



The Campus Advisor



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Noteworthy:

Sarah Kersey Otto has been appointed interim director of academic advising while continuing in her role as interim director of career services.

The Academic Advising Center as well as Holman Learning Center and the Students with Disabilities office have been realigned under Academic Affairs. Assistant vice president of retention and student success, Dr. Lynette Findley, heads this reorganization and reports to the executive vice president for Academic Affairs and Provost's office.



Second Bachelor Program Helps Students Retool for the New Economy

Almost daily we hear that another company is closing its doors forcing employees to search for another career. Students who already hold a bachelor degree from an accredited institution are coming to EMU to diversify and enhance their qualifications to compete for better jobs. Some are changing careers or pursuing the major they've always wanted, but never finished. Others are completing a second degree to change their GPA in hopes of entering the post-bachelor teaching certification program or to apply to a graduate or professional degree program. Each program of study is individually designed to give credit for coursework ("C" work and above) previously completed that can be utilized toward the new degree. The program of study must be approved by the appropriate faculty. A minimum of thirty (30) new credits must be completed and usually consists of a major and a minor different from the first degree. Only EMU undergraduate alumni can receive additional majors or minors to be posted to their first degree for completing the required classes. The program is **not** for students who seek teaching certification, occupational therapy, special education, or want to take a few classes to transfer or prepare for a graduate program. Please contact the Second Bachelor office at 734.487.2171 for additional information.

PASS = Promote Academic Survival and Success

The PASS program was designed to offer an educational opportunity to students with lower high school grade point averages and ACT/SAT scores whose ability to be successful are not pre-determined by those indicators. The program benefits include block scheduling and smaller class size, as well as academic advising and support services during the semester. In the past, participation was voluntary, but starting this fall, the program becomes mandatory to improve retention efforts. This fall's goal is to reach out to 200 students.



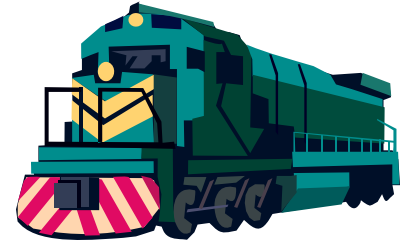
The Academic Advising Center is Here to Assist You.....

If your department would like to know more about academic advising or want to inform us of new programs, etc... our staff is available to come to your next departmental meeting to answer questions and address any concerns you might have. Topics could encompass: probation, graduation requirements or the second bachelor program to name a few. Please contact associate director, Molly Weir, at 487.2171 to schedule.



Fast Track Orientation—All On-Board!

Twenty-three Fast Track Orientation dates are scheduled to bring in new freshmen students and their families to the university. Students will leave the day with much information and a fall schedule of classes. The days will have themes based on intended major. Faculty representatives will host information tables and distribute program specific course sheets and answer questions to help students in selecting appropriate classes for the fall semester. Current plans list these **faculty/student sessions** from **9:40 – 10:40 a.m.** on the following dates:



March	3	Sciences and Social Sciences
	5	Business
	10	Education
	12	Health & Human Services
	19	Technology/Sciences/Social Sciences
	31	Arts and Humanities
April	2	Education
	3	Business
	7	Health & Human Services
	9	Technology/Sciences/Social Sciences
	17	Arts and Humanities
May	14	Sciences and Social Sciences
	15	Health & Human Services
	28	Education
	29	Arts and Humanities
June	2	Business and Technology
	4	Sciences and Social Sciences
	5	Education
	9	Health & Human Services
	12	Business
	16	Arts and Humanities
	18	Technology
	19	Sciences and Social Sciences

Note: Sciences and Social Sciences include: biology, chemistry, computer science, economics, geography & geology, history & philosophy, math, physics & astronomy, political science, psychology, sociology, criminology & anthropology.

Arts and Humanities include: African American studies, art, communication & theatre arts, English, foreign languages and bilingual studies, music & dance and women's & gender studies.

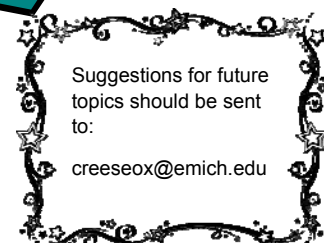
Did You Know.....

→Online students pay in-state tuition no matter where they reside. The number of online courses has risen steadily increasing EMU's penetration into other markets while assisting students to incorporate education into their busy lifestyles. For example, the College of Health and Human Services offers a degree program in dietetics where all the classes in the major curriculum are offered online to those students who live at least 100 miles away.

→Distance learners are able to obtain an Eagle ID card. Not only are many businesses in our local area participating in offering discounts for students who show their EMU Eagle ID, but many businesses in the U.S. vie for sales by offering discounts to students no matter where they live. If no sign is posted at the store or online, ask if they offer a student discount. Why pay full price for computers, movie tickets, hair cuts, entertainment, clothing and books? Distance learners can obtain their Eagle ID card by calling 734.487.3176.



Registration for spring/summer/fall 2009 begins March 28 for seniors.



Suggestions for future topics should be sent to:

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