

Academic Planning for Graduation

Planning is an important part of achieving academic success. Adult nontraditional students, who often juggle family, work and school responsibilities, should update their academic plans regularly to ensure accuracy. A guideline for updating an academic plan is provided below by Ms. Betty Spears, Assistant Dean for Seniors, School of Arts & Sciences:

- Who:** Students who are 2-3 semesters away from completion must have a graduation plan.
- What:** Students need 4 essential administrative components completed if they wish to graduate:
- **Graduation Date** must be correct: October, January or May plus the YEAR in which you will complete degree requirements. Things happen and you may need to change your graduation date repeatedly.
 - **Declare all Majors/Minors early**— departments need to be aware and prepared to certify your major and minor completion in time for graduation.
 - **Transcript Review** for:
 - ⇒ Duplicate credits – find duplicate errors now by reviewing your “D” graded courses and transfer credits. Only unique credits are counted in the 120.0 credit minimum for degree completion.
 - ⇒ Transfer credits - have prior institutions send official transcripts to the [Transfer Office](#)
 - ⇒ Grade Changes - If you plan to work on temporary grades, do so ASAP so those credits can be counted toward your degree.
 - **Be informed** – graduation and non-negotiable deadline information is sent via email. Read your eden account email or have it forwarded to an email account you often read.

Where: [Forms](#) are found online, you may visit [SAS Advising Centers](#) for advising hours and assistance. Evening hours services until 8:00 pm are provided on Tuesdays at the Livingston Office and Wednesdays at College Ave. Office.

When: A plan may be ever-changing based on your circumstances. Complete your 4 components today. Update the graduation plan often.

Why: Academic Deans and Departments need to work together to complete your senior review to certify your degree completion.

Commencement Convocation Websites Springing up!

The commencement convocation is the official ceremony held in May to confer degrees. To students this event signifies the culmination of their persistence in achievement; to families it is a time to witness a milestone for a loved one; to faculty it is a time to see the number of students inspired by their instruction, and to staff it is the completion of an administrative process for yet another graduating class. We encourage your attendance. Visit the New Brunswick Convocation site for your individual schools: <http://commencement.rutgers.edu/>

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Important Academic Dates	
Regular Classes End	Mon May 5
Reading Days	Tues May 6 & Wed May 7
Spring Exams Begin	Thurs May 8
Spring Exams End	Wed May 14
UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT	Wed May 21
Summer Session Begins	Tues May 27
Summer Session Ends	Wed Aug 13
Fall Term Begins	Tues Sept 2

College Spirit is Ageless

Want to show your college spirit and pride? Get involved in the Gridiron Bash countdown:

<http://www.scarletknights.com/football/news/release.asp?priD=6157#.Uk8Q0Ya2aSo>

This huge event will be a Rutgers Football Celebration which has been rescheduled for Fall 2008. The goal is to get all stadium seats sold by the date of the event.

Jersey Roots, Global Reach

Rutgers, our university, had an amazing 2007. Our innovative *Jersey Roots, Global Reach* tagline has captured the essence of New Jersey and Rutgers. See the new gallery highlights and share your pride with others.

<http://www.rutgers.edu/about-rutgers/points-pride>

Last Chance to Sign Up

[Saturday Math Tutorial](#) is accepting students for this Spring term. Email by 4:00 pm on April 4, 2008:

mathplus@rci.rutgers.edu

University College Community Initiatives

Support Your Veteran Students

“[Dining to Donate](#)” night. Have dinner out with your family, friends, or coworkers. The University College Council and Applebee’s Restaurant is having a fundraiser for your fellow Veteran students in need:

**Thursday, April 24, 2008
5:00 p.m. - Closing.**

**Applebee’s Restaurant
Piscataway Towne Center
S. Washington & Centennial
Avenue; Piscataway, NJ
732-562-0500**

By dining and presenting [this special flyer](#), Applebee’s will donate 10% of your dinner bill to the UC Council of Rutgers initiatives for Veteran Students. For additional flyers contact Garynn Noel at 732-373-3258 or email Gnoel72@yahoo.com

The Spring 2008 UCC Scholars Reception & Colloquium for adult and nontraditional students participating in an honors, research, or internship experience will be held on:

**Friday, April 25, 2008
Graduate Student Lounge, Rm.
174 Busch Campus Center
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

Nontraditional students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or higher are invited to join the UCC Scholars Program. The program is designed to enhance the participation of adult and nontraditional students in honors, research, and other co-curricular enrichment programs across the schools. The reception & colloquium provides a forum for social and academic networking, peer mentoring and support to inform adult and nontraditional scholars

UCC Scholars Reception & Colloquium (Continued)

of opportunities and relevant programming. For information and assistance, please contact:

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Nontraditional Student Resources

Do you qualify for TRIO Support Services?

Established in 1972, Rutgers University - New Brunswick/Piscataway TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally funded program within the Office of the Vice President for Undergraduate Education. The services that SSS provides are specifically designed to increase the retention and graduation rates of first-generation and low-income students, as well as students with a disability. TRIO services include one-on-one tutoring, career and academic coaching, and educational workshops. It also provides grant aid to eligible SSS participants. Dr. Colleen Georges invites you to explore the [TRIO site](#) or stop by the offices to learn more!

The Michael S. Libretti 2008 Annual Scholarship Award

Undergraduate students studying broadcasting, journalism, or communications at a college or university in New Jersey can [apply for a \\$2500 scholarship](#). The New Jersey Broadcasters Association will award two scholarships. The deadline is May 5, 2008. The most qualified applicants will be notified in late May of his/her award.