a copy of the transcript of it as I would like to read other parents questions since they may be asking some questions I have been wondering about?

karenceppetelli: Lynn - I am in a hospital waiting area myself for my Mom! Technology is amazing that we can do this. Hope all is well with your Dad.

SarahJRobin: When are deadlines for 2017-18 on-campus housing applications? I feel like it's way too early for my daughter to have any idea where she may want to live next school year, but I think I saw there are already deadlines coming up. Am I incorrect?

familychatmoderator(Mary_CampusDiplomat): @Floridagatorgal If you go to <http://www.dso.ufl.edu> and click on New Student and Family Programs --> Families --> Family Resources --> Online Family Chats There will be a link for transcripts from past chats.

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): karen, feeling your pain...hope all goes well with you and your mom!!

familychatmoderator(Mary_CampusDiplomat): @SarahJRobin, Try asking your question in the Housing and Residence Education chatroom so the housing staff can get you a definite answer!

ckchase: Thanks Mary. I won't have to get cookies for a present. :)

ckchase: It was suggest by Academic Advising to ask my question here. My daughter is in Graham. Where is the closest library where she can study at night? I know West is open 24/7 but to dark and isolated (for my tastes) to go there each night to study. There is a common room In Graham area but with group studying it's not as quite as a library. Any help is appreciated.

SarahJRobin: Okay, thank-you.

familychatmoderator(Mary_CampusDiplomat): @ckchase, Marston Science Library is a little closer to Graham, and is open until 1am on weeknights. Marston and West are the two main libraries and are both located near the center of campus.

familychatmoderator(Mary_CampusDiplomat): @ckchase the Reitz Union is also open until 1am! It is definitely closer and while it is not a library, there are a ton of good study spots there!

ckchase: Thank you again Mary.

Mmh28@aol.com: What suggestions do you have for getting to tests that are administered at night? SNAP can not guarantee pickup time....can't walk with peers from class because they have different testing sites for same class. Signs all over campus not to walk by yourself at night but it seems students do not have a choice?

jceta: last year I received a school calendar in the mail last year, it was great not sure which department sent it. I did not receive one this year it had a lot of school info. do you know where i can request one?

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Hi folks, my name is Lynn O'Sickey and I'm an advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. I'll be in the Academic Advising Chat Room to answer questions for the last 20 minutes of chat.

sflamom: Hi, my son is voting for the first time next week. He changed his registration to Alachua County. He votes at the union, from what i understand. Is his driver's license and student ID going to be okay as voter ID? The driver's license does not match his dorm address. Thank you!

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Hi Everyone! We have about 5 minutes left in our chat for today. Does anyone else have any last minute questions for us?

familychatmoderator(Mary_CampusDiplomat): We have about 5 minutes left in our chat today if anyone has any final questions!

kmccabe4: This has been very informative and helpful. Thank you all!

Mpatel70: Thanks to all

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Thank you all for joining us today! I hope you have a great rest of your Thursday! Go Gators!

Online Family Chat - Academic Advising

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Floridagatorgal: Hello! My son is in his first semester at UF and he and I are pretty unsure on how to navigate him through the spring '17 registration process? He is not feeling sure about what he would like to major in and has 4 holds on his account (2 of which will not allow him to register), so any advice you can provide would be a tremendous help!

amyringue@cfl.rr.com: Hello, I'm Amy Ringue and my son Christopher is a Freshman. His major is Exploratory at this time. He saw an Exploratory major adviser and is trying to follow up with the Environmental Science adviser/department but not having much luck. Any suggestions/advice that I can pass on?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Floridagatorgal, Do you know which holds he has? Some of them are easily cleared and some require action, but it is helpful to know what they are so that we can help him get registered!

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @amyringue, thanks for coming over to join this chatroom! During this busy pre-registration time, students with a declared Engineering major are given priority because most, if not all, Engineering majors require students to meet with an advisor in order to register. I would encourage him to talk with the exploratory advisors about what courses might help work towards an Engineering major. Usually the classes in semester 2 are relatively similar. Once the rush of pre-registration is over, he will have a better chance to meet with an advisor to discuss possible majors and career paths and then he can change his schedule accordingly.

