familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): Good Morning! Thank you for joining us today! We will get started in just a few minutes!

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): Thank you all for joining us for our family chat today! My name is Arie Gee and I am the Assistant Director for Family Programs and Engagement in the Dean of Students Office!

musiclover: Good morning. Does the number in the waiting list represent your position in the waiting list for that specific dorm or in a general housing waiting list? Thank you.

icegalbone: Good morning everyone. My son is in Engineering and has a pretty tough schedule and plays club baseball. He's doing well but I'm concerned he hasn't spoken to his advisor enough. He says he's busy and he says he's trying to reach her. What is the usual amount of times in a year that a student usually talks with them and should talk with them? Thank you.

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Jackie): Good Morning everyone! My name is Jackie Bonilla and I am the Assistant Director for Transition Programs in the Dean of Students Office.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @icegalbone - in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, we suggest that students see their advisors at least once per term, but they are welcome as often as they'd like to come. What college is he in?

icegalbone: Engineering. He has seen his advisor once, it was the fall term.

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @musiclover, I'm finding an answer to your question right now!

lhouse: Hi! I thought I remembered during the orientation tour that there were tutors available in one of the libraries during certain hours with a 'walk-in' policy? My daughter says she has not been able to find this, is there something like this?

musiclover: Thank you, Arie.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @icgalbone - in our office, students can make appointments to see advisors via the front desk. Has your son tried to do that? Sometimes it's hard to reach individual advisors via email.

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @lhouse, the walk-tutors are available at Broward Teaching Center - located in Broward Hall - https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/tutoring/drop-in-tutoring/

lhouse: Thank you!

icegalbone: I actually told him to do that and he said, "Mom, that's not how it's done", in the 'tone'. By the end of our conversation he was going to try that. I was thinking students met with their advisors much more. Thank you so much, ease of mind! Also, when does the majority of students take their summer courses? Just curious. :)

musiclover: My daughter will be taking three credits at FAU during summer. Will she be eligible for financial aid? If so, what is the process to apply for aid?

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): Many students meet with their advisors quite often, but a very large percentage hardly see their advisors, even though we encourage them to do so.

icegalbone: I would think students would take advantage of that. Thank you Meredith.

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @musiclover, I'm unsure about whether she will be able to receive financial aid over the summer, but the information from UF is here: http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/applying/summer-aid/ There may be other policies at FAU. I would recommend having your daughter talk with her Financial Aid advisor here (based off of the last 2 digits of her UFID number) as well as an advisor at FAU.
rmhorne: I believe that we should complete the FAFSA annually? Is there a deadline to have this done? Our financial situation has changed significantly from last year, and I'd like to see if my daughter may now be eligible for financial aid. Thank you.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): As for summer courses, most students get those done their first few years

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Jackie): @rmhorne: You are correct FAFSA should be completed annually. Even if your financial situation has changed, it is still a good idea to apply. Since there may be other opportunities available.

icegalbone: Thanks. Meredith, do you have any tips for us on helping our students stay motivated? Anything I can suggest to my son or pass along? Thank you.

musiclover: Thank you, Arie for the answers.

familychatmoderator(NSFP_Jackie): @rmhorne: The Fafsa deadline is March 15. Even if you miss it you can still submit the application.

JohnQ: Do online summer courses count toward the summer requirement?

caripz6: hi, my first time on ...I was wondering if all of your children KNOW what they want to do because mine still isn't sure about his major. He is researching ROTC and I think some of that may be because he feels like he should know what he wants to do. I am not raelly happy about a military prospect with the world the way it is right now

caripz6: Also the sooner you submit FASFA, if you qualify, the better chances of more resources because they do run out.

JohnQ: Nope! My child does not know yet. That is the great thing about UF, it is strong in so many areas!

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): icegalbone - that is a hard one, as every student is different and it can be hard to motivate students who are tired at the end of a term....I'll try to get some resources for you...

rmhorne: My daughter is a Freshman and just decided to change her major (not sure how many more times that will happen :-)). She said she got more guidance and encouragement from someone in the new major, so decided to switch. Hope it was a good decision. Lots of similar courses.

