

TTU Seasons of the Semester Fall 2008

Week Before School

August 17, 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 18, Monday

- Last New Student Orientation
- Faculty on duty
- Last day to make full payment of tuition and fees or make payment arrangements for pre-registration

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. 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 20, Wednesday

- DISCOVERY! 10:00AM-11:30 AM
- DISCOVERY! 1:30PM-3:00PM
- DISCOVERY! 3:30PM-5:00PM

August 21, Thursday

- DISCOVERY! 10:00AM-11:30AM
- DISCOVERY! 1:30PM-3:00PM
- Thursday: First meal (breakfast) served in residence halls

August 22 Friday

PEGASUS Welcoming Event on lawn of the Merket Alumni Center at 5:00pm

Week 1: August 24-30

Students: Secure a syllabus for each class. Write each assignment from each class into your planner.

Go to every class.

August 25, Monday

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.

August 28, Thursday

- Last day for student-initiated add on the Web

Students: You will not be changed with using 1 W until class day 15

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 2: August 31 - September 6

Go to every class.

September 1, Monday

Labor Day. University Holiday

September 2-, Tuesday

DISCOVERY! 1:30PM-3:00PM

DISCOVERY! 5:00PM-6:30PM

September 3, Wednesday

DISCOVERY! 3:00PM-4:30PM

DISCOVERY! 5:00PM-6:30PM

Prelaw 101: Getting Started 5:00PM-6:00PM

September 4, Thursday

DISCOVERY! 10:00AM-11:30AM

DISCOVERY! 3:00PM-4:30PM

DISCOVERY! 5:00PM-6:30PM

Week 3: September 7-13

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 10, Wednesday

DISCOVERY! Academic Physical 2:00PM-3:30PM

DISCOVERY! Academic Physical 5:00PM-6:30PM

Prelaw 203: Professional Etiquette and Resumes 5:00PM-6:00PM

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 11 Thursday

DISCOVERY! Academic Physical 5:00PM-6:30PM

Week 4: September 14-20

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 15 Monday

Academic Physical 2:00PM-3:30PM

Academic Physical 5:00PM-6:30PM

September 17 Wednesday

Academic Physical 2:30PM-3:30PM

Academic Physical 5:00PM-6:30PM

September 18, Thursday

Prelaw 201: Three L's to Law School Admission 5:00PM-6:00PM

Week 5: September 21-27

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 22, Monday

Last day to withdraw from the university and receive a partial refund

Last day to make full payment of tuition and fees or make payment arrangements for registrations or additions made on or after September 14

September 23 Tuesday

Prelaw 301: Admissions Process 4:00PM-5:00PM

September 27, Saturday

Prelaw 303: Mock LSAT 9:00AM-1:00PM

Week 6: September 28-October 4

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 30, Tuesday

Prelaw 304: Last Minute Tips for the LSAT

Week 7: October 5-11

October 8 Wednesday

TTU Prelaw Program & Summer Reading Program Video and Discussion

Week 8: October 12-18

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 13, Monday

Prelaw 204: Financing Law School

Week 9: October 19-25

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 20 Monday

DISCOVERY! 5:00PM-6:30PM

5 p.m., mid-semester grading due via Web for Faculty

Last day for degree candidates and faculty to order invitations and academic regalia at the bookstore

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 22 Wednesday

Academic Physical 2:00PM-3:30PM

Academic Physical 5:00PM-6:30PM

October 23, Thursday

Academic Physical 2:00PM-3:30PM

Academic Physical 5:00PM-6:30PM

Week 10: October 26-November 1

October 27, Monday

Last day to drop a course

Last day to declare pass/fail intentions

Southwest Association of Prelaw Advisors Caravan 8:00AM-9:00AM

November 1, Saturday

Prelaw 303: Mock LSAT 9:00AM-1:00PM

Week 11: November 2-8

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

Week 12: November 9-15

Week 13: November 16-22

Students: go to all classes this week.

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 17, Monday

DISCOVERY! 5:00PM-6:30PM

November 19, Wednesday

DISCOVERY! 2:00PM-3:30PM

DISCOVERY! 5:00PM-6:30PM

Major Map 5:00PM-6:30PM

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

Week 14: November 23-29

Students: You are on 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.

November 26 - 30, Wednesday - Sunday

- Thanksgiving holiday
- No meals served in residence halls

Week 15: November 30-December 6

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!

December 1, Monday

Classes resume

December 3, Wednesday

Prelaw 304: LSAT Minute Tips for the LSAT 5:00PM-6:00PM

Last day of classes

December 4, Thursday

Individual study day

December 5- 10, Friday - Saturday / Monday - Wednesday

Final examinations

Week 16: December 7-13

Wednesday, December 13: Fall semester ends

December 11, Thursday

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 12-13, Friday and Saturday

Commencement

December 15, Monday

3 p.m., final grades due via Web for Faculty