

TTU Seasons of the Semester
Fall 2009

Week Before School Begins

August 16, Sunday

- Residence halls open for occupancy at 10am

Parents: Now is the time to help your student move in the Residence Halls and be supportive. Be patient with each other and have as many things on wheels as possible to help move items from cars to the rooms. You will always find others to help if needed. If you have questions, please call 806-742-2667 for Housing and Residence Life.

August 17, Monday

- Last New Student Orientation
- Faculty on duty

Students: This week before school is a busy one. You will meet lots of new people and be in new surroundings. Be sure to get a copy of your schedule and go around campus to see where your classes will be held. This will help you the first day of class. Include the University, and the University Library in your tour.

Remember: if you want to be successful, GO TO CLASS!

Parents: This is a time for you to have an Empty Nest feeling. This too shall pass. Be excited for your students. They will have good times and bad, but remember they are becoming a Young Adult and that is what is expected to happen. Be sure to keep in contact with your students; but, do not call every day. They need time to grow as independent thinkers and persons.

August 21 Friday

- Implement the College is a Fulltime Job (8-5) Model through input in your planner.
- Implement the Review-Preview model through input in your planner.
- Check out the online catalog (iris.ttu.edu/F/) to determine if the University Library has some of the books/CDs you need for classes. Check with your librarian if you need help.
- Last day to make full payment of tuition and fees or make payment arrangements for pre-registration

August 22, Saturday

- PEGASUS Residence Halls open to FIGS Lemonade stand 10-3:00pm

Week 1: August 23-29

August 23, Sunday

- Residence Hall officially open

August 24, Monday

- PEGASUS Mentor Retreat 2:00-7:00pm
- Faculty on Duty

August 26, Wednesday

- PEGASUS Ice Cream Social
- Final day to register or withdraw without penalty

August 27 Thursday

- Classes begin
- Student-initiated drop-add begins on the Web

Students: GO TO CLASS!! Sit up at the front of class. This will help you keep focused on the professor and he will know who you are and notice when you are not there. Keep your Syllabus with you at all times. This need to be added to your daily planner so that you will know when important tests are coming up.

Students: Remember you can only add/drop classes online the first 4 days of class. After that you will need to go to 103 West Hall to have them drop for you. During this time, you will also be able to receive a full reimbursement for a dropped class.

Remember this is 'Grade 24,' not grade 13, nor high school. You will have to get up on your own and go to class. Be sure to transfer your class syllabus information to your daily planner. Look at it several times per day. This way you can keep up on quizzes, tests, and paper due-dates.

Waiting until the night before to write your papers usually backfires. You have a Writing Center where staff will look over your papers before you turn them and will check for certain errors. Staff will not write the paper for you. If you find that you are procrastinating, meet with an advisor from the University Advising Center to work with you to plan your semester schedule, assignment schedule, and daily schedule. Contact your Subject Librarian for research assistance:

www.library.ttu.edu

will help you find who to ask for in the University Library.

Secure a syllabus for each class. Write each assignment from each class into your planner. Go to every class.

As you determine your habits to be successful at TTU, go to the University Library to study between classes: the Library opens at 7am and is open until 2am Sunday – Thursday and on the weekend. Check the website for hours www.library.ttu.edu

August 28, Friday

- PEGASUS Welcome Back Event 6:00-8:00pm

Week 2: August 30 - September 5

September 1 Tuesday

- Last day for student-initiated add on the Web
- PRELAW Pizza Plaza 5:30-7:00pm
- Go to every class.
- Now that you have gone through your first week of classes:
 - Implement the College is a Fulltime Job (8-5) Model through input in your planner.
 - Implement the Review-Preview model through input in your planner.

Students: You will not be charged with using a W until Friday, September, 14 5:00pm.

Parents: Be supportive. Remind your students to get plenty of food and sleep. They need to have some exercise besides walking to class. Our Rec Center is a great place for them work out on all sorts of equipment and to help relieve some of the stress of school.

Remind your student to go to every class every day. Just going to class everyday gets them into routines that will become second nature if they will just do it. They now have to learn that their independence comes with responsibilities. They must learn to schedule their time and use it wisely.