JanEasey: My student is considering dropping a class (not in his field of study, accidentally got into an almost-upper level class, instructor is difficult to understand). Can you tell me what the consequences would be if he dropped this 3 credit class (it would drop him below 12 credits) for his record, for his Bright Futures, and for his on-campus housing.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @johnQ - if they are taken at UF or another of the State University System schools, the answer is yes.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @caripz6 - feel free to send your child to his/her advisor to discuss options. Also the Career Resource Center is an excellent resource for major/career planning!

caripz6: thank you Meredith

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): You're most welcome!

caripz6: sorry but I came in late...Meredith you said most kids take summer classes in the first few years. Are they required to take some summer classes?
KimEric: My son is an engineering major and received all A's last semester and on target for that again this semester however I am very concerned with the teaching style within the physics department. If the average grade on the exam is 50% isn't that telling that the information is not being taught well? My son said the professor merely reads from a PowerPoint and does not work through the problems with the students. And like I said if my son is having a difficult time then I am sure so many others are.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @icegalbone - I'd suggest to your son that he set goals for completing his work so they don't become overwhelming, as that can make it hard to stay motivated. We have the teaching center on campus to help him with study skills and such and he can work with the folks there to map out a plan to get things done in a timely manner. There are also lots of ideas using a quick google search that may prove beneficial.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): If there are some social groups/campus clubs he can join, that can help as well, as he'll be surrounded by others who can help him stay motivated.

KimEric: On the other hand in Calc he indicates the teaching style is very good. The professor actually goes to the board and works through the problems.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @caripz - students are required to take 9 hours of summer courses at the State University level as part of their graduation requirements. It doesn't matter when they do it, just that it gets done prior to graduation.

caitlex: ^ which can be competed online as well?

KimEric: Seems like the distribution of the test scores should be indicative of the teaching success in the class. Not so much in this case.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @caitlex - if they are taken at UF or another of the State University System schools, the answer is yes.

icegalbone: Perfect Meredith. I'll pass that along, thank you.

AlmondJoy7406: Hello, my son and his roommate both plan on taking CHM-2045 Chemistry I this summer at the Hillsborough community college. When they try to register with HCC, it says it requires Chem-1025 and MAC-1025 which they are both exempted from at UF. When they went to see their advisor, they were told it was drop/add right now and they cannot see students for anything else. They need the UF advisor to provide info to HCC to take the CHM 2045 class. In the meantime, the course opening at HCC is very limited and they may not be open when they eventually see their advisor. They were told it can be taken careduring their fall enrollment time. But when will that be? Why can't a student see an advisor when they need to?

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @AlmondJoy - in order to take classes at another institution in Florida, students need to go through FLVC.org and request transient classes. At that point, the advising office of the student's UF college can go in and approve/deny the course, and if approved, it goes through some UF steps and some HCC steps and then the student can register.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): We are in advance registration time right now so most advising offices are swamped trying to help students get registered. Our office, for example, does not take appointments during this time - only walkins. Each office handles that differently based on their student population and staff numbers. What college is your son in?

AlmondJoy7406: Engineering first year. They tried walkin but was turned away.

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @KimEric, If your student has concerns about his professor and the grade distribution, I would recommend having him talk with the department chair and address his concerns with the professor and the grade distribution.
**familychatmoderator (Academic Advisor Meredith):** @AlmondJoy - I would suggest starting the FLVC process, and trying to find out from Engineering when they will be able to speak with someone. They may not have to come in at all for transient work. It depends on each student's situation whether they need to see someone or not. I'm often able to approve those requests (For our college) without seeing the student, but sometimes it does require a face to face.

**KimEric:** From what he is told is that this is normal and a 50% is the average and a C. To me that isn't demonstrating good comprehension of the material.

**familychatmoderator (Academic Advisor Meredith):** @AlmondJoy - maybe this link will help? hopefully? https://www.eng.ufl.edu/students/advising/hours-location/

**Sharlene Williams:** I'm late logging on, my son is a freshmen and has decided to come home to Philadelphia for the summer to take classes at one of the community colleges, how will he know if UF accepts any credits he takes? Does he have to select the classes first and tell his advisor to see if he will get the credit once he has completed the coursework? I'm asking because this is all new to me, when I was in college I took summer classes at the school I was going to, so I don't know how the process works for a student that lives out-of-state.

**AlmondJoy7406:** Thank you Meredith. Is there instructions for transient classes requests so they can get that done before seeing the advisor? Also when will drop/add be done so walk-ins are accepted?

**familychatmoderator (Academic Advisor Meredith):** @Sharlene - he should work with his advisor and utilize the University transient request form. There may also be a college level form required - that depends on the office. Here's the link to the University level form http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/pdf/transient.pdf  
**familychatmoderator (Academic Advisor Meredith):** @Almond - the instructions are on FLVC, scroll down toward the bottom and select "take a course." that will walk him through the steps.  
**familychatmoderator (Academic Advisor Meredith):** I can't speak to when he'll be able to see an Engineering advisor, but advance registration should be done April 3rd, I believe. I'd encourage him to reach back out to his advising office and see when he would be able to go in rather than just waiting until April 6th. Maybe he can get in sooner.