Floridagatorgal: Yes, the first one is that he has not met the writing requirement, the second one is that he has to take IUF1000 (he tried to take it this semester, but couldn't get in), the Advising coordinator in the Agricultural Operations Management office has a hold & the last one is he is not enrolled in the universal tracking courses for his major.

ckchase: Is there a formula on how GPA is calculated? I want my daughter to maintain her Bright Futures but also experience all the extras that UF commination school has to offer. High School had different GPA levels for AP, Honors, etc. Are there different levels on college courses? How about courses within the colleges vs. gen ed courses? Thanks.

amyringue@cfl.rr.com: Thanks, Arie. That makes perfect sense. I'll let him know.

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Floridagatorgal, my best advice is for him to go see the advising office that has a hold placed on his account. If he is off track, he will need to meet with an advisor anyway, so they should be able to help him navigate this process to get those holds cleared.

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @ckchase, there sure is! The College of Engineering has a calculator on their website that can be used for anyone, regardless of major: <https://www.eng.ufl.edu/students/students/current-students/gpa-calculator/>

Floridagatorgal: Okay. I forgot to tell you that he met with Dr. Porter in the Agricultural Operations Management department back on 10/21/16, but for some reason the holds were not removed at that time. Is there a way for him to make sure they get removed in time for him to sign up for his classes? Should he go meet with someone in that office again?

nygatorparent: when is the deadline for 2nd semester registration?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Floridagatorgal, he can try emailing, but a lot of times in person is the most efficient.
ksimpson: My daughter's AP course credits are present on her transcript but aren't included in her total credit hours. What does she need to do to apply the credits to her transcripts? It appears like she never took ENC 1101 but her AP class and score covered that class. Thanks for your guidance.
ckchase: Arie, Thank you for this information. Better to learn in the first semester how the grades work vs. when it's too late.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @nygatorparent, students just need to be registered for at least 1 credit by 5:00 p.m. on January 3 to avoid a late registration fee!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @ksimpson, I would have your student go to the Registrar's Office to make sure that they have everything they need to assess the credits
ksimpson: Thanks Arie. I will tell her to go to the registrar. Much appreciated.
AngelaMiller: I had the same question about DE credits. See them on the transcript, but not necessarily fulfilling academic requirements. Was wondering how that works in degree audit.
JLitt9: Is there a way for parents to find out who our student's advisor is and their area of study/expertise?
cristina: I have a question about honors. My son was accepted in honors but couldn't get the class he wanted in the beginning of 1st sem. He thought he would have better chances of getting a honors class for 2nd sem. but here he is again not being able to pick up the class of his choice and I imagine he will be squeezed out of honors as the 1st year end?
ksimpson: AngelaMiller - my daughter's dual enrollment credits are accurate and viewing correctly, just not the AP classes. Hopefully it's a quick fix at the registrar's office.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @JLitt9, the list of advisors by college can be found here: http://www.ufadvising.ufl.edu/advisors.aspx
ksimpson: Is there a site where a student can check to see what courses may be offered in Summer 2017? She's trying to decide what courses to take for spring and whether she will attend this summer or in 2018.
parentb: my son is a journalism major/ freshman - will he receive an e mail with the date he can register for classes?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @cristina, was he unable to get any class that meets the requirement or was he unable to get the course that he wanted? Those are 2 different situations and would have 2 different outcomes if he doesn't meet the requirement.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @parentb, he can log into his www.student.ufl.edu account to see his registration time. He will not receive an email with the specific time, but he likely received an email with instructions on how to check his time!
parentb: Does he need to clear holds in order to receive an e mail?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @parentb, he does not!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): That email also usually reminds them to check holds in early October so that they have a month to get them cleared before registration begins.
parentb: is the journalism college open daily for him to go see an advisor? Does he need an appointment?
cristina: he wanted professional communication for engineers

Floridagatorgal: Would you please tell me exactly what the writing requirement is? He got AP credit for ENC 1101 and got Dual Enrollment credit for Composition 2, but I don't know if either of those classes would contribute to meeting the requirement. Can you please advise?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @parentb, I believe so! They have information about it on their advising page: <https://www.jou.ufl.edu/current-students/undergraduate/academic-advising/>

JLitt9: RE: advisors in college of liberal arts & sciences

AngelaMiller: If you did ENC 1101 (and 102 for that matter) through DE, does that count towards the UF writing requirement/words requirement?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @cristina, that's not an honors requirement, so it will not force him out of the Honors Program if he doesn't take that course this year. That course is an Engineering requirement for graduation so he can take it any of his semesters.

neeta: Could you please explain reasons why counselor would insist that my child repeat math classes he already has credits from high school?

