

Drops:

The deadline to drop semester long courses, is the end of the semester. If you submit a drop request, please consider whether this will drop you below 12sh, if you are on financial aid or have a scholarship. If it will, please check in with the financial aid office. Also, consider what that will do to your course load, if you are graduating in Spring 2021.

Please notify Lynne, when you have submitted **an electronic drop**, as I am not notified automatically. Remember after you hit drop, you have to scroll down and hit continue and then scroll down again and hit "I agree...".

BFA Clearances:

All BFA clearances are taking place the week of Nov.2-6. After your clearance, faculty will send me your completed BFA clearance form. If you have passed the clearance, your degree will be processed within a week of receiving the completed forms. You will be notified to check the change, when it is completed. Students who pass the BFA, should set up an appointment with Lynne in order to review the new BFA degree requirements, which include more hours and coursework, than the BA degree, as well as a BFA show your final semester.

Scheduling BFA galleries for students graduating in Spring 2021, will take place later in the semester. Sara Pettit will be contacting you with that information.

Winter and Spring 2021 courses: Are now viewable on MyUI. Your registration dates and times also became available on Oct. 19. Please look over your classes and schedule an advising appointment with Lynne, soon.

Also, while students can complete a **TALA form**, the courses should be in the final way they will be offered in the spring. You will be able to see if they are online, in person or hybrid, which is part in person and part online. While students can ask if a professor will offer a course in a different way, faculty have been encouraged to stick with the course presentation on MyUI.

Mandatory Advising for second and third years: If your academic summary shows that you are a second or third year student, you are required to have an advising appointment in order to be authorized to register for classes. Please check your registration to see if you have been authorized, if you have not, please make an appointment through MyUI.

Honors in the Major:

Students graduating this Dec. with Honors in the Major, you should be proceeding with your projects and have a rough draft of your abstract. Please contact Lynne or Anita if you have any questions.

New Quantitative/Formal Reasoning GE: PokeMath: The Mathematics of Pokemon Go. MATH: 1260
Debuting Spring 2021.

Read reviews from a CLAS administrator: "this is a great NEW GE QFR course that uses Pokemon Go to help students learn mathematical concepts. The Instructor is wonderful and this is the best GE QFR I have seen in my years at UI. I am excited! So good for students who aren't in the sciences etc"

Career preparation:

The Life After College Series continues next week on Tuesday, November 10, at 7 pm CT

with the virtual panel “Landing the Dream Job”, featuring UI recent grads:

Tessa Hursh 15BA, Social Media Manager, ESPN

Scott Lahn 13BA, Senior Creative Producer, The New Company

Caitlin Tanzer 15BBA, Creative Project Coordinator, Minnesota Vikings

The panel discussion will explore how these UI recent grads navigated their way to landing their dream job, touching on lessons learned and sharing tangible advice. Registration is required and may be found at: <https://www.foriowa.org/form/lac-events.php>. This virtual event is open to all audiences.

There is also a Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/778788046236484>

Thanksgiving:

ABW and VAB: Access to the SAAH facilities for **research purposes** will continue after Thanksgiving break. All SAAH Faculty, Staff, Grad, and BFA student access will remain the same, and current protocols and safety requirements will be met.

Note the following details regarding access after Friday, November 20th 2020:

- Student and faculty research may continue in VAB and ABW. Staff access will remain the same as well.
- Any students that currently have access to ABW or VAB via written proposal, will have keys collected by the Specialists per the terms and dates of their proposal contract.
- After Friday, November 20th, all in-person course work should be complete, and **no assigned course work should require access to the facility.**

Specialists will coordinate moves with graduating and/or non-returning students with an assigned studio. Please continue to safely practice all COVID related distancing and cleaning protocols. We appreciate your help to ensure a safe and smooth finish to Fall 2020.

UI Housing:

We need to hear from you!

[Login](#) today to share your plans for Thanksgiving Recess, Virtual Instruction, Winter Break, and Spring 2021. Our residence and dining halls will remain open during Thanksgiving Recess and Virtual Instruction with no additional fees. The residence halls officially close for Fall 2020 on Saturday, December 19 at noon. Students needing to remain on campus during Winter Break are welcome to do so for an additional fee.

