Program Updates

Housing Update

If you will be studying at Mason in fall 2012, NOW is the time to plan where you want to live! Housing Applications will be available on Feb. 13 and are due to the Housing Office on Feb. 17. We encourage 1+2+1 students to consider living in the Global Crossings Living and Learning Community. To find out more about it, please go to one of the Information Sessions listed below and read about it here: http://aroundtheworldatmason.blogspot.com/2012/02/apply-now-to-live-in-global-crossings.html

Find out more:
Monday, 2/6 from 10am-12pm: Global Crossings Kiosk in the JC Atrium
Tuesday, 2/7 from 7-8pm: LLC Info Session in the Hampton Roads Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, 2/8 from 10am-12pm: Global Crossings Kiosk in the JC Atrium
Wednesday, 2/8 from 7-8pm: LLC Info Session in the Eisenhower Multipurpose Room
Thursday, 2/9 from 7-8pm: LLC Info Session in the Piedmont Multipurpose Room

To see the LLC space and meet current participants, go to Hampton Roads at 5:45 pm on Wed. 2/8 or Wed. 2/15
Or contact: Amy Reagan at OIPS, SUB 1, Room 4300.
areagan@masonlive.gmu.edu

Your Summer Plans

Registration for summer classes takes place March 12-14! If you plan to take classes at Mason this summer, you should meet with your Departmental Advisor in February to start planning your schedule. If you are not sure who to talk to, check the list of Departmental Advisors on myMason 1+2+1 Student Page, or contact Diane Wang.

If you are in ELI now and will start academic classes in summer for the first time, there will be a special REGISTRATION WORKSHOP for you on March 7 and 8. Diane Wang will let you know the location before the end of February.

If you are going to travel to China or anywhere outside the United States this summer, you need to prepare in advance! All 1+2+1 students who plan to travel outside of the USA must bring their DS-2019 form to OIPS for endorsement before they go. And always check your entry visa before leaving the U.S. to see whether it needs to be renewed. Please read the 1+2+1 Fact Sheet on myMason “Renew Your Visa and DS 2019 Form” for more information and make sure you get started early.
Students Finishing Their Study at Mason in Spring or Summer 2012

We are sorry you will be leaving Mason soon and we want to make sure you are prepared for your final year of study in China. A few things you should do in February:

1) Please contact Diane Wang as soon as possible to let her know your planned date of return to China. 2) Please download the “Check Off Plan” template on the MyMason 1+2+1 Student page. Fill out the plan and make an appointment with your Mason Advisor to review the plan. 3) Ask your advisor to approve and sign the form. 4) Attend the required EXIT MEETING in late March for all “Returning Students” to collect Check Off Plan and review important graduation information. So—start working on your Check Off plan this month, meet with your advisor and make sure you understand all the courses you need to complete for your Mason degree, and check your Mason email for more information on this important meeting in late March!

Special Workshop for Dual Degree Students

Students must understand university rules on citation of sources in your papers and your homework—Even an innocent mistake can be a violation of the University’s Honor Code. Don’t let this happen to you! Mason’s Reference Librarian Andrew Lee will hold a “CITATION WORKSHOP” Th. And Fri March 1 or March 2, 4-5 pm in the Johnson Center Library. Choose the day that works best for you. All students are welcome. FIRST YEAR 1+2+1 STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND. Enter the JC library on the first floor and walk upstairs to Room 228. For questions, contact Andrew Y. Lee yli7@gmu.edu Office: (703) 993-2209

Improve Your Grades

Check out Mason’s Academic Skills Workshops for Students! Please take a look at the Free Workshops available this spring and summer for all Mason students! Go to the Office of Learning Services, SUB 1, room 3129. Their phone number is 703-993-2999, and email is lsstaff@gmu.edu Get an overview of all the free classes at:

Read about Chinese Students at American Universities—what they like and what they DON’T