“Texas Tech is a great place to live if you just didn’t have to go to class.” Some students decide to relax during the week and save their work for the weekend. However, there are always distractions on the weekends that tend to take the time intended for homework.

Week 3: September 6-12

September 7, Monday

- Labor Day. University Holiday

Students: You should now know where to go for help with classes. When you have problems in your classes:

- Contact your professor.
- Some departments also have tutors, so check with your professor.
- Contact the PASS Center in 205 West Hall or call 742-3664. PASS has free tutoring for some classes

Go to every class.

September 8, Tuesday

- DISCOVERY! Major Map 6:00-7:30pm
- Last day for student-initiated drop on the Web
- Last day to drop a course and receive a refund. Does not apply to students who drop to 0 hours

September 9, Wednesday

- DISCOVERY! Major Map 4:00-5:30pm
- PRELAW Prelaw 101: Getting Started 5:00-6:00pm
- PEGASUS Power Session “Academic Success: 5:00-6:30pm

September 10, Thursday

- DISCOVERY! Major Map 5:00-6:30pm

September 11, Friday

- DISCOVERY! Major Map 3:30-5:00pm
- PEGASUS Social: Dave’s Need for Speed 6:00-8:00pm

September 12 Saturday

- PEGASUS Bridge 1:30-5:00pm

Week 4: September 13-19

Students: Now that you have been here a month, you know what is expected of you in each class. You may be getting a cold or sore throat about this time, and your immune system is being compromised. Be sure to:

- drink water (soda is not a substitute) to ensure hydration in this desert
- establish a sleep routine
- choose healthy fuel/food for your body
- work out 5 days a week. The Rec. Center has free classes and personal coaches.

If you need to get help to stay healthy, take advantage of the Student Wellness Center. You will need to make an appointment to be seen. Student Health is a fee you pay: use it.

Call 743-2848.

September 14, Monday

- Final day to drop a class and receive a refund
- DISCOVERY! Academic Physical 3:30-5:00pm

September 15 Tuesday

- PEGASUS Boys & Girls Club 4:00-5:00pm
- DISCOVERY! Academic Physical 3:30-5:00pm

September 16, Wednesday

- PRELAW Prelaw 102: Test Anxiety Workshop 4:00-5:00pm
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September 17, Thursday

- PEGASUS Study Session 7:00-9:00pm

September 18, Friday

- PEGASUS Pizza Day 12:00-1:00pm
- PEGASUS Mentor Meeting 4:00-5:30pm

Week 5: September 20-26

Students: By now you should have a routine down with your class schedule. You may be having your first exams. Be sure to stay up with and ahead of your classes. If you do not do well on the first exam, see your professor. Many of them encourage you to do this so they can tell you what areas you need to work on to learn and to have successful grades.

September 21, Monday

- PRELAW Prelaw 204 ; Financing Law School Presented by TTU School of Law Fin. Aid 4:00-5:00pm

September 22 Tuesday

- PEGASUS Power Session “Academic Success” 5:00-6:30pm

September 23 Wednesday

- PRELAW Movie Night 5:30-8:00pm

September 24, Thursday

- PEGASUS Boys & Girls Club 4:00-5:00pm

September 25, Friday

- PEGASUS Social

September 26, Saturday

- PRELAW LSAT 8:00-1:00pm

Week 6: September 27-October 3

Students: This is typically a second time when you may start getting sore throats, colds, coughs, and just not feeling well. Remember: Lubbock is one of the largest cotton producers in the nation, and the cotton gins begin now and run through the beginning of 2009. If you begin to have trouble breathing, go to the Wellness Center to see a doctor. There are medications that can help you feel better soon.

Parents: This is a good time to send your students a care package full of cough drops and favorite hard candies, etc. You know what your student likes best. You can also contact TTU Hospitality Services, and they can make up a goodie package for your student and deliver it to the residence halls. Call 806-742-1360 to arrange a delivery.