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Hi folks, my name is Lynn O'Sickey and I'm an academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center. I'm happy to answer questions Arie hasn't been able to handle. WARNING: I'm currently in the waiting area of a doctor's office while I wait for my Dad. I will have to sign off for 20-30 minutes in order to take him home when he's done. I'm sure some of you have had this experience! Anyway, if I miss your question, please feel free to email me at losickey@advising.ufl.edu.

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): neeta, what major is your student in and what math courses does he have credit for?

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): AngelaMiller, yes, those two courses will count toward UF's Writing requirement. They also meet Gen Ed Composition.

cristina: He wanted to take that class in honors but filled instantly, so he had to take it outside honors. My concern is that he hasn't taken any honors class to hold the right to be in honors pass the first year. Is that right?

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): JLitt9, what is your question about advising in CLAS?

JLitt9: (CLAS continued) per website, students are not assigned to a specific advisor, so how can a student 'connect' with one that understands the student and their concerns/goals? appears to me to be an unstructured approach to provide advice, especially to freshmen. site says they can request a specific advisor; so how does a freshman come to know all of the advisors and select their 'match' during freshman year?

AlliD: Is it possible to change assigned academic advisors? My son was basically turned away to go do research on classes on his own and given no direction on course selection or assistance in planning his schedule.

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @AngelaMiller, ENC1101 and 1102 both give 6,000 words each towards the writing requirement.

AngelaMiller: Oh thank heavens!!!! You have made our day @Arie!

ksimpson: Arie - what are the total number of words they need?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @ksimpson, they need 24,000 words total

ksimpson: Thanks!

ckchase: My daughter is in Graham. Where is the closest library where she can study at night? I know West is open 24/7 but too dark and isolated (for my tastes) to go there each night to study. There is a common room in Graham area but with group studying it's not as quiet as a library. Any help is appreciated.

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): JLitt9, your student can look at our profiles before coming in. Or your student can meet with the first available advisor. Often, the student makes a connection with that first person and then requests that person in future. <https://www.advising.ufl.edu/advising/staff/>

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): AllID, What college/major is your student in?

ksimpson: CKChase - my daughter lives in Graham area too. She sometimes studies at the Reitz Union or the Marston Science library

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): ckchase, you might ask that question in the lobby since the housing and student affairs folks might know more about quiet study areas on campus.

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Folks, what other questions have I missed?

Floridagatorgal: Hi Lynn! Someone may have asked a similar question to this already, but could you please tell me exactly what the writing requirement is and how many words are required? He got AP credit for ENC 1101 and got Dual Enrollment credit for Composition 2, but I don't know if either of those classes would contribute to meeting the requirement or how much. Can you please advise? Also, is there a way I could look on his One UF account and verify that he got the credit he is eligible for?

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Floridagatorgal, the Writing requirement is 24,000 words. Most comp courses are 6,000 words. So ENC1101 and ENC1102 typically grant 12,000 words toward the Writing requirement. Students can check on their degree audit to see how many words they have met prior to this term. Anything they are taking this term won't appear in the Writing requirement portion of the audit til they have successfully completed the course.

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): cristina, did you get your question answered? I missed part of what you were writing.

AllID: Lynn, his major is Finance with a minor in Real Estate and looking toward a masters in the Entrepreneurial program. You are so very helpful I so wish he was in your school!

Floridagatorgal: Thank you Lynn. By what point of his college career does he have to have the writing requirement met? Is it just by graduation or is it sooner than that?

JLitt9: RE: advisors

JLitt9: are advisors for pre-law under CLAS?

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): AllID, thanks, but Business has good advisors as well. Keep in mind if a student needs a Gen Ed or an elective, we're not going to choose the exact course for him or her. We will tell your students when they have required courses to take or requirements to meet. Advisors can show students how to research what counts for a requirement such as a Gen Ed category, but it's best that students choose courses that interest them - they will do better in those. I do have some tips for how to find out more about specific courses. Do you know if your son knows what categories of courses he needs to take next term (e.g., specific required courses needed, whether he needs to meet Gen Eds, needs electives, etc.)

SarahJRobin: Hi Lynn-What happens if students fail classes in their first semester? My daughter is struggling, for the first time ever, academically. She currently has a couple of D's and one F. Worried about whether she's actually going to make it there or not, and worried about losing Bright Futures. Do they get put on one semester of probation?

