



## ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

As the fall semester winds down, the advising staff invites students to schedule an academic advising appointment to discuss any issues of concern. Call 970.491.3799 (between 7:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.) to schedule an appointment. Times fill quickly, so call today.

Advising Staff

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## Important Dates – Fall 2008

December 12 – Classes end

December 12 – Last day to complete a University Withdrawal from all courses

December 15 – Final examinations week begins

December 19-20 – Commencement Ceremonies

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**Last Day to Complete a University Withdrawal is Friday, December 12, 2008** – There may be many reasons to complete a University Withdrawal (withdraw from all of your classes) ranging from a medical condition, a personal or family crisis, to experiencing financial or academic difficulty. Advisors from the Center for Advising and Student Achievement (CASA) are available to discuss your options and the withdrawal process. To schedule an appointment, phone (970) 491-7095.

Additional information can be found by visiting the CASA website:

[http://www.casa.colostate.edu/advising/Faculty\\_Advising\\_Manual/Chapter3/withdrawals.cfm](http://www.casa.colostate.edu/advising/Faculty_Advising_Manual/Chapter3/withdrawals.cfm).

**PACe Center will close for the semester on Friday, December 12, 2008.** If you need to complete the Math Placement Exam, Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Prerequisite Exam, or math minicourse Unit or Final Exams, be sure to do so before the PACe Center closes for the semester. PACe Center business hours are available online at:

[http://www.math.colostate.edu/PACe/Guide/PACe\\_Office.html](http://www.math.colostate.edu/PACe/Guide/PACe_Office.html).

**Finals begin Monday, December 15, 2008** – The Fall 2008 Final Exam Schedule can be found on the Registrar's website: <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/Registrar/FA08%20final%20exams.html>. Be sure scroll down the entire length of the exam schedule for courses that have a common final exam and to confirm with your instructor the day/time/location for each of your final exams. Good Luck!!

**SPRING 2009 Registration** – If you have not yet registered for Spring 2009 and need assistance, please call 970.491.3799 to schedule an academic advising appointment. We would like for you to register ASAP to get the classes that you need!

**Overrides into Full Courses** – Some of you haven't yet registered for your full Spring 2009 schedule because the courses you want/need are full. If you're in that situation, contact the individual instructors for the courses you need and request an "enrollment limit override". Some faculty have the flexibility to grant this; others do not. If no instructor is listed, contact the department from which that course is offered (English Department for CO 300, for instance).

**Academic Probation** – Some of you have expressed concerns that you may be placed on academic probation at the end of Fall 2008. Academic probation is defined by a student's cumulative GPA being below a 2.0. If you are in this situation, please call (970) 491-3799 to schedule an advising appointment. We would like to discuss your options for repairing your GPA ASAP.

**Seniors Graduating in Spring 2009** – Please plan on coming to Clark C-10 on Tuesday, January 20 to sign your GRADUATION CONTRACT. If you miss this date, you may come to Clark C-36 in early January (during the ADD Period). That is your last double check to make sure that you're taking the right courses and number of credits to graduate in May 2009.

**CSU Scholarship Application (CSUSA)** – The CSUSA is available on-line via RAMweb and is due March 1, 2009. Transcripts and letters of recommendation need to be submitted to the College of Natural Sciences Dean's office by Friday, February 27, 2009. There are several scholarships available through the department and college as well as those available university-wide. We recommend you pull this up and take a look. For more information about CSU and other scholarships visit the Student Financial Services Scholarship Information web site at: <http://sfs.colostate.edu/j21000.cfm>.

**Composition Placement/Challenge Examination Dates** – Proctored test session dates are below. Students don't need to sign up for a test session, just show up with a pen and a photo ID. It's best to show up early—students have reported long lines for available test seats!!

- Thursday, December 4, 2008 – 4:00pm, Clark A203
- Thursday, January 15, 2009 - 4:00pm, Eddy 212

Students can check their placement on Ramweb - under Records, select Composition Placement/Challenge Exam Results. If you have questions, contact Sue Russell at 491-1898. More information about the exam is available online at <http://writing.colostate.edu/comp/placement.cfm>.

**Parking Services - Fall Amnesty 2008** will be running from Dec. 1 through Dec. 19 at the CSU Police Department - Parking Services Division office. Bring in a non-perishable donation for the Larimer County Food Bank and receive \$3 off your citation or reduce an elevated citation to its original amount. For additional information, please contact the CSU Police Department - Parking Services Division at (970) 491-7041 or visit <http://parking.colostate.edu>.

