Advising Session for First Year students

Welcome!

Topics to cover:

- Spring Course Selections
- Humanities and Social Sciences Requirements
- Other choices to consider: (Minors, Dual Majors & Double Degrees)
- Communicating on-line

What should I take?

- Courses you should register for are:

- Chem 2
- Calc 2
- Cell & Molecular
- H&SS course

Registration

- On Oct. 12th , registration time tickets were electronically sent– Most 1st yr will start on Nov. 17th
- Students may register at that time and any time until November 21st .
- Do not have any financial holds or problems with your PIN
- Log in to SIS before registration to remember PIN and registration process (CRNs, search)
- Have multiple schedules so that registration is easy
- Any problems during the day contact Registrar's office for assistance x 6231(public terminals) or e-mail them at registrar@rpi.edu

Registration Process

- If students can't register before Nov. 21st or , there will be a $ 75 late fee.

- Registration will re-open on Dec. 12th to February 6th for all students who do not have any registration holds.

- Remember the RPI ROCS is tied to SIS. It will show what classes are closed or restricted. Link: coursescheduler.rpi.edu

Guidelines for Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences (HASS)

- 24 Credits are required for HASS –**6 classes**
- Need to take a minimum of **2 courses** from **both** the **Humanities and Social Sciences** (8 credits each)
- Can only have **3–**1000 level classes
- Need to complete a **depth sequence** (examples: 1000 writ & 2000 writ ;2000 Phil & 2000 Phil;
- 2000 STSS & 4000 STSS: 4000 Arts & 4000 Arts
- Need to have **a 4000** level course.

Understanding Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences Breakdown

Humanities	Social Science
Art (ARTS)	Anthropology (STSS)
Literature(LITR)	Psychology (PSYC)
Music (ARTS)	Economics (ECON)
Communication (COMM)	Sociology (STSS)
Writing (WRIT)	
Philosophy (PHIL)	
Science Technology Studies (STSH) History (STSH)	

• * Interdisciplinary Studies–IHSS

• can be used as a Humanities or Social Sciences course

Other information

- No more than **six credits** can be taken as Pass/No Credit
- IHSS Courses will be in a free elective section on the student's CAPP Report
- Students can go to the Registrar's Office & request the course to be changed to either Humanities or Social Sciences
- Students can only transfer in or receive AP credit for **8** credits within your HASS core requirements.

Some Examples

- If you have: AP– History &1000–IHSS

1. Humanities   Social Sciences
IHSS (1000)
STSH (1000)(history)

2. Humanities   Social Sciences
STSH (1000)(history)   IHSS (1000)

If you have: AP(Lit),& Intro to Psychology (1000)

Humanities   Social Sciences
Lit (1000)   PSCHY (1000)

One last look at HASS

If you have taken these courses, what do you need to take to fulfill your HASS?

Humanities   Social Sciences

Lit (1000)   STSS (1000)
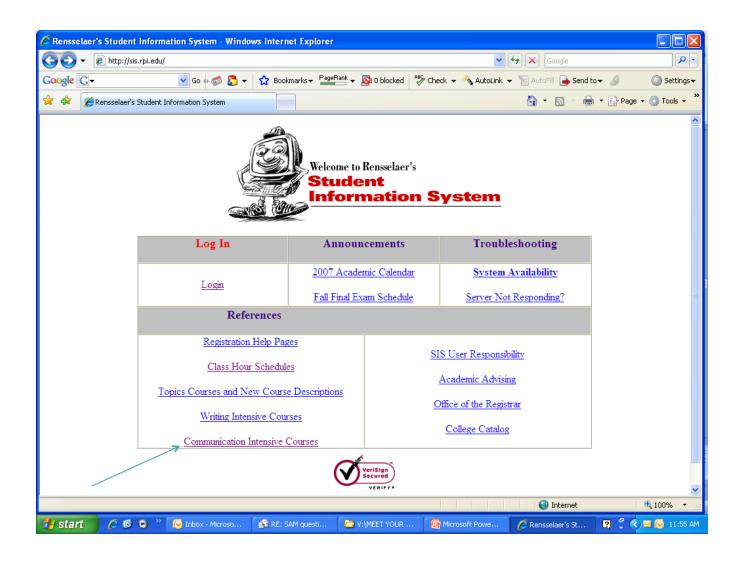
IHSS (1000)   STSS (2000)

Answer:
 A 4000 level course & another 2000 level class.

