

## Events

### Monday Night Mentors Series (MNM)

Twice a month, students will have the opportunity to participate in an informal lecture series featuring members of the WKU campus community. MNM topics will cover different ways to search for a major or career. Take advantage of this opportunity to interact with these dynamic speakers in order to help you not only make an educated decision about a major, but also to make connections and succeed at WKU. Refreshments will also be provided free of charge.

### Majors and Minors Fair

CHOOSE YOUR PATH - The Majors and Minors Fair is an annual event that allows WKU students to explore the various majors, minors and concentrations that WKU has to offer. This annual event is held during the fall semester. Various academic departments set up booths manned by faculty, staff and students. Participants are encouraged to visit each booth to gain more information and a better understanding about majors, minors and concentrations as well as career options within those majors. Participants are given the opportunity to speak with faculty and staff as well as students that are currently pursuing the major. Aside from gaining knowledge and awareness of the different programs of study, door prizes are raffled off to participants throughout the event.



The Majors and Minors Fair is a program of the Academic Advising & Retention Center

### 5<sup>th</sup> Week Freshmen Assessment

The Academic Advising & Retention Center (AARC) provides a 5<sup>th</sup> week assessment to all students in 100-level and developmental classes during the 5<sup>th</sup> week of each semester to help identify areas that may need improvement. Your personal 5<sup>th</sup> Week Freshmen Assessment report will be available to view on TopNet (click on *Student Services*, *Student Records*, and *View Freshmen Assessment Report*) after the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the semester.

Your instructors will give us information about your class performance regarding the following categories:

- Attendance — whether you have missed too many class sessions;
- Grades — whether you are passing or receiving a D/F in the course;
- Attendance and grades — whether both these areas are an issue.

Here is an example of what a 5<sup>th</sup> Week Assessment looks like:

**Student Name (800123456)**  
**Classification: FR**  
**Term: Fall 2013**

Course	Credit Hours	Grade	Absent
ENG 100 022	3	Pass	
RELS 102 001	3	Pass	
BIOL 114 001	1	D/F	Excessive Absences
BIOL 113 007	3	D/F	

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This student in particular has three “marks” — one for having a grade of D/F in BIOL 114, one for having excessive absences in BIOL 114, and one for having a grade of D/F in BIOL 113.

This assessment is available to you after the 5<sup>th</sup> week of classes because it is still early enough to either take action to improve your grade or withdraw from the class. If you are unsure of what to do after looking through your marks, do not hesitate to contact a faculty or staff member on campus. There will be follow-up from your academic advisor, your instructors, and your residence hall director. Advisors from the AARC will even be available to meet with students to discuss their 5<sup>th</sup> Week results in the residence halls. These professional staff members are happy to connect you to campus resources, such as free tutoring in The Learning Center in Downing Student Union, or to help you evaluate your study habits.

## Declaration Day

Dr. Ransdell wants you to declare your major! Declaration Day is a semiannual event that is held in Centennial Mall. WKU students are invited to declare their major on Declaration Day. Advisors from the Academic Advising & Retention Center will be on hand to answer any questions and assist with the major change process. Students declaring their major will be given a button boasting their recently declared major.



## On-Site Academic Advising and Registration

Advisors will assist you in course selection and help you navigate your college years. Prior to registration (late October and early November for spring semesters; mid to late April for fall semesters), an advising hold is placed on all student accounts which prevents registration. It is necessary for students to see their assigned advisor to have the advising hold lifted in order to register for classes.

All degree-seeking students at WKU are assigned an academic advisor, which you can find on TopNet under *Student Services*, then *Registration*, and *View Advisor Information*. If you don't have an advisor listed, email [academ-ic.advising@wku.edu](mailto:academ-ic.advising@wku.edu) or call (270) 745-5065.

Similar to the 5<sup>th</sup> Week Freshmen Assessment, academic advisors from the AARC will be available in the residence halls and around campus to advise students who haven't yet made an appointment with their advisor.

