

FRESHMAN FOOTNOTES

An e-Newsletter for First Year Students at Georgia College & State University

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THE REGISTRATION ISSUE

As an incoming freshman, GCSU staff prepared your class schedule in advance through the POUNCE early registration program. For Spring 2010 and beyond, you'll be registering for classes on your own. Freshman Registration Day is Thursday, October 29th, beginning at 5 a.m. *Are you ready?*

ACTION ITEM - ADVISEMENT:

If you have not already done so, you should make an appointment to meet with your academic advisor. It is critical that you meet with your advisor before your registration period to ensure proper course selection. Your advisor's name is listed on the top of your TranGuide. If an advisor is not listed, contact your department office.

ACTION ITEM - CLEAR ANY HOLDS ON YOUR ACCOUNT:

To prepare for registration, check your [myCATS](#) account now for any holds that might prevent you from registering at your assigned time. To check for holds and registration status, log in to [myCATS](#), go to the **Student Tab**, select the **Registration Menu** under the **PAWS Links** choose **Registration Status**, and then choose the term. Most holds can only be released during regular business hours, so be sure to clear any holds on your account today.

ACTION ITEM - MIDTERM GRADES:

Have you checked your midterm grades?? Your performance in Fall 2009 classes may impact which courses you wish or need to take in the Spring. Midterm grades for **Area A-E core courses** are now available via [myCATS](#). To view your midterm grades, log in to myCATS, go to the **Student Tab**, and click **Student & Financial Aid** from the **PAWS menu**. Then select **Student Records**, then **Midterm Grades**.

Midterm grades of S are given for performance in the A-C range, and midterm grades of U are given for performance in the D-F range. If you have received a U, you are strongly encouraged to visit with your professor and/or academic advisor immediately to develop strategies to improve your performance.

IMPORTANT TOOL - THE ONLINE CLASS SCHEDULE - C.A.T.S.

C.A.T.S. (Course Availability Tracking System) can be found under the PAWS links in myCATS. Here, you can easily search for available classes by subject, and review potential course offerings to find the Course Reference Number ("CRN"), section

number, class days, class times, instructor, and class location. Pay particular attention to the three columns labeled “MAX,” “ENR” and “REM”. “MAX” is the total number of seats available in the course, “ENR” is the current number of students registered for the course, and “REM” is the number of seats remaining in the course.

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Classes are for: Spring 2010

Location: Milledgeville

NOTE: M = Monday, T = Tuesday, W = Wednesday, R = Thursday, F = Friday, S = Saturday, U = Sunday

CRN	ABB	NUM	SEC	TITLE	HRS	TERM	START- END	DAYS	MAX	ENR	REM	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION
21375	WELL	1340	01	Basic Tennis	1	Full Term	1000 1050	M W	20	0	20	Barsby, Steven	Centennial Tennis Courts 101
21376	WELL	1350	01	Intermediate Tennis	1	Full Term	1000 1050	M W	8	0	8	Barsby, Steven	Centennial Tennis Courts 101
21377	WELL	1950	01	Brazillian Jiu Jitsu I	1	Full Term	1000 1050	MT	20	0	20	Mullis, Raymond	Centennial Center 211
21378	WELL	2200	01	Jogging	1	Full Term	0800 0850	T R	30	0	30	Everett, Sara	Centennial Center 206
21379	WELL	2250	01	Intro to Mixed Martial Arts	1	Full Term	1100 1300	F	25	0	25	Mullis, Raymond	Centennial Center 211
21380	WELL	2300	01	Weight Training I	1	Full Term	1000 1050	T R	15	0	15	Everett, Sara	Wellness Depot 108
21382	WELL	2400	01	Aerobic Dance	1	Full Term	0900 0950	M W	30	0	30	Everett, Sara	Centennial Center 205
21383	WELL	2600	01	Racquetball I	1	Full Term	0800 0850	T R	16	0	16	Brown, Greg	Centennial Center 211
21384	WELL	2600	02	Racquetball I	1	Full Term	1700 1750	T R	16	0	16	Brown, Greg	Centennial Center 211

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IMPORTANT RESOURCE - THE “REGISTRATION 1101” PODCAST

The Office of the Registrar has prepared a helpful and brief podcast to demonstrate the online course registration process. Be sure to view it prior to your registration time. It is found at: <http://www.gcsu.edu/registrar/registration.htm>. You’ll also find handy PDF files with other instructions and information.

CAMPUS TRADITION - WHY DOES REGISTRATION BEGIN AT 5:00 A.M.??

This is a popular question that arises each semester as students make plans to pre-register for the upcoming term. Believe it or not, 5:00 a.m. actually has several benefits:

- 5:00 a.m. is the time the registration system comes back online after nightly maintenance.
- 5:00 a.m. allows three hours for registration activity before the first class period of the day.
- If a student registers quickly, there may still be some time for sleep before class.

- Since 5:00 a.m. registration has been the custom at GCSU for some time now, students report a sense of camaraderie – it has become a bonding experience. Some residence halls have reported having registration parties, morning refreshments, etc.

Of course, it's not mandatory that students register at 5:00 a.m. – that's simply the earliest opportunity. But if some folks are still sleeping, the early bird will get the worm!



A FINAL NOTE

Remember, if you do not get all of your desired classes when you log in to register, all is not lost. Academic departments consistently monitor schedules to gauge the demand and needs for various sections. Additional seats and or sections may be added to the Spring schedule between the start of registration and the start of Spring classes. It is important to remain optimistic and keep watching the C.A.T.S. course availability listings and official e-mail announcements.

GOOD LUCK!