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Floridagatorgal, he has to meet the Writing requirement by graduation. Depending on the major a student may find it best to complete in first two years as later years are packed with major requirements or they may be able to spread it out over all 4 years.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): JLitt9, yes, several of our general advisors also specialize in prelaw advising, so your student is welcome to request one of those. https://www.advising.ufl.edu/pre-law/advising-services/
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): SarahJRobin, There are alot of things to consider in this situation. If your student were to drop a class or two before the deadline on November 21, you'd have to pay Bright Futures back for those credits, but then BF doesn't 'count' those credits as needing to be completed (so the number of credits your student would need to complete to retain BF would be reduced). And if students drops, they get a W on their record, which doesn't calculate into their GPA, which helps with retaining BF....more...
parentb: journalism major, wanting to follow pre health track. Will college of Journalism be the place place for advising on his track?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Sarah, if your student earns a number of poor grades so the GPA is below a 2.0, your student would be on probation. It's hard to raise the GPA in spring to meet Bright Futures renewal requirements, but not impossible...more...
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Sarah, most importantly, an advisor should be talking to your student now!! What can your student salvage? Should she drop one or two classes? Should she withdraw from all classes? It depends alot on her individual situation and that requires individual advising. What major/college is she in?
SarahJRobin: Thank-you, Lynn. She's a Zoology major, so I think yours.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): parentb, your student will get major advising from Journalism and Communications, but should probably see one of our prehealth advisors for the prehealth advising component. Here's the link. For their walk-ins, I strongly recommend coming in during the morning session, wait times are much shorter, especially before 10:15-10:30. https://www.advising.ufl.edu/pre-health/
Floridagatorgal: Could you tell me how can I find out how many words the Intro to Philosophy (PHI 2010) class gives upon completion and if a certain grade needs to be met in order to earn those words toward the writing requirement?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Sarah, please, please have her come and see us ASAP. If she is not comfortable with a walk-in, she can email me at losickey@advising.ufl.edu and we can set up an appointment.
ksimpson: Is there a site where a student can check to see what courses may be offered in Summer 2017? She's trying to decide what courses to take for spring and whether she will attend this summer or in 2018.
SarahJRobin: Lynn-Thank-you. I will do that later today.
AlliD: Hi Lynn, I do not know for sure which category classes he needs. He is effectively a junior with his
AlliD: credits
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Floridagatorgal, one.ufl.edu , click on Schedule of Courses. Put in Spring 2017 as the term and "Campus/Web..." as the student status. Open course filters and put in PHI2010 in the course number section. Click search and when PHI2010 comes up, open it...it will show "Writing" and then none, or 2,000 words, 4,000 words or 6,000 words.

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): ksimpson, Summer 2017 schedule of courses won't be available til early March. However, she can look at last summer's schedule to get a general idea of what is usually offered.
JLitt9: Re: pre law advisors. website does not have email address or 'bio' for the 3 listed; just a phone # to call to make the appointment. does not appear to be 'student user friendly'. different from the CLAS advisors site.
jmc123: When you sign in to chat are you only able to see conversation from the time you signed on?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): AllID, I'd need to know a bit more about what he was advised to understand what info he still needs. Feel free to email me or have him email me at losickey@advising.ufl.edu .
jpchovet: Good question because I keep a logbook of these conversations for future references.
AngelaMiller: ^^yes that is a good question. I was here earlier, logged out, lost my thread (!).
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @jmc123, unfortunately, yes, but the transcripts will be posted next week!
Floridagatorgal: What should my son do if he can not get a seat in IUF 1000 for the spring? He tried to get it in the fall, but couldn't. Isn't that a class he has to complete by the end of his first year at UF?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): JLitt9, those advisors are on the main advising staff site I mention so you can see their bios there. Right now, students would need to come in on a walk-in basis to see an advisor, pre-law or not, because we are so busy with advance registration advising. We only do phone advising by appointment and we're not taking appointments now. I would recommend your student come in during our morning shift - 8-11:30 because the waits are much shorter (still around 10 minutes average compared 30+ minutes in the afternoon). If you have further questions, email me at losickey@advising.ufl.edu
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): ALL, I am going to have to sign off as my Dad just got out of his procedure. I CAN'T see what happened in chat when I am not signed in. I expect to be back on chat by 3:45 at the latest, but feel free to email me directly at losickey@advising.ufl.edu . Sorry I haven't been able to be on consistently today.
Floridagatorgal: Thank you Lynn...
jpchovet: Thank you so much to all of you!
AngelaMiller: Yes, thank you Lynn! best wishes to your Dad!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Hi everyone, I am happy to continue answering general advising questions if you have them!
ckchase: Lynn, thank you for your time. You are also a big help on Facebook answering questions and giving direction and advice.
Floridagatorgal: Can you tell me a little bit about the 3 Exploratory Majors (especially the Humanities and Letters) and what the advantage is to going that route?
ksimpson: Lynn - on One.uf you can only view Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 courses. Where can I find summer 2016 to get an idea of what will be offered in summer 2017?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Floridagatorgal, sure! Humanities and Letters is for students that might be interested in things such as English, Journalism, Philosophy, Art, etc. Social and Behavioral is for students interested in majors such as Business, Sociology, Psychology, etc. Then the Science and Engineering is for students that are interested in going into science but aren't sure WHICH science.

