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 started Monday!
   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 Pre-Health websites – start at: [http://arts-sciences.und.edu/pre-health/](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 13, 2015
   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 – Dr. Karen Plumm in our main office (Montgomery 125) can help you with that!

3. The absolute final date to apply for December 2015 graduation is November 19th!
   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.

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. 13), 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](http://und.edu/academics/registrar/final-exam-schedules.cfm).

6. 2016 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 April and May test dates is open. Registration for June and later test dates 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 but it is best to register in January or February for a May or June test date
   - **PCAT** registration:
     - is currently open for all 2015 and the January 2016 test date
     - opens on March 2, 2016 for the July, Sept, and Oct 2016 test dates, and Jan 2017 test dates
7. 2016 MCAT
If you haven’t already let me know that you intend to take the MCAT in 2016, please send me an e-mail so I can get you on my 2016 MCATers list serve!!

8. 2016 MCAT Kaplan Review Course
I am still waiting to hear from our Kaplan Rep regarding details on the Kaplan MCAT Review course – I will send them out as soon as I know!!

9. Spring Semester Freshmen Advising Meetings
I will run the Spring 2016 Freshmen Advising Meetings on Fridays in February 2016. Freshmen Pre-Health students on four year plans are required to be at one of those meetings. We will plan your schedules for the summer and for Fall 2016. 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 2016? 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!
If you are interested in the MEDLIFE Club please contact them at one of the following:
+ undmedlife@gmail.com
+ Facebook.com/undmedlife
+ https://involvement.und.edu/organization/medlife

12. SMDEP 2016 (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 open every year on November 1st 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, 2016. 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 600 of you and only one of me!!!!!

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