**JanEasey:** My student is considering dropping a class. My gut reaction when he talked about it was to stick it out, but in all honesty it is a bad fit for him. What happens if he drops this 3 credit class (it would drop him below 12 credits) for his record, for his Bright Futures, and for his on-campus housing.

**familychatmoderator (Academic Advisor Meredith):** @Jan - he should talk to the financial aid office about Bright Futures. Their website is www.sfa.ufl.edu. I'm not sure about housing - maybe an NSFP rep can help us?  
**AlmondJoy7406:** How are the students notified when they can register for fall classes?  
**familychatmoderator (Academic Advisor Meredith):** @Almond - it's available on ISIS under their registration links.

**caripz6:** they aren't able to register now for fall are they?  
**JanEasey:** How does a dropped class be listed on his transcripts? I was told that because it is dropped it doesn't impact his GPA but is listed and is a big negative. What problems might he encounter with a dropped class on his record?

**Sharlene Williams:** @Academic Advisor Meredith thank you I will let him know.

**familychatmoderator (Academic Advisor Meredith):** once a student's registration time arrives, they can register for summer and fall classes. This is the only time of year when they register for two terms at once.  
**caripz6:** thank you
A dropped course shows up as a W where the grade would be. It does not impact the GPA. It may or may not be a problem with grad schools later - depends on the program. In most circumstances, one W doesn't stop a student from pursuing his/her goals.

You're most welcome!

JanEasey: Thanks Meredith.

Cuibee: @JanEasey I also have a son at FSU. When he dropped a class, FSU charged us for the tuition portion that Bright Futures had paid.

You're welcome

AlmondJoy7406: Is there a way to see the progress grade?

JanEasey: Thanks Cuibee. It's good to know the financial consequences of dropping a class as well.

@Almond - not sure what you mean. Are you referring to the grade a student has in a current class? If so, your student would have to share that with you (assuming the professor keeps the gradebook online).

Yes, I'd like to see the progress of the current classes much like junior high has on edsb by in Hillsborough county so I am not surprised when final grades come out.

@Almond - it's entirely up to your student to share those grades with you.

Thank you Meredith for your help.

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That can be a frustration for sure, but it sounds like you guys have a working system set up of her sending you screenshots, even if it's not the most technologically advanced way :)

I wish the system was set up that the students email account is separate from their grades / tuition balances / scholarship balances, etc. Not that my daughter has anything to hide, but it is all linked together. So if she gave me her user name and password to look at everything it also gives me her email account. :-( So instead I have her send me screen shots every now and then.

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I'm glad you find these helpful! The amazing staff at the Dean of Students Office, New Student and Family Programs (Arie) does an amazing job with these!!

My daughters are trying to get a syllabus of a couple of classes they want to take online thru UF this summer, however, there is not a professor listed yet for the class. Any suggestions. One of the classes is ENC 3246. Any opinions on taking this class online in a 6 week summer session.

