

Interim President's Message



WELCOME TO COLUMBIA COLLEGE. Our spring 2014 schedule of classes presents a wide range of course offerings that are designed to help you along your chosen pathway to success. A key component of our college mission is to *"prepare students to be fully engaged in an evolving world by offering comprehensive and high quality programs and services."* In the spirit of our mission, please use this schedule of classes to not only identify which classes you need to take, but to help connect you with the critical services that you will need to be a successful student.

Classes tend to fill quickly, so schedule your appointments with a counselor early, take note of your registration date and register as early as possible to have the best chance of

getting a schedule that works well for you.

Identify your goals as soon as possible, whether they be directed toward immediate employment, transfer to another institution or personal enrichment. If you are uncertain or have questions pertaining to your goals, our counseling services can help you with career counseling, academic counseling and life planning activities. Most importantly, meet regularly with your counselor and keep your Student Education Plan up to date—that is your best plan for moving quickly through Columbia College and on to your next opportunity.

Within this schedule you will find valuable information regarding available resources such as the Academic Achievement Center, where we offer peer tutoring, supplemental instruction and video tutorials to help you keep pace with your classes. Additionally, be sure to note the opportunities to participate in assessment, orientation and advisement services which can provide you with the needed information to make the best choice for classes in which you will have the greatest opportunity for success. Take extra care in reviewing the academic calendar for spring 2014, it lets you know critical dates such as the start of registration, holidays, the last day to withdraw from classes, and finals week.

In closing, let me emphasize that I hope you also put considerable effort into having an enjoyable spring semester. Columbia College has an

enjoyable and collaborative culture, so don't forget to have fun and to take good care of yourself over the next few months at Columbia College. Seek out the various college activities, services and clubs, engage your peers and get to know your instructors better by visiting them regularly during office hours. The faculty, staff and administrators at Columbia College are here for you—that is our sole purpose. Let us help you in any way we can.

Thank you for choosing Columbia College.

Best wishes,

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Interim President

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COLUMBIA COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Columbia College is a dynamic institution of learners and creative thinkers dedicated to high standards of student success. We prepare students to be fully engaged in an evolving world by offering comprehensive and high quality programs and services. Columbia College is committed to a culture of improvement through measuring student learning across the institution. We strive for excellence, foster a spirit of professionalism and embrace diversity.

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