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @ksimpson, the summer schedule is still available in the old format: http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/soc/201606/all/#d
ksimpson: Yahoo Arie! Thanks!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): You're welcome!
kkmama: I have a question about a non-music major taking a music class, specifically to be part of a concert band. My son mentioned that he cannot register for this one credit class unless he has auditioned and that auditions would take place a week before Spring classes start. This really does not add up as he will need to try and fit this class around his other classes when he registers in a few weeks.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Hi folks, I'm back and will try to answer as many questions as I can until 4.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @kkmama, The Concert Band does not require an audition: http://www.ufbands.com/concert-ensembles
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): kkmama, that's also my understanding.
AngelaMiller: Can I clarify, how does a kid with numerous DE credits verify which credits UF will "accept" towards graduation credit requirements? Not even sure I'm asking this correctly.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): AngelaMiller, we accept up to 60 credits from State/community colleges. No limit from four year institutions...more...
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): AngelaMiller, all courses will appear on the student's transcript - if there are more than 60 credits, we can switch around which ones apply to the degree to make it most useful for the student.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): AngelaMiller, does that help?
AngelaMiller: Lynn where do you look? When I see my son's unofficial transcript it looks like he has 13 hours for purposes of UF. He actually has more than that from PBSC/FAU but we did not expect UF to apply Trig or College Algebra. I'm not sure if we're looking in the right place though.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): AngelaM, unofficial transcript is the correct place. Which credits are missing? Are the ones from one institution there but not the other?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Additional questions, folks?
AngelaMiller: I'm not sure I'm explaining this correctly (so sorry). The classes are there, but when you look at his UF GPA it only shows 13 UF hours. He's at class right now or I'd have him pull it up. Maybe I will email you offline. that would probably be easier. Thank you so much! We just didn't want him to do more than he needed to, especially for humanities type courses (he's in CS/College of Engineering).
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Angela, I get it - transfer credits do NOT count into UFGPA. That doesn't mean we haven't accepted the credits and they should appear as meeting requirements for things like humanities in his degree audit. Are you seeing the transfer credits in his complete degree audit?
AngelaMiller: One more question Lynn - he has a CLEP credit that he did in August. We still need the transcript from College Board. Where do we send it at UF? We understand CLEP credits are restricted and need to be done by December of first year (?).
kkmama: Thank you Lynn and Arie. I will share this link with my son and it does say MUN 1120 does not require an audition. I appreciate the help:)
AngelaMiller: Yes, I think the credits are in Degree Audit. I think that's where I was getting confused (UFGPA vs transfer credits).

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): AngelaM, you send that to the Admissions Office to be posted to his record. And they should be received by the end of the first fall term. I'd have them sent to your student and have them hand them in person (sealed envelope) to Admissions so you know it gets there.
AngelaMiller: Ahhh good to know. Thank you!
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Angela, sure thing.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): kkmama, you're welcome :-)
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Folks a little bit more than five minutes left. I'm sure Arie did a great job answering questions, but am here to answer more if you have them.
kkmama: How do you assign dates and times for registering for classes? My son and his roommate (both freshman) have 4 days difference between their registration times. My son is later and is a little concerned he won't have a great selection for dates/times. Just curious how this works.
kmccabe4: If the UIF1000 class was full this semester, will they definitely be able to get in next semester? What happens if there isn't enough room? I'm sorry if this was already answered.
dnafrance: Lynn, I am interested in the answer to kkmama's question as well. Thanks.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): kkmama, the assignment is based on credits earned. The idea is that the more credits you have, the closer you are to graduation and therefore the more important it is you get the classes you need. Your son's roommate may have brought in more credits. He may have more trouble initially getting the classes he wants, but to be honest, if your son checks the registration system regularly, he will be able to adjust his schedule and will likely get what he wants (and certainly what he needs). There are tens of thousands of drops and adds between November and January.
kkmama: Ok. Thank you.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): kmccabe4, Yes, your student should get it next semester. If there is a problem getting a seat, the first thing to do is to keep checking the registration system. (Sometimes students who don't need it register for it to 'hoard' the seat :-(Seats will open up as students adjust their schedules. But if your student really can't get it by Christmas, he/she is welcome to contact me at losickey@advising.ufl.edu and I'll see if there's anything I can do.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): dnafrance, sure :-)
kmccabe4: Thanks Lynn!
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Thanks to all of you for supporting your students!!

