

TTU Seasons of the Semester

Spring 2009

Abbreviations

HH - Holden Hall

January 4, Friday

Last day to make full payment of tuition and fees or make payment arrangements

Students: This is your responsibility to make sure your tuition and fees get paid on time
You are now responsible to sign any payment agreement forms

Parents: Texas Tech University considers all students as adults. Your student is now responsible for any and all components of taking care of any payments, housing issues, health events, and anything that affects university life. It is time for us to “let them go with guidance.”

Week 1: January 6-12

Welcome back to Tech !

January 6, Sunday

10 a.m., residence halls open for occupancy Students may move in

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.

January 7, Monday

Faculty on duty

Students: This is a good time for you to find where your classes will be. Most buildings will be closed on the weekend. Make sure you have several copies of your schedules in different places, especially your back pack and your bulletin board.

January 8, Tuesday

Registration for new students

Last day to register without penalty

First meal (breakfast) served in residence halls

January 9, Wednesday

Classes begin

Parents: it is important that students use their syllabus from each class to log the assignments and test into their planners and pencil in when they have completed each task and study for tests. If they have problems with this, encourage them to meet with the advisor.

January 9–14, Wednesday – Monday

Student-initiated add on the web

January 9-25, Wednesday-Friday

Student-initiated drop on web is in effect

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 ACTT to work with you to plan your semester schedule, assignment schedule, and daily schedule.

Consider: There are a lot of support services at TTU, so use them. If you have any problems with classes, be sure to contact your advisor or contact the Advising Center in 79 Holden Hall. We can help you with any question.

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 class everyday. Just going to class everyday gets them into a routine that will become second nature if they will just do it. They now have to learn that their independence comes with a price. 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 for homework.

Week 2: January 13-19

January 15, Tuesday

January 16 Wednesday

DISCOVERY! Academic Physical 3:30-5:00pm Room TBA

PEGASUS Academic Success 3:30-5:00pm Room TBA

January 17, Thursday

PEGASUS Money Matters 3:30-5:00pm Room TBA

Parents: check in with your students and see how the first 2 weeks of class have gone. Be sure to ask open ended questions so you can receive specific information about their classes. Open ended questions will get different responses than yes-or-no questions.

Week 3: January 20-27

Students: Classes have just started with a full week of classes. 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.

January 21, Monday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day University Holiday: classes do not meet

January 22, Tuesday

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

January 23, Wednesday

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January 24, Thursday

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January 25, Friday

Last day to drop a course and receive a refund: this does not apply to students who drop to 0 hours

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

Parents: remind your students:

- to speak with their professors and advisors about dropping a class
- that there is free academic assistance for just about every class at TTU
- to check their TTU email. This is how professor and advisors will reach them with questions and let them know if a problem has happened TTU email sites are secure
- to go to ACTT if they have questions and do not know who to ask

Week 4: January 27-February 2

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 in Thompson Hall. You will need to make an appointment to be seen. Student Health is a fee you pay, so use it. Call 743-2848.

January 30, Wednesday

PEGASUS Getting Involved 4:00-5:30pm Room TBA

February 1, Friday

Parents: this is the time where students' energy levels are down. If students have not kept up with classes, they are going to feel the strain. Your students usually need to hear your support and to know the communication lines are open and supportive. They may need to seek help from others if classes are getting to be a burden. Encourage them to see their academic advisor.

This is also the time to begin talking with your students about what the summer will bring. Discuss with them:

- . whether it is best to stay at TTU to take a few classes in order to catch up with or get ahead of their graduation timeline
- if taking core curriculum classes closer to home is a better plan
Taking summer classes also provides space to add a minor into their curriculum

Week 5: February 3-9

February 4, Monday

FGC Power Up The Scholarship Search 6-7pm, 79 Holden Hall

February 5, Tuesday

February 6, Wednesday

Last day to withdraw from the University and receive a partial refund
PEGASUS Risky Business 4:00-5:30pm Room TBA

February 7, Thursday

Students: By now you should have a routine down with your class schedule. You may be having your 1st exams. Be sure to stay up and ahead of your classes. If you do not do well on the 1st 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 have successful grade.

