

ULM

BAYOU BULLETIN:

A PARENT NEWSLETTER FROM THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

SUMMER 2008

IMPORTANT DATES



PAYMENT FOR REGULAR REGISTRATION	8/13
RESIDENCE HALLS OPEN	8/15
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES	8/18
WEEK OF WELCOME	8/15-8/22
LAST DAY TO ADD A COURSE	8/20
MID-TERM GRADING	09/22-10/3
FALL HOLIDAY	10/09-10/12
LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM CLASSES	10/22

WELCOME FROM THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Greetings parents and welcome to the ULM family. Thank you for the commitment you are making to your child's future. The staff of the Student Success Center considers it a privilege to work with you and hopes to continue to serve as a liaison for you as your child takes this important educational step. Following PREP, encourage your child to begin reading Paulo Coelho's novel *The Alchemist*, the summer reading selection that will be discussed in both FRYs and English courses in the fall.



FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

CHECKLIST FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

- GO TO CLASS
- STUDY
- GET TUTORED
- TALK WITH FACULTY
- KNOW YOUR ADVISOR
- BECOME INVOLVED
- TIME MANAGEMENT

PREP A two-day orientation program designed to help new students to make a smooth transition to college life.

SUMMER READING New ULM students read the selected book over the summer as their first university assignment, and will discuss it in freshman English and Freshman Year Seminar (FRYS).

WEEK OF WELCOME (WOW) starts the day your student moves onto campus and continues through the 1st week of school.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES LC's provide a way for small groups of students (15-25) to take 2-3 classes together during the first semester of their freshman year.

FRYS Freshman Year Seminar (FRYS 101) encourages students to develop personal goals for college and life-long learning while developing connections to students, faculty, and the ULM community.

CONVOCATION A time to welcome back returning students and freshmen, and to officially open the academic year.

PARENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



• **What is ARROW?** ARROW is ULM's online student services web system. Students attending PREP will use ARROW to register for Fall classes. Students will be given an ARROW tutorial prior to registering. ARROW can also be used to look up class schedules and fee bills.

• **Who will help my student construct a schedule?** While at PREP, students will be advised by the Academic Advisor for their major. Members of the PREP staff will then help your student build his/her schedule based on the classes suggested by the advisor. PREP staffers have all been trained in class scheduling.



• **What degree programs are offered at ULM?** The Undergraduate Catalog, which is available at www.ulm.edu lists all degrees and fields and majors at the university.



• **When can my student purchase textbooks for the Fall?** Textbooks for the Fall semester will be available beginning August 13. Remember, used books are usually the first to go, because they are usually less expensive than new books. Books and supplies can be purchased with cash, check, and credit cards.

ULM LINGO- "WHAT DID YOU SAY"??

Moodle - A web-based course management system. It provides a web portal environment, support for courses and campus information.

Core Curriculum - Common selection of courses that create a foundation of learning for all areas of study.

Credits - Numeric points given upon successful completion of a course that counts toward degree requirements.



Credit Hours - Reflect a student's status as a full-time or part-time student based on the approximate number of hours spent in the class each week.

Drop/Add Period - A period at the beginning of the semester when students may add or drop classes without penalty.

Registrar - A University employee that processes and maintains student transcripts and other official records.

ULM RESOURCES

Career Services 342-5338
- Aids with resume writing, career planning, job search, internships, etiquette training

Counseling Center 342-5220
- Personal, group, and educational counseling, substance abuse recovery program, support groups, and point of entry for students with special needs

Financial Aid 342-5320
- Assist students and families with cost of education

Student Life 342-5287
- Campus Events, Recognized Student Organizations, Spirit Groups, and Greek Life

Student Success Center 342-3667
- Tutoring
- Supplemental Instruction
- Workshops
- Computer Lab
- Emerging Scholars
- Flightpath
- DISCOVER
- Learning Communities

Student Health Services 342-1651
- General health concerns and immunization information

Testing Center 342-5336
- Administers placement tests and credit by examination

