



Welcome to your sophomore year!

This newsletter is designed to help you start the year off right! Even though you're not the new kid on the block anymore (remember the nerves you felt coming to Welcome Week?), you may still need some help securing your place at Hofstra, both academically and socially. You may be looking to step up your involvement from last year, or maybe you are looking for a fresh start. Either way, it's time to get ready – fall will be here before you know it, and all of us at Hofstra are looking forward to having you back on campus!

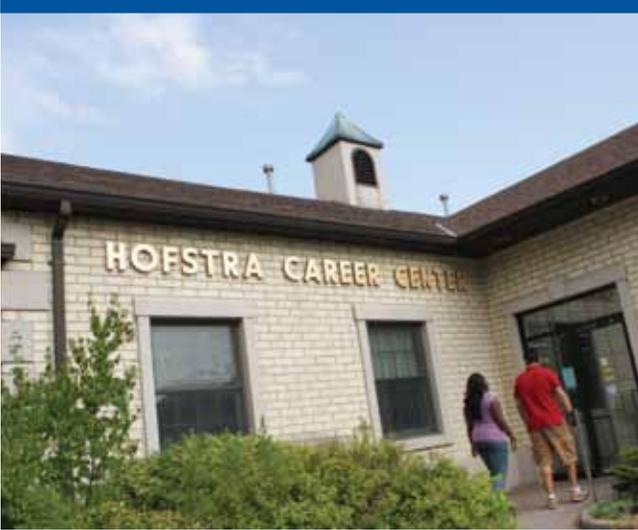
The Savvy Sophomore Checklist

- If you haven't done so already, you should **declare your major this year**. Visit your major department to meet with a faculty advisor, or set up an appointment with your Advisement dean if you're still not sure what to major in. Make an appointment at The Career Center for a career assessment. Keep in mind: You must declare a major prior to earning 60 credits.
- If you haven't started your **language requirement** (if applicable), this is the semester to start hablar español/le fait de parler le français/日本語を話す, etc.
- Start your **summer 2013 internship search** this fall. Being first in the queue will work to your advantage.
- Want to **study abroad**? The fall semester is the time to look at your options for study abroad opportunities.
- If you're **pre-health or pre-law** and haven't met with a pre-professional advisor, call the Center for University Advisement for an appointment.
- Visit **The Career Center** and meet with a career counselor. Don't wait until your senior year, as you will miss out on a lot of programs, events and opportunities!
- Join a **club or organization**, or step up to a leadership position in a club or organization you joined last year.

Important Dates, Fall 2012

Tuesday, September 4	First day of classes
Monday, September 10	Last day to register or add a class online
Tuesday, September 11	\$25 Change of Program fee begins
Monday and Tuesday, September 17 and 18	No classes
Tuesday, September 25	No evening classes
Wednesday, September 26	No classes
Monday, October 1	Absolute last day to register or add a course
Tuesday, October 2	Last day to drop a course without receiving a "W"
Monday, October 15	Last day to elect Pass/D+/D/Fail option
Tuesday, October 16	Presidential Debate — No classes
Monday, October 29	Spring 2013 registration begins for sophomores
Thursday, November 15	Last day to withdraw from a course
Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23	Thanksgiving Recess — No classes
Tuesday, December 11	Last day to do a complete withdrawal
Wednesday, December 12	Snow/study/reading day
Thursday-Wednesday, December 13-19	Final exams

For a comprehensive list of deadlines, please visit hofstra.edu/sfs/sfs_deadlines.html.



Connect With The Career Center!

We hope you have already begun to utilize the services of The Career Center. If not, it's time to get started! Below is a sampling of some of the offerings for this semester; all events are held at The Career Center, M. Robert Lowe Hall, South Campus, unless otherwise noted. Visit hofstra.edu/career or read The Career Center's blog at hofstracareercenter.blogspot.com/ for more information about programs and services.

Services for Students with Disabilities

Students may disclose a disability and request accommodations or services through Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at any time during their academic career at Hofstra. If you are a returning student and would like to register with SSD, please do so by either stopping by the office (212 Memorial Hall, South Campus) to obtain application forms, calling us at **516-463-4999** or accessing the forms at hofstra.edu/StddisForms.

Resident Student Association

One way you and your friends can get involved on campus is through the Resident Student Association (RSA). RSA is a unique student-run organization that exists to improve the overall Hofstra experience for residential students. This dynamic organization provides social and educational events for individual residence halls and the University as a whole, such as movies, dances, barbecues, Relay for Life, and more. This is an outstanding way to get involved and make a difference in your residence hall community. If you are interested in getting involved in RSA, please email Amanda Horvat at amanda.horvat@hofstra.edu.

Fall Career Fairs

Accounting and Finance Career Fair:

*Wednesday, September 19, 6-8 p.m.,
Multipurpose Room, Mack Student Center, North Campus*

Communication Career Fair:

*Wednesday, October 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Studio A, Dempster Hall, South Campus*

Engineering Career Fair:

*Friday, October 26 at Columbia University
(RSVP is required; Contact The Career Center for more information.)*

Fall Job and Internship Fair (for all majors):

*Wednesday, October 31, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex, North Campus*

Education Career Night:

*Thursday, November 1, 3:45-6:45 p.m.
Lobby, Hagedorn Hall, South Campus*

Health Internship and Volunteer Fair:

*Wednesday, November 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Mack Student Center, North Campus*

Internship Orientations

Learn all about the benefits of an internship and how to be a successful applicant. All sessions are held during Common Hour (11:15 a.m.-12:40 p.m.). Locations to be announced.

