Welcome back for another edition of the Sophomore Scoop Newsletter! By now, you should be fully registered for your selected courses, enjoying the last of the snow, and working hard to achieve success as a Pace University student. As always, we are here to assist you with achieving that success! Offices such as the Center for Academic Excellence, Center for Community Action and Research, and The Office of Housing and Residential Life are just a few of the resources that are available to you. We encourage you to find out how these offices can make your Pace Experience a fun and enjoyable one! Also, be sure to check out the Sophomore Scoop website (www.pace.edu/sophomores) which offers great information that caters to you, The Sophomore!

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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Declaring your major -
Now is the time!

Students can remain undecided and explore major options until the second semester of the sophomore year (approximately 64 credits). If you have 60 or more credits and have no officially declared your major, you may be in jeopardy of falling behind and/or be at risk for graduating with excess credits. Questions to ask yourself: Are you currently listed as an UND student in your Pace Portal? If so, do you know what major you want but have yet to fill out paperwork and make it official? Do you feel lost about exploring your major options? Are you contemplating changing your major but unsure about what to do? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please make an appointment with the advisor in the Academic Resources Office. An advisor will help you resolve these questions and move forward successfully toward graduation!

Academic Resources
Shannon Haick
New York: 41 Park Row, 2nd Floor
Phone: 212-346-1798

Allyson King
PLV: 3rdFloor, Mortola Library
Phone: 914-773-3847
Areas of Knowledge: AOKs are now labeled on your student transcript on your Pace Portal! Be sure to check your transcript and update your major worksheet regularly. If you do not know how to update your worksheet or need an updated copy, please contact your advisor and he/she will do it for you. Remember, you must complete 24 credits in AOK courses. The breakdown is:

AOK 1: Civic Engagement: Addresses civic and social responsibility and has a service learning or volunteer component. Only one AOK 1 course is required.

AOK 2-5: 1-2 courses in each Area are required for a total of 7 courses from these four Areas. You must take a minimum of 1 course from each Area, which means you will take at least 2 courses in three out of the four Areas. Also remember, when taking 2 courses within an Area, they must be in different disciplines.

Second Language Requirement: In order to graduate from Pace, all students are required to complete a second language requirement. Details include:

- Students starting a new language from high school must complete both the 101 and 102-level.
- If you study the same language as you did in high school, you must complete the 280 level of that language. For example, students may begin at the 101 level but they must pass through 280. Some students start at the 102 level, some start right at 280. (Does not apply to International Management and foreign language majors.) If you are uncertain about the appropriate level to begin your language study, please consult the modern languages department on your respective campus:
  - In NYC: 41 Park Row, 11th Floor
  - In PLV: Choate House, Rm. 223
- If you attended high school in a country where English was not the language of instruction, you are exempt from all 6 credits of foreign language and must add those credits to your Inquiry & Exploration required credit total. You may, if you wish, begin the study of a new language.

Know Your Prerequisites

Prerequisites are specific courses and/or a class standing that must be satisfied before you can enroll in a particular course. For example, ENG 120 must be completed before ENG 201 can be taken. The prerequisites for each course are listed in the Class Schedule and in the Undergraduate Catalog https://appsrv.pace.edu/ScheduleExplorerLive/. It is each student’s responsibility to check prerequisites every semester before registering. Students without the proper prerequisites will not be prepared for a higher-level course and, consequently, may encounter academic difficulty.

Please note: Starting with May and Summer 2010 registration, there will be strict enforcing of prerequisites at the time of registration. When you attempt to register for a course, the program will automatically check to see that you have fulfilled all course prerequisites before accepting your registration for that course. If you have difficulty registering for a course that you believe you have taken the prerequisite for, please see your school’s advising office for assistance.

To find prerequisites for a course on the online class schedule:

Select a course from the main menu à click on the CRN number à click on the title of the course at the top of the page à scroll down to the bottom to see prerequisites.
Don’t look now, but scheduling that appointment with your advisor for advisement is looming. March 22\textsuperscript{nd} marks the first day of advisement, so be sure to make that appointment with your respective advisor to discuss the roadmap to a successful school year. In addition to discussing the Fall semester with your advisor, why not review the summer schedule as well? Registration for Summer session I began on March 8\textsuperscript{th} and what better way to get a head start on course requirements than by taking Summer courses. The Summer session schedule runs from:

Summer Session I: June 1\textsuperscript{st}-July 12\textsuperscript{th} 2010
Summer Session II: July 14\textsuperscript{th}- August 24\textsuperscript{th}

Don’t forget the May and August Intersession’s as well:
May Intersession: May 1\textsuperscript{st}- May 30\textsuperscript{th}
August Intersession: August 1\textsuperscript{st}- August 31\textsuperscript{st}

\textbf{Housing, and what it means to you!}

Are you confused about housing? Not sure of your housing options? Then wait no more! Check out the Housing and Residential Life website at www.pace.edu/housing which provides housing information for all of Pace University’s campuses. The in-depth FAQ’s will assist you with issues ranging from opening and closings dates for residence halls to applying for housing for future semesters. For additional information, you can also contact Housing and Residential Life at the following locations:

\textbf{New York City}
Housing and Residential Life
Fulton Hall, 2nd floor
Phone: (212) 346-1295/Fax: (212) 346-1296

\textbf{Pleasantville-Briarcliff:}
Housing and Residential Life
Howard Johnson Hall, Room 1-09
Phone: (914) 923-2791/Fax: (914) 923-2792
Become a Student Leader on Campus

Spotlight on: University 101 Peer Advisors

UNV 101 Peer Advisors play a vital role in assisting new, first year students to make a successful transition to the University. Working with a UNV 101 faculty teaching “partner”, Peer Advisors offer support, guidance and information to students in their section of UNV 101.

What qualifications do I need to be a UNV 101 Peer Advisor?

- A minimum 3.0 QPA
- Excellent communication skills
- Familiarity with Pace University’s Blackboard system
- A record of involvement in Pace University activities, clubs and associations
- A willingness to serve as a friend and mentor to new, first year students both in class and outside of class when necessary
  - A positive, pro-Pace attitude

If I am selected as a Peer Advisor, what responsibilities will I have each week?

- To attend each meeting of your UNV 101 section
- To work closely with your faculty partner to develop and carry out the activities, events and learning outcomes of the syllabus
- To promote and document student attendance at events in Pace University’s Quest for the City competition
- To keep students current regarding upcoming events at Pace
- To offer advice to students and to share personal experiences that will give students insights into their student responsibilities
  - To attend all class events as requested by your UNV 101 faculty partner

In addition, UNV 101 Peers are often asked to be responsible for taking attendance, distributing and collecting surveys and assessments that are part of UNV 101, working with students who have spotty attendance, and assisting the instructor in the routine business of the course. UNV 101 Peers are also called upon to develop and oversee class activities and discussions.

What are the benefits for me as a student?

- Enjoy the experience of helping new First Year Students bond with Pace
- Develop a richer, deeper involvement with your University
- Sharpen leadership and communication skills while resume-building
- Experience a working relationship with a faculty member
- Get paid: Peer Advisors receive a stipend of $400.00 for their work

Where can I get more information and an application to become a Peer Advisor?

FIRST YEAR PROGRAM OFFICES:

PNY: 41 Park Row, 2nd Floor
PLV: Mortola Library, 3rd Floor