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Any 6 week course is intense in it's workload, but they are manageable. That course will require a good bit of dedication to writing, though, so be prepared
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<td>familychatmoderator(NSFP_Jackie): @Gatormomx2: There is also the option of checking the UF Evaluations (Gator Rater) site to see feedback on the course from students who have taken it. You can search via instructor or by the course name. The website is: <a href="https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/">https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/</a></td>
<td>gatormomx2: Thank you Meredith. They are only planning to do one course at a time since the two classes they are interested in are only offered in the A or B sessions (not C). I pray that they will be OK.</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): We have great resources like the Teaching Center and Writing Center to help. Also, our professors do a great job of structuring the 6 week courses so that the work, while intense, is manageable.</td>
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<td>Linda_Gator: @NSFP_Arie, thank you!</td>
<td>gatormomx2: Thank you Jackie and Meredith. I'll let them know.</td>
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<td>Cuibee: I would caution people checking on line evaluations of classes. My son almost didn't take a class this semester because of negative reviews, but he stuck with the class. It is by far the best class he has ever taken!</td>
<td>Tawnymom: Is there a website our son can go to for Scholarships for next year?</td>
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<td>anacrespo: Is there any other way to communicate with other Gator families and or news other than Facebook I do not have Facebook but would love to keep in touch with parent/family Gators. I do not beleive in social media so getting a Facebook page is not an option for me.</td>
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<td>GatorDad55: Family Weekend for the Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity was Excellent. They supported the March of Dimes Gainesville Walk, had fraternity &quot;family time&quot; at Lake Wauberg, my freshman daughter gets to associate with outstanding gator students. It is coed, yet is called a fraternity &amp; everyone is a &quot;brother&quot; or family member. I recommend it for everybody.</td>
<td>Tawnymom: He is in Music Education, does this mean he is only eligible for Music scholarships or should he be looking into Education Scholarships as well.</td>
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<td>familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @JohnQ - You should check with Student Financial Affairs - <a href="http://www.sfa.ufl.edu">www.sfa.ufl.edu</a></td>
<td>familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @Tawnymom, he may qualify for some of the education scholarships, but that is going to vary based on scholarship! It is definitely worth looking!</td>
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<td>anacrespo: Thank you Arie, these chats are great I already completed the family survey which was also a great tool for expressing our opinion. I can't think of any other platforms but will keep it in mind.</td>
<td>familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @Tawnymom - I believe any student can apply for general education scholarships, but the Student Financial Affairs folks would be the experts there.</td>
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<td>Charlene: JohnQ-we are on our 3rd college student, Bright Futures applies to 2 semesters a year so if your student is attending Spring/Summer, funds will be used. You can't use funds for all 3 semesters though so plan accordingly.</td>
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Cuibee: Regarding the Facebook page, I have a friend who started her own FB page called FSU Parents two years ago. That page is going great guns and lots of parents exchange a lot of information, including info on things such as where to get a car repaired and not get ripped off, where to order birthday sweets for delivery, what dorms the freshman like the best, what apartment complexes are good and bad, etc. The only somewhat similar site, where parent dialogue back and forth (versus the university putting out information), I found for UF parents is UF Parents of 2019. I think parents are afraid to communicate like that on an official UF site. I have thought about starting such a site for UF parents, but haven't had the time. If someone else wanted to do so, it could be very, very useful as the F

Tawnymom: Does UF have groups that travel together & study abroad as Gators, or does each student have their own experience?

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @Tawnymom, the UF International Center has study abroad trips www.ufic.ufl.edu....

kweston: My son is finishing his freshman year in the engineering program. He is struggling and considering changing his major. He’s feeling pretty overwhelmed knowing he has to have a game plan by next week when he sees his advisor to schedule fall semester classes. Where can he go to get help? He feels like his advisor will only be able to guide him regarding an engineering curriculum

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): and the Center for Leadership and Service also coordinates abroad trips. their site is http://www.leadershipandservice.ufl.edu/

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @kweston - what other majors is he considering?

Tawnymom: you are Ultimately Fantastic!!

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): Glad the info is helpful :)

kweston: He doesn't really know. He thinks he wants to be a pilot and he excels in math and science so he always thought aerospace engineering was the way to go, although an engineering degree is not required. We have encouraged the engineering idea in case he decides along the way not to become a pilot.

Charlene: Outside of Academic Advisor’s are there any mentorship programs offered at UF? Our second Engineering son atUSF,got connected with a Professor who offered to mentor him and what a world of difference that made compared to our first son.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): If he wants to continue exploring the Engineering side of things, his advisor over there is one of his best resources. If he wants to explore other majors, he can utilize the Career Resource Center www.crc.ufl.edu resources, and I’d also encourage him to meet with advisors in his prospective colleges. Students can also use the "degree shopping" tool on ISIS to see what the degree requirements are for each potential major. He should look at that for prospective majors as well.

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @Charlene, I'm not aware of any specific programs like that, but students are encouraged to go to their professors' office hours, which can lead to an organic mentorship.

Nwh5415: What are your thoughts on student advisors? I cannot seem to get my son to go to an actual advisor - he went to a student one this week, says they are just as good as the " official " ones and he has everything under control for summer, next year etc. Not sure why he is reluctant to see an advisor - he's doing very well in school ( finance major) is happy, settled in at UF...

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @NWH5415, do you mind giving us some more information about the student advisors?
@NWH - several colleges use student peer advisors (our college has a slew of them - we love them!) to help us advise students. If the questions are general and there aren't any red flags on the records AND if the students are trained well, they can be a great resource.

Another option are peer mentorship opportunities. This is where an upperclassmen student provides guidance to a newer student. These are often offered through various different involvement opportunities and academic interests. I would encourage your student to check with within his college to see if there are any college ambassadors available. If not to check within his involvement opportunities, if they have made those connections already.