Simply follow the link to "[Fall 2020 End of Semester Plans.](#)"

Still deciding your plans?

Links with more details and deadlines are below:

- [Thanksgiving Recess](#) – 12:00 noon on Friday, November 13, 2020
- [Virtual Instruction](#) – Sunday, November 29, 2020
- [Winter Break](#) – Wednesday, December 9, 2020

- Spring 2021 – Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Information regarding contract releases for Spring 2021 may be found on our [website](#) and in the housing application portal.

Looking to return for Fall 2021?

Are you thinking about living on campus next year? Information about the reapplication process will be coming soon for housing for Fall 2021-2022. **University Housing and Dining**| Email: housing@uiowa.edu

Requesting Excess Semester hours:

Students enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who are in good academic standing may request permission from Academic Programs and Student Development to register for more hours than the maximum allowed. Permission to take excess hours is not guaranteed. Read the guidelines below carefully.

Winter session 2020

- The maximum winter session registration is 3 semester hours and applies to all students

Spring semester 2021

Beginning Monday, November 30 (Early registration):

- You may register for a maximum of 18 semester hours for a spring or fall semester.
- If you are a CLAS student and will become eligible to graduate in May 2021, or at the close of summer session 2021, by adding additional hours, you may email clasps@uiowa.edu from your UI email account to request to exceed the 18 semester hour maximum. In the email, include your University ID number or Hawk ID, number of hours you are requesting, and the course(s) you wish to add.
- Please note, if you are not graduating in spring or summer 2021, you must wait until fall grades post in MyUI to request excess hours.

After fall semester grades post in MyUI:

- You may register for a maximum of 18 semester hours for a spring or fall semester.
- **Beginning Monday, January 4, 2021**, if you are a CLAS student, you may email clasps@uiowa.edu from your UI email account to request to exceed the 18 semester hour maximum. In the email, include your University ID number or Hawk ID, number of hours you are requesting, and the course(s) you wish to add.
- **Beginning Monday, February 1, 2021**, If you want to register for more than 18 semester hours, send an email to clasps@uiowa.edu from your UI email account showing you have permission to add the course from both the course instructor and your academic advisor to request to exceed the 18 semester hour maximum.

Criteria for granting excess hours: Professional staff in Academic Programs and Student Development may approve excess semester hours based on the following UI and total cumulative grade point average guidelines, however approval for excess hours is not guaranteed.

Safety and Health Resources:

University counseling services is partnering with campus cultural houses for Zoom safe spaces to process everything going on this week. You can find the information below if you'd like to share it with your students.

https://www.instagram.com/p/CHJAgpCnBa3/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

Students:

- [Student Wellness Mindfulness Workshops](#)
- [University Counseling Service Mindfulness Matters series](#)

Tutoring Resources:

Find a tutor: <https://tutor.uiowa.edu/>

Be a tutor: <https://tutor.uiowa.edu/private-tutors/>

FUN events to enjoy:

Every fall, African Student Association hosts Taste of Africa. Unfortunately, we cannot meet in that same capacity this semester.

However, we are happy to welcome you to Taste of Africa DIY! This year, ASA will provide ingredient kits, recipes, and cooking demos for 7 dishes. The dishes include: Meatpie, Sambusa, Mandazi, Falafel, Fatteh Foul, Chapati, & Fried Plantains!

To participate, go to: <https://linktr.ee/uiowaasa> to request an ingredient kit, and sign up for a pick up time slot. Then, join us virtually on **November 17th at 7pm** for cooking demos and to learn about each dish! The deadline to request an ingredient kit and sign up for pick up is **Thursday, November 12th** at midnight. Ingredient kit distribution will occur on **Saturday, November 14th**.

The cooking demos will also be available on our Instagram page (@uiowaasa) after the November 17th event.

We would love to see the dishes you DIY! Use the hashtag: #TasteOfAfricaDIY

There is a lot going on this week. Papers and exams, alarming Covid levels in the state, sorting out classes for Spring and the election aftermath are all potential causes of worry. Please let us know if you need resources to help navigate this time.

Finally, a mask is a just a mask. Masks help keep all of us safe and they are required in all buildings on campus. Be safe. Be kind. Look out for each other, Hawkeyes!

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