Frank G. Zarb School of Business: Wednesday, September 19

School of Communication: Wednesday, October 10

Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

Wednesday, October 24

Career Center Webshops

Many of The Career Center workshops have gone online!

The Career Center now offers Webshops on Blackboard.

Learn about resume writing, interviewing, how to participate in a job fair, and more! Sign up at hofstra.edu/career by clicking on "Get Connected."



Academic Advising at Hofstra: Your Bridge to Success

Are you using all your available resources?

Have you visited your Advisement dean lately? If not, you are not utilizing an important resource. Developing an ongoing relationship with your Advisement dean AND your faculty advisor (once you declare a major) is crucial to your academic success.

YOUR ADVISEMENT DEAN: Every student is assigned an Advisement dean (AD) who is available from admission through graduation. This person is your “go-to resource” as you plan and complete your non-major degree requirements, decide on a major, address any personal or academic issues that may impact your academic success, and connect with campus resources. If you can't recall the name of your AD (he or she sent you quite a few emails last year!), you can find that information on your DAR, or call **516-463-6770** or **516-463-7222**.

FACULTY ADVISOR: When you declare a major, contact your major department to learn the name of your faculty advisor. Your faculty advisor will help you map out a plan for fulfilling your major requirements, and he/she can also talk to you about career plans, graduate school, special opportunities available in the major, internships, and much more.

Both your Advisement dean and your faculty advisor will assist you in planning for and meeting your academic goals. Developing a relationship with both of them will enhance your time at Hofstra, so take advantage of all your resources!

The DAR: Your Blueprint for Graduation

Now that you're a sophomore, you should be checking your Degree Audit Report (DAR) regularly. The DAR can be accessed online 24/7, and it will show you which requirements you have fulfilled, and those you still need to complete.

To view your DAR:

1. Log in to the Hofstra portal (**My.Hofstra.edu**).
2. Click on the “Hofstra Online” tab.
3. Under “Student Records,” select “DARS.”

Tip: If you are considering a change of major, run a “what if” analysis. The DAR will show you what requirements your completed classes will fulfill.

University Tutorial Program: Find a Tutor. Be a Tutor.

Hofstra offers individual and group tutoring in nearly every subject, free of charge. Tutoring begins the third week of the semester (after student and tutor schedules are finalized), and new requests are accepted from the first day of classes until two weeks before finals begin. You may receive tutoring for up to three classes per semester, with 1.5 hours of tutoring per class, per week. We are always looking for talented, dedicated students to serve as tutors. To request a tutor or apply to be a tutor, visit **hofstra.edu/utp**.

Beyond Welcome Week

Stay connected through a variety of events offered to new and returning students during the month of September. Participating in events is a great way to get back into the co-curricular life at Hofstra. Whether you are attending trips to the city, debate activities, performances, or Hofstra's 9/11 memorial ceremony, you will have the opportunity to reconnect to the campus community in a variety of ways. Look for events and information online and throughout campus.



SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, September 11
Thursday-Sunday, September 27-30

Wednesday, October 3
Tuesday, October 16
Wednesday, October 17
Wednesday, October 24

9/11 Memorial Ceremony
Hofstra Fall Festival: Alumni,
Student and Family Weekend
LGBTQ Awareness Month Reception
U.S. Presidential Debate at Hofstra University
Study Abroad Fair
Hispanic Heritage Month Reception

Are you ready for Debate 2012?

Hofstra is hosting the U.S. presidential debate on October 16, 2012, and preparations are in full swing. Visit hofstra.edu/Debate/index.html for information on programs, campus updates, volunteer information, and more.

Welcome back commuting students!

Still haven't been by the Office of Off-Campus Living and Commuting Student Services to check out what we have to offer? Now is your chance. Remember, there is always a comfortable place and a free cup of coffee for you in 221 Mack Student Center, so stop by and say hello. Visit hofstra.edu/commuting or email commuters@hofstra.edu for more information.



GET INVOLVED!

Did you know that students who are involved in clubs and organizations tend to be more successful in the classroom and as graduates? Do you have a particular interest? Come to the **Club Carnival on Monday, September 3, at 1 p.m.** on the Intramural Fields, North Campus, and explore the wide variety of on-campus clubs and organizations we have to offer. Can't make it? Browse all of Hofstra's different clubs on **CollegiateLink**, which you can access by logging in to the Hofstra portal at My.Hofstra.edu (select the "my apps" folder).

STAY CONNECTED!

Stay informed of the wide variety of campus events, as well as important class-specific information, via the following:

- ▶ [Facebook.com/HofstraStudents](https://www.facebook.com/HofstraStudents)
- ▶ [Twitter.com/HofstraStudents](https://twitter.com/HofstraStudents)
- ▶ HofstraStudentLife.blogspot.com
- ▶ **Class of 2015 website:** hofstra.edu/classof2015
- ▶ **CollegiateLink (accessed via the Hofstra portal)**
- ▶ **Hofstra events website:** hofstra.edu/events