Also, our peer advisors are well versed in when to send a student to a full time advisor. That's key.

I'm not actually sure of much about them or who they are. He said they are students in the business college, who help with planning which classes to take, satisfying your requirements in your major...

It's still a great idea to see professional advisors at least a few times per year. Often times, students are reluctant to come see us because they don't have a specific question/need. I suggest having your student come in just to see how he/she is progressing in the major. We get those requests all the time and we love the opportunity to meet with our students and review things. Sometimes we are able to head an issue off at the pass that we all would have been unaware of otherwise.

He has joined a Fraternity and has also spoken directly with a couple of professors so hopefully he will find a mentor from one of those paths.

Kweston... If you don't mind me asking, what is your son finding overwhelming in Engineering, besides hard math and science of course. One of my daughters is considering majoring in Industrial and Systems Engineering. I have Freshman twins. They are currently undeclared in liberal arts and sciences. I know engineering is tough.

That was my thought about it, too - what can it hurt?? It's interesting dealing with kids as they start spreading their wings to independence - I don't want to control him or be too involved but I don't want him to miss out or get misdirected. Good to know they are well versed.

Meredith and Charlene - Thank you for the Bright Futures info! Very helpful!

@NWH - I can't speak for the business peer advisors, but I'm guessing they are well trained. Still, I would encourage your student to check in with a professional advisor at least a few times a year.

Will do. He hasn't been to one at all that I know of, although I've encouraged him to do so. Thanks

to any advisor or parent...Do many parents meet with advisors with their students? We did not do this prior to them starting college. I met with the high school advisors several times during that time, so I'm feeling a bit disconnected. I know they are now legally adults, but, my twins ask my opinion a lot, which might be rare. I am blessed with kids who openly communicate with me and I don't want to spoil that relationship. Like other parents, I don't want to be controlling or over bearing.

Often see parents with their kids during advising appointments. I'm in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which I believe is where your twins are, you said? You're most welcome to attend an advising session with them, as long is it's ok with the student.
kweston: gatormomx2... the calculus and physics classes are just very tough. He excelled in high school passing AP exams, etc. and was lauded as a superstar by his teachers. And he really likes it (something I can't relate to!) but he really is struggling to pass his physics class. He knew UF has a tough program but he thought he was ready for it. It is making him doubt his decision about his major. Also the workload has prevented him from having a lot of spare time to meet people with common interests outside of his classes so he feels a isolated/lonely and it makes it harder to cope with the course challenges...

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): You can schedule an appointment with us (after April 3rd) or come during walk-ins and be ready to wait and we'll be happy to meet with you!

zentanith: This is my first time here. Is there a topic or can I ask any questions that I may have?

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @zentanith - motivation is the overall topic, but feel free to ask whatever and we'll do our best!

gatormomx2: Thank you Meredith. FYI, my twins scheduled registration days are not until April 3rd and 7th. They went in to college with some credits, but not like many other students. I'll talk to them again. They seemed apprehensive about me coming with them. It's totally up to them.

zentanith: About the summer term that is required to be completed by the students...can the summer term be completed online?

KimEric: Kweston.... My son is in the exact same situation. I feel bad as he has not had time to have any sort of social life to speak of. I am very concerned with the Physics department and means of teaching to these students. From what my son has shown me about the professor he may be an amazing physicist but a horrible instructor. In fact the instructor says all the time that he doesn't understand why past students couldn't understand.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): @zentanith - if they are taken at UF or another of the State University System schools, the answer is yes.

zentanith: So then he could take UF classes online during the summer and that would meet his requirement?

zentanith: The requirement for a summer term, is what I mean.

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): yes

zentanith: Ok thank you

familychatmoderator(Academic Advisor Meredith): 9.0 total summer hours are required for graduation but they can be taken across multiple semesters if he'd like

dogfox: Regarding the Physics class concerns have your students tried help with Study Edge? My daughter found that very helpful.

