Happy November to all!! Here are some things to keep in mind for registration and the rest of the semester:

1. **Your registration times are now posted on CC and early registration starts TODAY!**
   
   My appointments are booking up quickly, so if your time to register is before you can get in to see me, go ahead and sign up for what you think you need – do not wait!!!! We can always tweak things when you come in. Sample schedules of all the different Pre-Health programs are available in the Pre-Health Guides on my new Pre-Health websites – start at: http://arts-sciences.und.edu/pre-health/.
   
   I covered some very common questions I get this time of the year in my October newsletter – please look it over before e-mailing me questions about registration, closed classes, restricted classes (like Anatomy 204 labs and PPT 301), etc. Newsletters are also posted on my Pre-Health website.

2. **Last date to drop a class or change to S/U grading is November 14, 2014**
   
   Be sure to check with me or your major advisor before dropping a class – if you go below full time student status (12 credits), there can be potential problems with financial aid, campus housing, insurance, etc!
   
   You will need an advisor signature (me or your major advisor) to switch a class to S/U grading if you have completed 30 or more credits. If you have not completed 30 or more credits, you can still switch to S/U grading but you need a Dean's signature – Tom Rand in our office can help you with that!

3. **The absolute final date to apply for December graduation is November 17th!**
   
   If you have not applied by then, you will not graduate – no exceptions!!

4. **Both Mbio 202 and Mbio 302 will be offered in the spring, however…..**
   
   Mbio 202 is only for Nurses and MLS majors. Everybody else, especially Bio majors, needs to take Mbio 302. Please remember, you will need a microbiology lab if you are Pre-Opt, Pre-Dent, Pre-PA, Pre-Vet or Pre-Pharm. The Mbio 302 labs all require consent, so contact the instructor before you register.

5. **Check your finals schedule now!!**
   
   UND Policy is that “No undergraduate student should be obliged to write three or more finals on the same day. 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 (Nov. 14), 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.”
   
   You must get requests for accommodations to your instructor soon!! Final Exam Schedules are available at: http://und.edu/academics/registrar/final-exam-schedules.cfm.

6. **2015 MCAT, DAT, OAT, GRE, PCAT Registration dates**
   
   If you are planning to take one of these standardized tests next spring or summer, remember you need to register quite a bit in advance for them:
   
   - **MCAT** Registration for the November, December and January test dates is open. However, as of today, all seats for all dates are full! Registration for the new MCAT 2015 test dates in April and later will open sometime in February. The seats at the testing centers fill up quickly, so don’t wait to register!
   - **DAT, OAT, GRE** registration is available year round – since more test dates and seats are available for these tests, you only need to register for your date about 3-4 months ahead (register in January or February for a May or June test date
   - **PCAT** registration:
     - is currently open for all 2014 and the January 2015 test date
     - opens on March 1, 2015 for the July, Sept, and Oct 2015 test dates, and Jan 2016 test dates

7. **The McWhorter School of Pharmacy recruiting visit for Nov 5th has been cancelled!!**
8. 2015 MCAT Kaplan Review Course
You can sign up now for the 2015 MCAT Kaplan Review Course. Registration must be done over the phone at 1-800-KAP-TEST. Contact me for the course number to get the discounted UND price!!

- Course cost:
  - $1499 for currently enrolled UND students if you register before November 30th
  - $1999 for both UND and non-UND students if you register after November 30th

- All materials are provided by Kaplan and you will get all written materials and online access after you register and pay for the course
- You must take the Diagnostic Exam before spring semester starts
- We will have a class orientation meeting on January 13, 2015 at 6pm in the United Lecture Hall at the UNDSMHS
- The first online class session is on January 15, 2015 at 6pm

9. Spring Semester Freshmen Advising Meetings
I will run the Spring 2015 Freshmen Advising Meetings on Fridays in February 2015. Freshmen Pre-Health students are required to be at one of those meetings. We will plan your schedules for the summer and for Fall 2015. I will put the finalized schedule in the December newsletter, so you can call to reserve a space in the day and time of your choice before you leave for Christmas break.

10. ISL Trips
Did anyone go last summer? How was it? I’d love to know where you went and how you liked it! Is anyone going this coming summer 2015? I have students who want to know so they can connect up and maybe plan things together!

11. UND MEDLIFE (For more information visit: medlifeweb.org)
Are you interested in gaining health care experience in an international and rural setting? MEDLIFE offers students the opportunity for students to travel abroad over their winter break and volunteer in a mobile clinic. A mobile clinic is exactly what it sounds like - a mobile medical station that travels to communities whose inhabitants are not able to make the journey to a doctor. A mobile clinic is not only a chance for students to gain health care experience, but also to travel abroad and experience international cultures! No Spanish or experience necessary!

The UND MEDLIFE Club is planning a mobile clinic trip to Tena, Ecuador over winter break. A few UND students have already signed up for the trip! The trip is a great experience to gain volunteer hours, job shadowing hours, and to explore the local area! If you are interested in the mobile clinic or our club please contact us at one of the following:

  undmedlife@gmail.com
  Facebook.com/undmedlife
  https://involvement.und.edu/organization/medlife

12. SMDEP 2015 (Summer Medical Dental Education Program)
SMDEP is a free, six week enrichment program for freshman/sophomore undergraduate/community college students who are interested in medicine or dentistry. Applications for SMDEP are now open at: www.smdep.org. The program is offered at 12 different sites across the country and the application gives you the option to select as many as three sites to receive your application. The deadline to apply to SMDEP is March 1, 2015. Apply early!

13. Contacting Mrs. Ruit
Please remember, I do not make my own appointments!! If you need to see me, you must call the main Arts and Sciences Office at 777-2749 to make an appointment. If you need to contact me for anything else, you may leave a message with that office (777-2749) or send me an e-mail (kim.ruit@und.edu). Please do not call my direct office number listed in the campus or online directory!!

I will answer e-mail as soon as I can – in most cases 1-2 days. HOWEVER, I only answer work e-mail when I am at work. Since I do not work most Fridays, if you send me an e-mail late Thursday afternoon, I won’t see it until Monday or Tuesday!!! You must plan ahead at this time of the year – there are over 550 of you and only one of me!!!!!

That’s all for now – have a great November!! 😊