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Undergraduate Newsletter

To learn more about what faculty, staff, students and alumni from the Department of Psychology are up to, be sure to check out the department newsletter at: <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/Psychology/newsletter.shtml>.



## MIND, BRAIN & BEHAVIOR CONCENTRATION IN PSYCHOLOGY

Are you interested in the fields of cognitive psychology, sensation and perception, or cognitive neuroscience and thinking about pursuing graduate studies in those fields? If so, the **Mind, Brain, and Behavior (MBB) concentration** may be for you!

The MBB concentration was developed by the Department of Psychology to better prepare students interested in these and other neuroscience-related fields for graduate school. In addition to completing specialized coursework, students who select the MBB concentration are encouraged to pursue involvement in research-related activities with faculty and graduate students in the Cognitive Psychology and Perceptual Brain Sciences programs here at CSU. By actively engaging in program opportunities early on, students have a unique opportunity to explore courses and research in multiple areas of cognitive psychology and neuroscience.

These experiences will assist you as you make decisions about graduate school in these fields and they will also make you more competitive applicants for graduate school programs. Because this concentration requires specific psychology lecture-lab pairings, specific statistics courses, as well as additional math and science components, we strongly encourage you to meet with a psychology advisor as soon as possible if you are interested in pursuing the MBB concentration.

### NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TUTORIAL HALL

**The Science and Mathematics Tutorial Hall** located in the basement of Ingersoll Hall offers **FREE TUTORING** for a wide range of science and math courses to all CSU students. Hours of operation are Sundays through Thursdays 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Specific course tutoring times are posted under the current tutoring schedule. *The tutorial hall is closed during finals week and university holidays.* For more information visit: <http://www.natsci.colostate.edu/tutoring/index.cfm>.

### WRITING ASSISTANCE

The Campus Writing Center can help you with starting, drafting, revising, researching, and polishing your papers. While they will not proofread or edit a paper for you, they can help you develop your ideas and improve your paper's organization, clarity, and cohesion. For more information visit: <http://writing.colostate.edu/wcenter/>.

### PSI CHI & PSA NEWS

Psi Chi and the Psychology Student Alliance have the following upcoming event in December that may be of interest to every psychology major.

- Mark Benn will speak on December 2 at 6pm in Clark A-103 on holiday stress and family. Book signing after the discussion.



### FIELD PLACEMENT/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Field Placement/Internships can be a great way to earn upper division academic credit for volunteering in the community and may help to confirm/clarify your areas of interest. Some field placement opportunities have turned into full-time employment post-graduation. They offer great opportunities to network, earn letters of recommendation, and to gain resume experience. Come to C-36 Clark (the Psychology Department main office) to request a list of field placement agencies. All advisors are happy to talk with you about this process.

### EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Fall 2008 Walk In Career Counseling with Judy Brobst**, Career Center Liaison, College of Natural Sciences  
Wednesdays – Lory Student Center 12:30 – 4:30 pm (Next to Sweet Sensations)  
Fridays – Clark C-10 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Services offered: Internships & volunteer experiences, resume development, choosing/changing majors, graduate school, on-line assessments, job search skills, etc. To set up an appointment contact Judy at [judy.brobst@colostate.edu](mailto:judy.brobst@colostate.edu) or 970-491-1190. General walk in hours in the Lory Student Center for the Career Center are Monday – Friday from 8:30 – 4:30.

### FUNDED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The School Psychology program at the University of Utah is offering grant supported training at both the doctoral and masters' level. Multi-year funding is available for doctoral students who intend to pursue careers in academics and are also interested in studying autism. One or two years of support is available for masters' level students who plan to work as school psychologists with children and adolescents who have externalizing disorders (e.g., Conduct Disorders, Oppositional Defiant Disorders, ADHD), and/or secondary students with autism.

The annual stipend for Ph.D. students is \$17,500 (plus tuition waiver), and for masters' level students the stipends range from \$14,200 to \$15,000 (plus tuition waiver). Only U.S. citizens are eligible for funding on these grants as the funds are provided through the U.S. Department of Education. All interested parties are encouraged to apply. Individuals who are ethnic minorities and have disabilities are especially encouraged to apply. **Applications due December 15, 2008.**

Please go to the University of Utah's School Psychology program website (<http://schoolpsych.ed.utah.edu/>) for more information.