KimEric: I don't believe that he has. I will refer him there. How has your daughter felt about the professor instruction?

gatormomx2: kweston... thank you for the feedback. I am a bit concerned about Physics. I would like to share with you that my twins were blessed with going to UF with quite a few other students from their high school, that they were friends with, who were also taking higher level math and sciences in various majors. While they are making new friends at UF, they do bond together for study groups. This is not closed to just their high school friends. I would encourage him to open up to other students in his classes who he knows are motivated and plan times to get together. Even just to independently do their own work. This way he is not isolated.

zentanith: Is this professor R Field?

kweston: KimEric...yes my son was not excited about his physics professor either. But he did go to his office hours and he has spent some time with the TA as well and that seemed to help. Is you son a freshman also and if so, what area of engineering is he in?
anacrespo: Study Edge is a good assistance tool, but I must agree that professors should be made more available to students specially Freshmen in class sized in excess of 100 student or more. I have experienced this with my child who uses Study Edge at a price and no access to the professor.

KimEric: Kweston... Yes he is a freshman and computer engineering.

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): All professors are required to have office hours each week that are posted on the syllabus. If the student is not available during those times, it is their responsibility to reach out to the professor.

KimEric: I am extremely frustrated with the physics department and choice of instructors. Evidently the department doesn't acknowledge the poor student assessments.

JohnQ: For all the Engineering/Physics students -- Been there, am an Engineer myself. The first few years of Engineering programs can be intimidating. The fun classes really start once you start taking Engineering classes in your discipline. (Mechanical, Electrical, Electronic, Civil, Environmental, etc...) Until then, I would encourage your students to get involved in the different engineering clubs now. It doesn't matter if they really don't know which discipline they will eventually major in. These clubs do exciting things and will help students of all Engineering disciplines.

musiclover: How is registration date determined? (Is it based on credits taken at UF only or does credits earned during high school are considered too? )

kweston: I know my son has mentioned Study Edge has been somewhat useful. Thank you all for your advice. It's good to know that he is not alone in what he is going through right now. I'll pass along the info on the Career Resource Center and the degree shopping tool on ISIS.

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): KimEric-who is the professor, if you don't mind me asking. From what I understand the physics professor isn't teaching much at all. My kid uses study edge as well and it its helping.

anacrespo: Do you know if any clubs like the ones mentioned for Engineering exist for a Pre-med track current major is Neurobiology

gatormomx2: JohnQ... great insight and advice. thank you.

KimEric: Only 1 student out of 794 students got a 20/20 on the last physics exam. That is pretty telling to me.

musiclover: Thank you, Meredith.

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @anacrespo, one resource is the PreHealth Diplomats group. http://www.advising.ufl.edu/pre-health/services/p3-mentor-program/. Our pre-health advising team has lots of great pre-health info on the website. www.advising.ufl.edu/prehealth

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @music - you're most welcome!

icegalbone: I am leaving, thank you all, this session has been very informative and I thank you for answering my questions. Have a great day.

gatormomx2: KimEric- how do you or does your student find out the info about the grades/stats for an exam? Does the prof just tell them or is it posted on their ISIS?

anacrespo: Thank you, Meredith

JohnQ: Where can we find out equivalents for AP credit? Looking to see if AP Biology possibly subs for Bio 1.

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): @JohnQ - here's the link https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/advising/info/AP-examination-credit-info.aspx. It depends on the score as to what will sub

familychatadministrator(NSFP_Arie): KimEric, I can see that this is a challenging situation for your student. I would strongly recommend having your student talk to the department chair.
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<td>Thank you. Great info in today's session. I always learn something new in these chats. Makes for good conversation starters with my kids.</td>
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<td>Kweston</td>
<td>Yes thanks for all the info. This was my first time participating but I'm sure it won't be the last!</td>
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<td>KimEric</td>
<td>Yea I have told him that would be the direction to go but he doesn't feel that this will make a difference as appears has been going on for awhile. He just has one more physics class. Just wish he could take it at UCF or another university as so disappointed in UF's physics department at least for physics 1 &amp; 2</td>
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<td>GatorDad55</td>
<td>The grade distribution graph is very useful. It shows the average score with ranges.</td>
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<td>Musiclover</td>
<td>My student is a freshman at the College of Health and Human Performance. She only needs her last Universal Tracking course, which she was unable to register for this semester due to date of registration. For fall she will not be able to register until April 7th, which means sections might be closed again. Do you have any suggestions?</td>
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<td>Ana Crespo</td>
<td>As always excellent Chat and excellent information has been shared! Thanks to all I love these chats I always get my questions answered. Until our next chat!</td>
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<td>@music - she can work with her advisor to try and get into the course, but she won't need that last class until term 5 most likely, which should be the fall of her 3rd year. I'd have her talk to an advisor over there about what to take in the meantime, and to see if they have a justification to consider putting her in it early. The classes/dates are designed to be able to get students the classes by the time they need them, and advisors can help with that, too.</td>
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