Registration for the Fall 2014 semester begins on March 10th. This message is intended to provide you with critical information regarding course selection, so please read on carefully. **NOTE THAT THE ADVISEMENT INFORMATION BELOW APPLIES TO TWO SETS OF STUDENTS; THOSE WHO ARE ENROLLED IN THE BS in SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY / LEGAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION PROGRAM AND THOSE WHO ARE ENROLLED IN THE BA in JURISPRUDENCE / LEGAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION PROGRAM. MAKE SURE YOU READ THE INFORMATION THAT PERTAINS TO THE PROGRAM IN WHICH YOU ARE ENROLLED. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHICH PROGRAM YOU ARE ENROLLED IN, CALL OUR OFFICE AT 724-938-4710 FOR ASSISTANCE.**

**Advisement Information for BS in Science and Technology Students / Legal Studies Concentration Program:**

As a general rule, you should take the legal studies discipline specific courses (core courses) when they are offered. For example, **LAW 300, LAW 330, LAW 370, and LAW 410** are core courses that are being offered Fall of 2014. If you haven’t already taken these courses, please do so in the Fall as we cannot specifically predict how soon these courses will be offered again.

Typically, the core courses are offered in two-year cycles, so if you skip a core course then you will have to wait two years before it is offered again. By skipping a core course, you run the risk of delaying your graduation. Do not rely on taking an Independent Study so that you can graduate. Independent Studies are granted only in rare instances. Please keep this in mind as you think about course selection for future semesters. For planning purposes, we offer the core courses primarily in the Fall and Spring semesters and legal studies electives in the Summer semester. All legal studies students must take the core courses.

**Advisement Information for BA in Jurisprudence Students / Legal Studies Concentration Program:**

As a general rule, you should take the legal studies discipline specific courses (core courses) when they are offered. For example, **JUR 320, LAW 300, LAW 330, LAW 370 and LAW 410** are core courses that are being offered Fall of 2014. If you haven’t already taken these courses, please do so in the Fall as we cannot specifically predict how soon these courses will be offered again.

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Advisement Information that applies to both BA in Jurisprudence Students AND BS in Science and Technology Students:

Law 370 (Administrative Law) is on the Fall 2014 schedule and is a core course that all legal studies students must take. However, it has been placed on the schedule before it would otherwise be due to be offered in order to accommodate students enrolling in our new land management programs. Because LAW 370 is now common to both the legal studies AND land management programs, it will likely be offered more frequently than once every two years. Therefore, if for some reason, you absolutely cannot take LAW 370 in the Fall, you will likely have the opportunity to take it again sooner than two years. In other words, if there is one core course that you MUST eliminate from your fall schedule (due to family and/or work obligations), it should be LAW 370. Having said that, offering LAW 370 more frequently than once every two years allows students the opportunity to finish the program more quickly (potentially) than anticipated. So, if you are in a hurry to graduate, it may be wise to take LAW 370 in the Fall.

Also note that LAW 420 (Law and Conflict Resolution) and a new course, LAW 415 (Contract Law for Legal Support Staff), are on the schedule for Fall. These courses are electives in your course of study. They are not core courses and under no circumstances should you take LAW 420 and/or LAW 415 instead of any of the core courses. You can take LAW 420 and/or LAW 415 if you absolutely need an elective and IN ADDITION TO taking all of the core courses. Remember that electives can always be taken in the Summer, so there is no pressure to take LAW 420 and/or LAW 415 Fall semester unless you are graduating Fall of 2014 and need elective credits to graduate as designated by a grad check.

General Information for BA in Jurisprudence Students and BS in Science and Technology Students:

A word about graduation checks. If you plan on graduating Fall of 2014, you need to request a graduation check from the Dean’s Office (Dean Kallis / College of Science and Technology) now—NOT THE SEMESTER OF GRADUATION. The purpose of the grad checks is to eliminate problems in the previous semester so that they can be fixed before you register for your last semester of classes. In addition, you should be requesting only one grad check, not multiple grad checks. Only one grad check is needed and requesting more than one wastes the time of the Dean’s Office. Beginning in June of 2014, you will request your grad check directly from me, not from the Dean’s Office.

If you are nearing graduation, you need to complete and submit a graduation application. The Dean’s Office typically prompts students about this in advance. Make sure you complete the correct application—the Science and Technology application, not the application for one of the other colleges. Always remember that the legal studies program falls under the College of Science and Technology.