Online Family Chat - Disability Resource Center

Thursday, November 3, 2016

familychatmoderator(Tara_DisabilityResourceCenter): Hey, welcome all! My name is Tara Scruggs, I am one of the Assistant Directors/Learning Specialist over in the Dean of Students, Disability Resource Center (DRC). At the DRC we offer a variety of support services including; strategic and academic coaching sessions, disability specific strategy groups, support for disability management, amongst other things. If you have a question about services your students is currently receiving or would like to know more about our office. Please don't hesitate to ask. :)

familychatmoderator(Tara_DisabilityResourceCenter): Hey, welcome all! My name is Tara Scruggs, I am one of the Assistant Directors/Learning Specialist over in the Dean of Students, Disability Resource Center (DRC). At the DRC we offer a variety of support services including; strategic and academic coaching sessions, disability specific strategy groups, support for disability management, amongst other things. If you have a question about services your students is currently receiving or would like to know more about our office. Please don't hesitate to ask. :)

AngelaMiller: Are there any support groups for organizational skills? Thanks for all you do Tara!

familychatmoderator(Tara_DisabilityResourceCenter): Currently our support groups are on hold for the semester however the individual learning specialist your student is assigned to can certainly help

AngelaMiller: OK thank you Tara! Will have our student contact your office.

familychatmoderator(Tara_DisabilityResourceCenter): Sounds great! You can also give them my email tarasc@dso.ufl.edu to help them get in touch with their learning specialist if they aren't sure who it is.

AngelaMiller: Thank you!

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Tara, you are a fountain of information. thanks for all your help in Cypress!

familychatmoderator(Tara_DisabilityResourceCenter): @Ryan, as are you. Thank you sir!

Online Family Chat - Housing and Residence Education

Thursday, November 3, 2016

<p>familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Hello all and welcome to the Housing Chat room. My name is Ryan Winget and I have worked at UF since January of 2006.</p>
<p>skokanj: Hello! My son (a freshman) is living in Hume, and was paired with a 2nd year roommate who comes into the dorm room in the middle of the night (2am and beyond), often drunk, and has his girlfriend spending the night about 4 nights per week. My son has been trying to work with the R.A. to make things work, but it is no better than the first week of school. Why would the 2nd year student -who isn't an Honors College student - be assigned to live in Hume?</p>
<p>skokanj: Will my son have a different roommate in Spring? What are the rules for the roommate's girlfriend spending the night? How can my son get a full night sleep without someone coming in drunk at 3am and turn on all the lights, etc.?</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Good question. I will look into the Assignments of Hume question. As for the behavioral issues of your sons roommate, it sound like some intervention needs to take place between your son, his roommate and out housing staff. We do have RAs as well as Graduate Hall Directors and an Area Coordinator in Hume. Please email me the specifics to ryanw@housing.ufl.edu, and I will get that to the appropriate staff.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): The only way he would have a different roommate in Spring is if his current roommate moves out. If that is happening, yes.</p>
<p>skokanj: Thank you! I will email you right away with the specifics. I know his roommate isn't happy either because my son has a class at 8:30am and gets up around 7:30am to get to class on time. The roommate doesn't have a class until 1pm and gets up around noon. They are completely incompatible and we had really hoped when my son selected a "random" roommate that the questionnaire (are you an early riser, etc.) would have steered the roommate selection to someone with whom he could easily live.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Rules for another human being spending the night in that room is that the roommate should get permission from your son. We do Gator 2 Gator Roommate Agreements in the beginning of the year. Guests are covered on the form.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Oh, college class schedules and how those can collide!</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): There are other options for switching rooms if he is amenable...we have a process called Swamp Swap, where roommates who are unhappy with their current situation can find one another as well.</p>
<p>skokanj: Yes, he looked into Swamp Swap but was told that he would have to be willing to leave his room and leave Hume. He is a Lombardi/Stamps scholar and the majority of his friends are in Hume. He really didn't want to risk being moved to a different dorm when his roommate is neither an Honors student and is actually on Academic Probation (he told my son).</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): That makes sense. Sounds like some intervention from staff would be helpful...meeting with your son and his roommate and going over the Gator 2 Gators, and opening up the lines of communication. Schedules not matching up at all is very challenging, but they should be respectful of one another and that sounds like it is not happening.</p>