Week 6: February 10-16

February 13, Wednesday

PEGASUS Major Career's 4:00-5:30pm Room TBA

Week 7: February 17-23

February 22 Friday

PEGASUS 7 Habits of Highly Effective College Students 3:30-6:00pm Room TBA

Week 8: February 24-March 2

February 29, Friday

PEGASUS 7 Habits 3:30-6:00pm Room TBA

Week 9: March 2-9

March 5, Wednesday

PEGASUS Key Relationships 4:00-5:30pm Room TBA

Students: If you find yourself in trouble grade-wise, you have a small window of opportunity to get some help. If you do not know where to go for help, come by ACTT

Week 10: March 9-15

March 12 Wednesday

Last day to declare P/F

PEGASUS Students Rights 4:00-5:30pm Room TBA

Week 11: March 16-22 Spring Break

Students: Yes, Spring Break is here. Have fun, but remember you need to begin thinking about summer I, II, and fall classes. Spring registration is around the corner.

Parents: Typically, this a different time from the November or December breaks last fall. For Spring Break, students often plan a trip with friends. Be prepared if they want to spend their time with new or old friends instead of family. Most families report that the best response is to be positive and enjoy their students' independence.

On the other hand, some students use Spring Break to replenish depleted reserves of energy and/or finances. When possible, help them find a job in their area of study.

This is also the time to discuss summer plans set up a job for the summer if that is in the plans. Refer to February 3, above. Suggestions include:

- a. whether it is best to stay at TTU to take a few classes in order to catch up or get ahead of the graduation timeline
- b. if taking core curriculum classes closer to home is a better plan
- c. taking summer classes also provides space to add a minor into their curriculum or perhaps Study Abroad you may be surprised with the affordability of Study Abroad.
- d. strategize on what students can do during their undergraduate careers that will help them stand above others when applying for graduate school or the entry level job after graduation

March 24, Monday

Classes resume. The first meal is breakfast in residence halls

March 26, Wednesday

PEGASUS Class Scheduling 4:00-5:30pm Room TBA

Week 13: April 6-12

April 1 Tuesday- April 16 Wednesday

Students: Summer and fall semester advance registration for currently enrolled students has begun.

Students, get advising ahead of time in order to register on the first day you are eligible. Students will be registering for summer I, II and fall. If you plan to take some classes at home during the summer, make sure they will transfer to Tech by going to:

www.transferanddegreeinfo.ttu.edu. You can put in the class from any college in Texas, and it will tell you the class designation or how the class will transfer back to Texas Tech.

Parents: remind students to make appointments with advisors

April 9, Wednesday

PEGASUS Expanding the College Experience 4:00-5:30pm Room TBA

Week 14: April 13-19

April 14, Monday

April 15, Tuesday

April 17, Thursday

Last Day to Transfer Between Colleges

Students: Open registration begins.

Week 15: April 20-26

April 23, Wednesday April 29

No Exams Except Makeup or Scheduled Lab Exams

Week 16: April 27-May 3

April 29, Tuesday

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

April 30, Wednesday

Individual study day

May 1 - 6, Thursday - Saturday ,Monday - Tuesday

Final examinations

May 7, Tuesday

Spring semester ends.

May 8, Wednesday

Students: Last meal served in residence halls is breakfast

10am: residence halls close Degree candidates may occupy rooms until 10am

May 10, Saturday

Last day for graduate degree candidates to submit to the Graduate School the final corrected copies of theses and dissertations

Noon: Grade rolls for graduating students due in Registrar's Office

COMMENCEMENT: Degree candidates may occupy residence hall rooms until 10am

May 12 Monday

3pm: Final grade rolls due in the Registrar's Office