

Important Dates

- **First day of semester:**
Sept. 4
- **Tuition and fees due:**
Sept. 17
- **Last day to drop a class:**
Nov. 12
- **Last day of semester:**
Dec. 21

Important Stuff

- Check campus e-mail regularly.
- Take notes because no, you won't remember all this, and yes, it is important.
- Read your syllabus – it often answers questions.
- Maintain contact with your instructors.
- Be nice – it makes my life easier.
- Try using a semi-colon every now and again; it just might change your life.

TRIO Resources

- ❑ Academic advising
- ❑ Tutoring in math
- ❑ Tutoring in writing
- ❑ Transfer planning
- ❑ Career exploration
- ❑ Financial aid form help



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What TRIO has done for me

by Cindy Brereton, TRIO Student

TRIO gave me the help I needed to succeed at UW-Rock County. I went there as a non-traditional student and very scared – scared of failing before I even got started. TRIO got me started and has helped me the whole way through. They gave me an advisor who helps me choose my classes according to my major and tells me what I will be learning in a certain class and what is expected of me by my professor. TRIO has also given me tutoring when

I needed it and they have even worked with my schedule to make sure I got the help that I needed. My advisor keeps me informed with my GPA and credits earned, along with transfer plans and applications. TRIO will let the students know about getting work study and finding work on campus. The people of TRIO are good people as they have always been there when I needed help with anything. They really want to see every student do well and have a great time doing it.

Don't forget TRIO Kickoff!

Date: August 29 • Time: 1-3:30 p.m. • Room: W130

Who do I go to for Math help in TRIO? How do I know when class is over if there aren't bells? Can I miss class – especially for a really good reason, like my boss called me in to work? Will there be other students in TRIO I know? What if I have a family vacation planned to visit grandma in Florida in February? Should I still go to class if I am late? What if I have to leave early for a doctor's appointment? What if I hate all of my classes?

All of these questions and more will be answered at TRIO Kickoff where you will

- Get to know other new and returning TRIO students and TRIO staff
- Learn how to juggle school, work, family and friends
- Gain a better understanding of the differences between UW-Rock County and high school

You can't miss this opportunity. No, literally, we expect every new TRIO student to attend. If you don't attend, your place in TRIO could be revoked and given to someone on our waiting list.

Look for your invitation in the mail.





Ever wonder what ticks off your instructors? (Part 2)

This spring we surveyed instructors at UW-Rock. We asked, "What frustrates you about students or student behavior?" Here are their answers...

"Chit chat during class. Just because we don't scold them constantly doesn't mean it's okay."

"Not providing advance notice of absence(s)."

"They think they're buying a degree instead of an education, so they just want to slide by."

"Students that don't try to identify with national or world events."

"I appreciate it when students bring reasonable complaints to me in person."

"College students need to break out of their safety zone and participate."

"I do not like dilly dallying."

Money Matters: What to worry about and when

by Linda Osborne, Student Services

What is the ATD?

ATD stands for Advance Tuition Deposit. This is the \$100 that students must pay every semester before registering for classes. This payment goes directly toward your tuition bill and is used to secure your seat in your classes.

When is my tuition due?

Every semester, tuition is due on the 10th day of classes. For example, the Fall 2007 semester begins on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 (the day after Labor Day). The following Monday, September 17, 2007, will be the 10th day that classes meet and tuition is due that day.

What happens if I haven't paid my tuition by September 17?

If you have not paid your tuition or made other arrangements with the Business Services by September 17, you will be charged a \$100 late fee.

What is financial aid?

Financial aid is an umbrella term that covers all money you get (from outside your own home) to help you pay for your college education. This includes gift aid, like the Pell, SEOG, WHEG, and

TIP grants, as well as self-help aid, such as student loans and federal work-study job earnings. The first step to receiving any of these types of financial aid is to apply.

How do I apply for financial aid?

To apply for aid, just log onto the federal Department of Education website at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. It is highly recommended that you apply online because it is much faster and mistakes are less likely. Paper versions of the FAFSA are available in the UW-Rock County Student Services office. You will need your 2006 federal tax form (and your parents' if you are under 24), as well as your 4-digit FAFSA PIN (your electronic signature), if you are completing the online version. To apply for a FAFSA PIN, go to www.pin.ed.gov.

What do I do if I have more problems or questions?

You can call or stop by Student Services Office in Hyatt Smith Hall or discuss your concerns with your academic advisor. In the case of financial aid questions or concerns, call or e-mail Linda Osborne in Student Services at linda.osborne@uwc.edu or (608)758-6523.

Another cool story to take with you:

"But I read about it on the Internet," the daughter says, slightly leaning on her tippy-toes. She catches herself before she falls forward. "Most lipstick contains fish scales!" The mother looks at the lipstick and then again at her seven-year-old and finally at the bathroom mirror in front of her. She tells her that not everything on the Internet is true.

The girl makes a face, shields her eyes, and says, "Also, did you know that your eyes stay the same size from when you're born but your nose keeps growing and I also think your ears do, too?"

The mother places the cap back onto the lipstick and says that, yes, she's heard that one before but come on, you're going to be late for school. The girl opens her eyes, seeing no more now than before or than ever, apparently.

"Also," she says, "did you know that Didaskaleinophobia is the fear of school and I think I might have it, can I stay home this morning?"

The mother gently moves her daughter forward and out of the bathroom.

The mother thinks about how we can know what we know, but it's a deep thought and she doesn't have much time, so as she touches the hallway walls on her way to the living room, she has the following thought instead: where are my keys?

"Mom," the girl begins. "Mom, they're over here," and she points towards the table, which is a mess and which holds a few partially full glasses of water. And as the child makes her move – as she pushes out her tiny hand to reach for the keys which are barely visible under the newspaper – she can't help but slightly graze that glass and a graze is more than enough. It falls and it shatters and without missing a beat, the child says, "Did you know that shards of glass move thousands of miles per hour?"

They both are looking at the floor. "Plus," the girl adds, kneeling down to get a better look. "It takes glass a million years to decompose." She looks up at her mother. "That means it never wears out."

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