Communication Intensive Requirement "CI"

- Students must meet this requirement before they can graduate from Rensselaer.
- Students will need to take a course in their **major** and in **HASS**.
- Most capstone design courses are "CI" courses for the major and HASS are diverse.
- Entire List of courses are on SIS front page

Information on SIS

Double/Dual Majors &Minors Questions to consider

- What are my interests?
- Do I want to pursue two majors with the same intensity? (why?)
- What will I miss out?
- What advantage does a minor, dual, or a double have?
- What are the downsides?

Minors

- Minors–16–20 credits in an area that is outside your major. (e.g. Economics, Management, Psychology, Biology, Math, etc.)
- Contact people for specific info:
- Elizabeth Large for HASS largee@rpi.edu
- David Spooner for Science, spoond@rpi.edu
- Beth Macey for Management, maceyb2@rpi.edu
- Kurt Anderson for Engineering anderk5@rpi.edu

Considerations

- **MINORS**
- **Pluses**:

  Easy to do – only four classes

  Pursue an interest more in depth

Considerations:

There are some required classes that need to be taken for a minor and they need to be planned out.

Some required classes are only taught annually

Dual Degrees

- A Dual Degree is a combination of two curricula. The total number of degree requirements are similar to that of a single major.
- Some examples are:
- Aeronautical & Mechanical
- Computer Science & Computer Systems Engineering
- Biology& Psychology
- Mechanical & Nuclear Eng
- Management & Economics
- EMAC &Computer Science

Dual –Considerations

- **Pluses**:
- Pursue two majors in depth
- More exposure to different fields
- More flexible Career opportunities
- **Minuses**:
- Meeting the requirements for the dual major needs careful planning
- Most free electives are used to meet other major requirements
- Some duals have more credits than the 128 credits
- You need to see 2 advisors to track rate of progress

Double Degrees

- Two separate degrees are obtained by completing all the major requirements for both majors.

- Students need to have completed a <u>minimum</u> of 30 additional credits above the required number for their single degree.

Double Considerations

- **Pluses**:
- Two separate degrees with two diplomas
- Pursue two majors in depth
- **Minuses:**
- Can require an extra semester or two (Financial aid is only for 8 semesters)
- The general public usually does not distinguish the difference between dual and double degrees

Another Option : Co-terminal

- Instead of a dual or double degree consider pursuing a master's
- Students can graduate with both an undergraduate &graduate degree in 8 semesters.
- Advantages:
- More thorough understanding of area
- Can give you a competitive edge
- Challenges :
- GPA requirement–Careful planning

Face book Etiquette.

- If you aren't comfortable with your mother, grandmother, professor, prospective employer, or me reading it – DON'T POST IT!

- Use these sites to your advantage – to network and market yourself.

Do Post:

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RPI Student wrote
at 8:39pm on July 27th, 2008
hey man, my summer's been going really well. internship's done this friday, actually, so it'll be relaxing until i go back to troy (probably around the 15th). yeah i've got those photos. i've been doing some photography on the weekends, so i just haven't had a chance to upload them yet. i'll hop on that though and let you know when they're all up.
how was the training sesh? sounds like you slept pretty well, haha.

RPI Student wrote
at 11:05am on August 3rd, 2008
Well I've got a job, I'm living in Boston. So far its pretty sweet. Big cities are still new and fresh to me. If you ever wanna check it out feel free to crash here.

Don't Post:

- **RPI Student wrote**:
  at 11:25am on May 28th, 2008

  chillin and loving life...finals r coming up so the next few weeks might suck seeing as i havent done a thing all semester haha but im not worried about it and to show that im gonna drink a few beers and go clubbing and skip classes woohooo lol how bout u bro hows the summer treating u?

- **RPI Student wrote:**
  at 12:58am on March 19th, 2008

  man ive been to 1 class in 3 weeks. and next week doesnt look very good either. hope your not workin too hard. in dublin right now. st pattys day was amazing it lived up to its reputation.
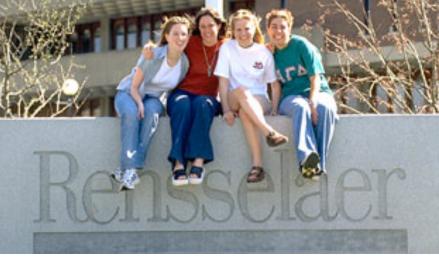
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Professional

- When addressing your instructors, advisors, administrators, use the appropriate title, Dr. Professor, Mr. Ms. Etc. Remember common courtesy.

- Use Dear, Hi, Hello.

- Don't use Hey

- Write out words–don't abbreviate when writing an email to professors

Questions?