September 29, Tuesday

- PEGASUS Pizza Day 12:00-1:00pm

September 30, Wednesday

- PEGASUS Study Session 7:00-9:00pm

Week 7: October 4-10

October 2, Friday

- PEGASUS Mentor Meeting 4:00-5:30pm
- PEGASUS Corn Maze 7:00-9:00pm

October 6, Tuesday

- PEGASUS Study Session 7:00-9:00pm

October 7, Wednesday

- PRELAW Prelaw 202: Personal Statement Jay Killough-University Career Services 4:00-5:00pm
- PEGASUS “Dreams”/Group Advising 4:00-6:00pm
- Midterms are often going on at this time.
- Use the Library to study. Meet your study group at the Library, and use the group study rooms.

October 8, Wednesday

- DISCOVERY! Academic Physical 3:30-5:00pm
- PEGASUS Pizza Day 12:00-1:00pm
- PEGASUS Boys & Girls Club 4:00-5:00pm

Week 8: October 11-17

October 12, Monday, 13, Tuesday

- Fall Break for Students no classes

October 14, Wednesday

Students: This is the time to make appointments with your Academic Advisors to talk about classes for the spring. Advisors will start filling up appointment times so get in early.

October 15, Thursday

- PRELAW Prelaw 201: Three L’s to Law School Admissions LSAC, LSAT, LSDAS 5:00-6:00pm
- PEGASUS Power Session “Reality Check” 6:00-7:30pm

October 16, Friday

- PEGASUS Mentor Meeting 4:00-5:30pm

Week 9: October 18-24

Students: You may have some major papers due during this time. Be sure you have plenty of time to get your resources in order. Do not wait until the last minute to work on papers. You will not have time to do your best work. You have lots of resources to use that are free, use them.

October 19 Monday

- PEGASUS Study Session 7:00-9:00pm

Students: Freshman will get Mid semester grades. If you are not doing well in class please go see your academic advisor. We still may be able to get you some help. You may not receive grades in all your classes. This is not mandatory, but most professors do post grades.

October 21 Wednesday

- PRELAW Prelaw 203: Professionalism and SWAPLA Caravan Etiquette and Preparation- Jay Killough 4:00-5:00pm
- PEGASUS Boys & Girls Club 4:00-5:00pm

October 23, Friday

- PEGASUS Pizza Day 12:00-1:00pm

Week 10: October 25-31

October 25, Sunday

- PEGASUS October Bash Rehearsal @ Jodi's house 3:00-5:00pm

October 26, Monday

Mid semester grades due on the web

- DISCOVERY! Major Map 3:30-5:00pm

October 27, Tuesday

- DISCOVERY! Major Map 3:30-5:00pm
- PEGASUS Power Session "Goal Setting" 3:30-5:00pm

October 29, Thursday

- PRELAW Southwest Association of Prelaw Advisors Caravan 1:00-3:30pm

October 30, Friday

- PEGASUS October Bash 6:00-8:00pm

Students: Be sure to

- drink water (soda is not a substitute) to ensure hydration in this desert
- establish a sleep routine
- choose healthy fuel/food for your body
- work out 5 days a week. The Rec. Center has free classes and personal coaches.

If you need to get help to stay healthy, take advantage of the Student Wellness Center. You will need to make an appointment to be seen. Student Health is a fee you pay: use it.

Call 743-2848.

Week 11: November 1-7

Students: Make sure that all term papers and projects are in good shape to be finalized before you head out for the November holiday.

November 2, Monday

Final day to declare Pass/Fail

Final day to drop a course in 103 West Hall

November 4, Wednesday

- PEGASUS Boys & Girls Club
- PRELAW Prelaw 301: Admissions Process 4:00-5:00pm

November 6, Friday

- PEGASUS Mentor Meeting 4:00-5:30pm

November 7, Saturday

- PRELAW Prelaw Mini Mock LSAT

Week 12: November 8-14

Students: Go to every class.

November 9, Monday, thru 24 Tuesday

Advanced Registration for next term

November 9, Monday

- PEGASUS Study Session 7:00-9:00pm

November 10, Tuesday

- PEGASUS “Dreams” Group Advising 5:00-7:00pm

November 12, Thursday

- PRELAW Prelaw 206: Specialization Workshop 6:00-8:00pm

November 13, Friday

- PEGASUS Social “Skate Night” 6:00-8:00pm

November 14, Saturday

- PEGASUS Bridge 1:30-4:00pm

Week 13: November 15-21

Students: go to all classes this week.

