Here are some tidbits for March!!

1. Dates and Deadlines Spring 2014:
   1. Last date to drop a course, or change a course to S/U grading*: April 11
   2. Spring Break: March 17-21
   3. Easter Holiday: April 18-21
   4. Last Day of Classes: May 8
   5. Finals Week: May 12-16

   *Remember, you should speak with your major advisor or me before dropping a class or switching a class to S/U grading to be sure there are no consequences for you with financial aid, scholarships, housing, insurance, graduation, etc.

2. Physics lecture on Optics for Pre-Med and Pre-Optometry Students
   Dr. Kim has graciously agreed to do a lecture on optics for anyone preparing for their MCAT or OAT this semester. He will also be available for questions following the session:
   Date: **Tuesday, April 8, 2014**
   Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm
   Place: Altru Lecture Hall, UNDSMHS

3. Session on Navigating the AAMCAS and AACOMAS Application Process
   I will be doing an informational session on the med/osteopathic med application process for those of you planning to apply to those schools this summer. I will cover writing personal statements, getting letters of recommendation, getting transcripts and the application submission/processing timeline. Plan to join me on:
   Date: **Tuesday, April 29, 2014**
   Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
   Place: Altru Lecture Hall, UNDSMHS

4. Spring 2014 Final Exam Schedule is already posted
   Remember……you do not have to take **more** than two finals on any given day during finals week! Current UND policy is:
   
   *If the student has three or more finals scheduled the same day, the student wishing an accommodation regarding final exams should contact his or her instructors to establish a mutually acceptable time to reschedule one or more of the exams. Any student request for the rescheduled final exam **must be presented to the instructor before the end of the last day to drop a full term course**, otherwise, the student’s rescheduling right is forfeited. If an accommodation cannot be reached, he or she should contact the department chair(s) to find a mutually agreeable time. The final appeal, if no mutually convenient time has been found, will be to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.*

   Be sure to check your final exam schedule now and contact your instructors **before April 11th**!! Final exam times are listed at: [http://und.edu/academics/registrar/final-exam-schedules.cfm](http://und.edu/academics/registrar/final-exam-schedules.cfm).

5. Early registration for both Summer 2014 and Fall 2014 starts April 7th.
   You should be able to check Campus Connection April 4th to find out your registration time. **If you would like to see me to discuss your schedule for next semester, you need to call the A&S Office at 777-2749 during regular business hours** – be sure to talk to someone - do not leave a message! Call soon as my appointment times will fill up fast after spring break!! Remember….. do not e-mail me to make an appointment!!! Both **Summer 2014** and **Fall 2014** classes are currently posted on CampusConnection.

6. Major advisors
   Please remember that I am a **secondary** advisor and not the final authority on any majors other than **IDS: Health Sciences**. Be sure to touch base with your major advisor this semester as well. They will be more up to date on program or personnel changes within their departments.
7. Registration questions and problems:
Always be sure to register for your classes during Early Registration \textbf{as soon as you are allowed}! Waiting even a day or two longer may jeopardize your chances of getting the classes and labs you want! Check your CampusConnection account at the end of March to be sure you have no \textbf{holds} so you may register on time. Here are answers to some of the more common questions I receive during registration:

\textbf{The class you want is closed, now what?} All may not be lost! Some departments use electronic waiting lists (Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy), and some departments let the professors handle things. Contact the department of the class you are trying to get into to see how to proceed from there. \textbf{I cannot get you into closed classes!!!!!}

\textbf{CampusConnection may not let you sign up for a course(s) if:}
\begin{itemize}
  \item you have not paid your \textit{bill} – tuition, parking ticket, etc. (Business Office hold)
  \item you are in a major that has a \textit{departmental hold} (you must meet with your major advisor to remove the hold)
  \item you have not completed (or are not currently in) a \textit{prerequisite} for the course
  \item you completed a \textit{prerequisite at another school} (CampusConnection may not recognize courses from other schools as legitimate pre-reqs - even if they are! See Tom Rand in our main office to fix transfer pre-req problems!)
  \item you do not \textit{submit co-requisite classes together} (i.e., submit both lab and lecture sections together)
  \item there is any \textit{overlap in start and end times for classes} you choose – even the same end and start time will be considered an overlap by CampusConnection (example: class #1 ends at 9:50 and class #2 starts at 9:50).
\end{itemize}

\textbf{If CampusConnection does not allow you to register for a course,} and gives you a reason that makes no sense, then \textbf{check with the Registrar’s Office.}

8. Anatomy 204 lab
Anyone may take the \textbf{Anatomy 204 lecture}, however many sections of the \textbf{Anatomy 204 lab} are restricted to specific majors. For Fall 2014, only the following sections are open to anyone: \textbf{Sections 3, 6, 9, 12 and 15}. Pre-Health students may sign up for one of these \textit{unrestricted} sections without an override. If all the sections are full when you register, add your name to the \textit{Wait List} for one of the unrestricted sections. Any questions regarding the class or lab need to go to the Anatomy 204 instructor, Dr. Jon Jackson (777-2101). Beware: Dr. Jackson does not give overrides into the Anatomy 204 labs.

9. PPT 301
PPT 301 is restricted to certain majors, so \textbf{you will need an override to get into the class} – even if you \textbf{take it in the online format}. As long as you have completed the Anatomy 204 lecture (the 204 lab is a not prerequisite for PPT 301), you may get "restricted to major" overrides from the instructor, \textbf{Dr. Jim Haselton}. Dr. Haselton prefers to gives overrides for all of his classes electronically, so you will need to contact him by e-mail to get one (james.haselton@med.und.edu). Contact Dr. Haselton a few days before you register and be sure to include your name, student ID number, and the course you want (in this case, PPT 301). Be sure to mention in your e-mail that you have completed, or are currently taking, Anatomy 204. He will send you a code to type into CampusConnection so you can register yourself for the class.

10. UND has a Master of Public Health (MPH) Program!
The MPH program at UND welcomes applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds including social and behavioral sciences; basic sciences (biology, chemistry, and physics); mathematics and computer science; and humanities. In addition, the MPH is an excellent partner for all clinical degrees including medicine, nursing, laboratory science, physician assistant, physical therapy, and occupational therapy, as it expands professional opportunities in these fields. Also those who wish to apply for a clinical program find that the MPH degree can enhance their application as well as their preparation for their clinical career. The program is designed for full and part-time study, as well as distance education through live broadcast of all classes. If you are not sure what to do after graduation, check them out!

That’s all for now – Have a safe and restful Spring Break!!

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