Information for Summer 2014 Advisors

BIOL/CHEM/MATH Blocks

Several years ago it became obvious that during summer registration seats in sections of lecture and laboratory for Biology, Chemistry, and Calculus filled unevenly. As a result, the last registration periods found advisors trying to make schedules for Biology and Biochemistry majors from the remaining open seats in sections that conflicted with each other making it impossible to create workable schedules. To prevent this, we created registration sheets with combinations of these courses already arranged in non-conflicting schedules called "blocks". This system is the best way we have to assure that students registering in the later orientation sessions have complete schedules.

The creation of blocks, however, does mean that all non-block seats in the course sections used in blocks must also be tracked since Knightweb cannot tally block section enrollments separately from general enrollments. Consequently, each unblocked seat will also correspond to a sheet that acts as a ticket for that section. **Therefore, if a student wishes to register in just one course, e.g. Math 221, they will need a sheet from the subject binders for the specific section in which they wish to enroll.** This **ONLY** applies to Biol 116, 117, Chem 116, 119 and Math 221. Other Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics courses will register as usual without needing an additional sheet. If students are registering for a course with both a lecture and a laboratory, they will need a sheet for **both** a lecture section **and** a laboratory section.

Binders near where the Biology Orientation Advisors are located have available free seat sheets for Math 221, Biol117 and Biol 116, and Chen 116 and Chem 119. **DO NOT USE the enrollment numbers on Knightweb in these course sections as an indication of whether or not the section is still open. Remaining seats may be part of blocks and not available for individual registration. If a section has no sheets left in the subject binder it is closed and an overload from the appropriate department is required.**

THERE ARE EFFECTIVELY NO SINGLE SEATS AVAILABLE IN THE CHEM 116 LECTURE AND 119 LABORATORY AND BIOL 116 LABORATORY EXCEPT FOR **DECLARED** SCIENCE MAJORS, e.g. Chem or GSci majors. There are a few seats overloaded into the Biology lecture, Biol 117, as long as there is a laboratory seat available, but you will need Dr. Briggs to sign off on the lecture seat. If your advisee is considering being pre-Med they would be better off waiting at least until their Sophomore or Junior year to take the Biology sequence for two reasons; 1) as experienced college students they are more likely to do well in the course and 2) there will be less time between when they take the course and when they take the MCAT exam, i.e. less time to forget the material.

Blocking is in effect during BOTH the transfer and freshmen registration sessions, so enrollments during the transfer sessions in these courses will also REQUIRE an accompanying sheet. Please, include the course sheet with the rest of their registration materials when they turn in their folders. Schedules will be checked and students without an accompanying sheet may be liable to deregistration in that course.