skokanj: If the schedule were the only issue, it would be ok. It's the sleepovers, the having sex with the girlfriend 3 feet away, coming in drunk, and being inconsiderate by turning on all lights at 3am that make it unbearable!
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): I do like that he knows where the resource (Swamp Swap) is located, in case anything in Hume should arise.
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): agreed.
karenceppetelli: When do the dorms re-open for the spring semester?
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): The residence halls re-open on January 2nd at Noon. Most students do not come back that early, but we are here and open on that day/time. Jan 2-5 is Opening for Spring.
karenceppetelli: Thank you!
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Quite welcome
SarahJRobin: When are deadlines for 2017-18 on-campus housing applications? I feel like it's way too early for my daughter to have any idea where she may want to live next school year, but I think I saw there are already deadlines coming up. Am I incorrect
parentb: my son is a freshman. What are his chances to get a single dorm room as a sophomore?
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): There are always approaching deadlines =) The sooner one applies to live on campus, the better (and the earlier they get to choose a room). I will find out for you and be right back...
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): By "choose a room," I mean better chance of getting the building/room type they preference.
parentb: let me know the date for registration
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): parentb, Freshman chances of finding a single room as a sophomore. This is not terribly helpful, but I'd say the chances are good. There are limited single rooms in almost all of our residence halls.
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): SarahJRobin, I found this statement on our website, but I did not see a deadline...making a call for you....After you have completed your application to the University of Florida, you are eligible to complete a housing application. UF Students are not required to live on campus. Students who apply early will have the largest selection of campus housing locations and types.To apply please click on this link:https://hms.housing.ufl.edu/freshman_housing_application
parentb: He will be a sophomore next year
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): parentb, if you have your son contact me, I would be happy to help them!
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): ryanw@housing.ufl.edu
parentb: ok. Thank you
SarahJRobin: Ryan-Thank-you.
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): parentb, There is no deadline, but the earlier, the better.
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): You are welcome SarahJRobin
Banapeel16!: My daughter is contemplating housing choices for next year. Are the walls between the bedrooms in Lakeside cinder block or just drywall?
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): Hello Banapeel16!, Between the rooms inside the "apartment", they are drywall. So, the wall between room A the Living Room is Drywall, as are the walls between A and B, B and C. But the wall between C and the Hallway is Cinder Block.

familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): I accidentally closed my browser...did anyone just ask a question? If not, thanks and it was nice talking to you! Follow up emails are welcome to RyanW@housing.ufl.edu or phone calls to me at 352-392-2171 x10660
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Hi Ryan, Bananapeel16 asked about the walls in Lakeside and if they are cinder block or drywall!
Bananapeel16!: Yes, I asked if the walls between the bedrooms within a unit at Lakeside are drywall or cinder block.
familychatmoderator(Ryan_Housing): between the rooms, they are drywall, with exception of the C Room to the hallway...that is cinderblock.