November 16, Monday

- PEGASUS Power Session “Student Wellness” 4:30-6:00pm

November 17, Tuesday

- PEGASUS Boys & Girls Club 4:00-5:00pm

November 18, Wednesday

- PEGASUS” Pizza Day” 12:00-1:00pm

November 19, Thursday

- PEGASUS “Study Session” 7:00-9:00pm

November 20, Friday

- PEGASUS Mentor Meeting 4:00-5:30pm

Week 14: November 23-29

Students: You are in the last weeks of class. We hope your grades are good. It will be hard to make up a letter grade on your finals. If you do not have passing grades by now in class, you will not do well on finals. If this happens, you can grade replace the classes you do poorly in next semester at TTU. You do not have to take the same professor, but the same class. This is the fastest way to improve your GPA. Talk things over with your advisor at Tech and your parents when you get home for Christmas. You will need to get the grade replaced the next semester. You must grade replace here at TTU because transfer hours are just that: hours only. If you have questions, please call this office or your advisor. We are here to help you.

Parents: Be ready for your students to come home and sleep. They will want to eat, see friends and sleep. They are at the end of the semester and when they return and will only have a week or so left of class and then Finals and Home for Christmas break.

November 24, Monday

- Final day to transfer between colleges

November 25, Tuesday

- Last day to withdraw from the University

November 24-December 3

- No exams except Makeup or Scheduled Lab Exams

Students: Be sure to

- drink water (soda is not a substitute) to ensure hydration in this desert
- establish a sleep routine
- choose healthy fuel/food for your body
- work out 5 days a week. The Rec. Center has free classes and personal coaches.

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Week 14: November 22-28

November 23, Monday

- PEGASUS Pizza Day 12:00-1:00pm

November 25, Wednesday

Final day to Transfer between Colleges
Open Registration begins

November 25, Wednesday – 29 Sunday

- Thanksgiving holiday
- No meals served in residence halls

Week 15: November 29-December 5

Students: You are in the last weeks of class. We hope your grades are good. It will be hard to make up a letter grade on your finals. If you do not have passing grades by now in class, you will not do well on finals. If this happens, you can grade replace the classes you do poorly in next semester at TTU. You do not have to take the same professor, but the same class. This is the fastest way to improve your GPA. Talk things over with your advisor at Tech and your parents when you get home for Christmas. You will need to get the grade replaced the next semester. You must grade replace here at TTU because transfer hours are just that: hours only. If you have questions, please call this office or your advisor. We are here to help you.

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November 30, Monday

- Classes resume

December 1, Tuesday

- PEGASUS Power Session “Gearing Up for Finals” 7:00-9:00pm

December 2, Wednesday

- PEGASUS Finals Study Session 7:00-9:00pm

December 3, Thursday

- PEGASUS Finals Study Session 7:00-9:00pm

December 3, Thursday 9, Wednesday

No exams except makeup and lab exams

December 5, Saturday

- PRELAW LSAT 8:00-1:00pm

Week 16: December 6-12

Students: Finals are starting this week. Be prepared and get rest. Pulling an all-nighter is not a good idea. Make sure your alarm clock works and will be LOUD enough to wake you up so you will not miss your finals!

Make sure that you are rested and feel well: you are judged on what you produce, not on how hard you try.

Parents: Consider sending cards in the mail in your handwriting to your students. Encourage them like you did at mid-terms. Tell them how capable they are and how much you support them.

Students: Congratulations on a job well done!

December 7, Monday

- PEGASUS Points Due

December 9, Wednesday

Last Day of Class

- PEGASUS Winter Bash 6:00-8:00pm

December 10, Thursday

Dead Day no classes

December 11, Friday

Final Exams

- Last meal (breakfast) served in residence halls
- 10 a.m., residence halls close. Degree candidates may occupy residence hall rooms until 10 a.m. Saturday, December 16
- Noon, grades due for graduating students via Web for Faculty

December 18,19 Friday and Saturday

- Commencement

December 17, Monday

- Final grades are due via Web for Faculty no later than 3pm.