In This Issue

♦ Reconnecting with Advisees
♦ Guidelines for Honors Theses
♦ Mid-Semester Reports
♦ LEAP Symposium

Useful Advising Links

Academic Calendar
AccessAbility Services
Proper Use of Sources
Transfer & AP Credit
Graduate School Advising

Looking Ahead

Academic Advising Period—October 31—November 4
Online Registration for MHC and 5-Colleges, November 7-18
Last day to withdraw with “W” notation, November 17
Last day to declare ungraded option, November 17

Dates to Note

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date Range</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Saturday – Tuesday, October 8-11| Mid-Semester Break
| Friday, October 21              | LEAP Student Symposium
Kendade | 12:00-6:00 p.m. |
| Friday, October 21 - Sunday, October 23 | Family and Friends Weekend — Visit the Weekend Calendar for a full list of events, location and specific times. |
| Academic Highlights:            | 10/21
♦ Learning from Application (LEAP) Symposium
Kendade Atrium, 12pm-6pm
♦ “Fashion, Style and Design” - Vanessa James
10/22
♦ Career and Professional Development Panel
♦ Transformative Experiences: Learning Abroad
♦ Pre-Law Panel
♦ “Climate Change: Myth or Reality?” - Al Werner
10/23
♦ Pre-Health Session

National Fellowship
Upcoming Deadlines

Carnegie Endowment Junior Fellows Program Award
Truman Scholarship
Critical Language Scholarship
Boren (National Security Education Program) Scholarship
DAAD

Reconnecting with Advisees

This is a good time to reconnect with your first-year advisees and to reach out to your sophomore advisees, if you have not done so already. Sophomores might appreciate a chance to discuss their plans for declaring a major, or they may already be looking ahead to internship opportunities over the summer. Students are guaranteed one funded opportunity (either summer internship or research) during their four years at Mount Holyoke. See The Lynk for more information.
If you have students who are doing borderline or failing work in your classes or students who appear on your class roster but have not been attending class, please click on the student’s name in your class roster on MyMountHolyoke and submit a mid-semester report as soon as possible.

The reports provide timely and useful information to students, their faculty advisors, and the academic deans. Our office often uses information in mid-semester reports to provide ongoing guidance to students with whom we are working. If one of your advisees receives a report, do encourage the student to meet with the instructor to request advice about how to improve in the class. It might be useful for you to meet with the student as well.

- Log in to MyMountHolyoke
- Select student’s name from your class roster.
- Submit report.

Over 200 students will present about their summer internships and research experiences.

A full schedule of student presenters, topics, and locations will be available at Leap Symposium.

Department Guidelines and Timetable:
Encourage students to plan ahead. I have encouraged students to know their department or program’s schedule. It is helpful if guidelines or information about department or program honors expectations and deadlines should be on the web page for the major.

Honors Work in a Special Major:
For honors work done in a special major or an interdisciplinary field other than one of the regular interdisciplinary majors, the Dean of Studies appoints, in consultation with the advisor, a special honors committee to receive and vote on the recommendation for a degree with honor from the examining committee. A special honors committee consists of at least five faculty: the special major advisors (2) and three other faculty. This year, special honors committees should be in place and approved by the Dean of Studies by December 1, 2016.

Communication with Your Thesis Advisee:
Be sure your thesis advisee is clear on expectations, deadlines, and a regular schedule of meetings.

Independent Study Network (ISN):
The Dean of Studies will host an Independent Study Network meeting to provide general resources, information, and support to seniors engaged in independent study or theses writing in October (date TBA). Some departments already offer such opportunities and others do not. Additional information about honors work is online.