Online Family Chat - Student Health Care Center

Thursday, November 3, 2016

<p>familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): Good afternoon! My name is Catherine Seemann, and I'm the communications coordinator for the UF Student Health Care Center. Please feel free to ask me anything!</p>
<p>nygatorparent: hi - can someone please explain how the infirmary operates? i understand there are different teams and that MDs are only available on certain days.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @nygatorparent: Absolutely!</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @nygatorparent: The first time a student wishes to be seen, we request that they call first to establish themselves as a patient: 352-392-1161. They can typically be scheduled with their assigned MD, PA, or ARNP within 24-48 hours; however, should they have a concern they feel is urgent they can request to speak to an RN for same-day advice.</p>
<p>br9865@gmail.com: Also, how does the billing work? How do we know if they accept our health insurance?</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @br9865: The easiest way to know how your health insurance will work at our facility is to contact your insurance company and provide them our tax ID name and number: Florida Clinical Practice Association, #591680273.</p>
<p>nygatorparent: thanks Catherine. I was unaware that my daughter was assigned an MD. She made numerous trips to the infirmary over the past 2 months and was only seen by a PA. I have been considering a local intern off-campus because of this. Does she have a MD she is assigned to but doesn't know it?</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @nygatorparent: Students are assigned either an MD, PA or ARNP; however, your student is welcome to ask the team secretary to be reassigned to an MD if she so chooses - she just may need to switch teams.</p>
<p>nygatorparent: Got it - my daughter mentioned something about switching team and i was confused.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @br9865@gmail.com: The easiest way to know how your health insurance will work at our facility is to contact your insurance company and provide them our tax ID name and number: Florida Clinical Practice Association, #591680273. Our facility bills the insurance first, and if any patient responsibility remains that will end up on the student's UF account within 90 days of the date of service.</p>
<p>Floridagatorgal: My son went to the infirmary about a month ago and I understand that he was to have gotten a medical record ID number in order to set up his online record of sorts, but he either did not get one or has misplaced it. Is there any way for him to find out what that number was? It seems like going online would be beneficial for him in the future if he needs to arrange an appointment rather than by calling in.</p>
<p>nygatorparent: Thx Catherine</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @Floridagatorgal: No problem! Should your student not be able to locate their access code for My UF Health / MyChart, he can call his team (or our main number: 352-392-1161) to have the information printed for pickup or mailed to his local address.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @nygatorparent: Happy to help! Let me know if I can clarify anything else.</p>

familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): Just FYI: The Student Health website has lots of info for students and parents/family members - feel free to check it after the chat! http://shcc.ufl.edu/new-students and http://shcc.ufl.edu/parents-family-members
karenceppetelli: What is the process to be seen at the student health center? My daughter was not feeling well on a Sunday, and ended up going to a local walk-in clinic. And, what services are offered? We saw it was "limited" and did not know what that meant.
familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @karenceppetelli: If a student is seeking care Monday through Friday, we request that they call first to establish themselves as a patient: 352-392-1161. They can typically be scheduled with their assigned MD, PA, or ARNP within 24-48 hours; however, should they have a concern they feel is urgent they can request to speak to an RN for same-day advice.
familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @karenceppetelli: On Sundays, students may walk in for care. Services available include urgent care, women's health, pharmacy, lab, and X-ray from 12-4pm in the Fall and Spring semesters, with the exception of break weeks and holidays.
Floridagatorgal: Hi Catherine. Were you saying to another parent that students can walk in to the infirmary on Sundays for care? What about Saturdays?
karenceppetelli: Catherine - should she call and register as a patient before any care is needed - I am sure she will need to seek care in the next 4 years. Also, is there already an assigned MD/PA - or does she need to do something?
familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @Floridagatorgal: Yes! On Sundays from 12-4pm in the Fall and Spring semesters, with the exception of break weeks and holidays, students may walk in for care. Services available include urgent care, women's health, pharmacy, lab, and X-ray. We currently do not offer services on Saturdays; however, students are welcome to call the main number to be connected to a provider for over-the-phone advice should they have an urgent, non-emergency medical concern.
familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @karenceppetelli: It would definitely make her first visit easier. Have your student visit http://shcc.ufl.edu/appointments to connect with our call center. All students are assigned a medical provider with MD, PA, or ARNP credentials once they start classes, so the first time they call they will learn their team assignment and the name of their provider.
karenceppetelli: Thank you!
familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @Floridagatorgal: The urgent, non-emergency advice line - 352-392-1161 - operates after regular business hours.
familychatmoderator(Catherine_StudentHealthCareCtr): @karenceppetelli: No problem! :)
familychatmoderator(Jennifer_HealthCompliance): Good afternoon everyone. I know all of you have completed the processes for the health insurance and immunization requirements and will likely not need to revisit this until a later time. I just want to let you know that we have launched a new website recently- www.healthcompliance.shcc.ufl.edu. You can subscribe to our newsletter at the bottom of the home page. It will be issued on the first Monday of every month and contain much of the same information that is emailed to your students. We have also started a Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/ufhealthcompliance) if you have any questions as the semester progresses. Take care!