

Academic Advisement Month



With registration for the Summer and Fall 2012 semesters just around the corner, it is important for all students to be well-prepared and informed about the classes they need to take in order to stay on track for graduation. Please note that all first-year students are required to schedule a

meeting with their assigned academic advisor prior to course registration. If they do not see their advisor, a hold will be placed on their account, which will prevent them from registering for courses until they meet with an advisor.

Most first-year students are assigned to professional advisors within the Center for Academic Advisement and First-Year Experience (CAAFYE). First-year students in the School of American and International Studies are assigned to faculty members within their majors and/or concentrations.

Students can access the names of and contact information for their academic advisors on their [degree evaluations](#), or at the new [MyAdvisor](#) web page.

In addition, all first-year students are required to review the four-year plans for their majors, found on our website's [college catalog](#).

Reminder: Summer/Fall Course Registration

Web registration for courses for the Summer and Fall 2012 semesters is coming up! Students may register at any time between 8:30 am and 11:55 pm after their registration windows open.

Registration windows coincide with students' earned credit hours. For instance, matriculated first year students with 20 credits or less can register on April 5 at 10:30 am, while matriculated students with 135 credits or more are eligible to register earlier on April 2 at 11:00 am.

Remember that if the opening of a student's window conflicts with his or her class schedule, registration will remain open until 11:55 p.m., and is ongoing. *Registration is not an excusable class absence.*

For more information on specific registration dates and times, please visit the [web registration schedule](#).

Ramapo College Goes Above and Beyond for Accommodations for Disabilities



Ramapo College was recently named one of America's most disability-friendly colleges in a new book entitled "College Success for Students With Physical Disabilities," published by Prufrock Press. It was distributed in bookstores nationwide this month.

Ramapo College was listed as an "ADA-Plus" College - a college with offerings that extend beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act when it comes to providing services to students with physical disabilities. Ramapo College was listed among 71 other schools, two of which are also located in New Jersey: The College of New Jersey and Rutgers University-Camden.

The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits schools from discriminating against students with disabilities and requires certain accommodations to guarantee the students' access to the college's programs and services.

"Reasonable accommodations at Ramapo have included such things as textbooks in audio formats, extended time for tests, copies of lecture notes, sign language interpreters, and accessible housing," explained David Nast, director of the Office of Specialized Services at the college. However, what really made Ramapo College qualify for recognition in the book are the additional services it provides beyond what is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. "Ramapo is fortunate to have a Federal TRIO Student Support Services grant that allows us to provide services beyond just accommodations," said Nast.

These extra services include computer instruction and tutoring. Students in need of assistance are paired with other students to help with note taking, explanation of assignments, and any further academic support the students may need.

For more information about reasonable accommodations and the Office of Specialized Services, please visit their [website](#).

Cahill Center Provides Career and Internship Fairs for Students

Starting this month and continuing through April, the Cahill Center will be hosting several events for students that will focus on career development and internship opportunities.



Programs include internship fairs specific to the School of Contemporary Arts and to business and science majors, networking opportunities, and an etiquette dinner. All students are encouraged to participate.

Click [here](#) to review the date and time of each event.

Ramapo Named a 2011-2012 Best-Value Public College

Ramapo College of New Jersey has been named to Kiplinger's Personal Finance's list of 100 best values in public colleges for 2011-2012. The ranking cites four-year schools that combine outstanding education with economic value.

Ramapo advanced in ranking this year to 48 for in-state tuition - the seventh consecutive year the college has been included in the list. Ramapo is one of only three New Jersey public institutions of higher education included in the list, which was released this week. The report features institutions that deliver a high quality education at an affordable price, and Ramapo College was included due to its high four-year graduation rate, low average student debt at graduation, abundant financial aid and low cost.

This year, Kiplinger's revamped the rankings to give more weight to academic value, such as the percentage of students who return for sophomore year and the four-year graduation rate. While the criteria have shifted, the overall focus on value remains the same.

"As states cut funding for higher education and tuition continues to climb, the word 'value' is more significant than ever," said Jane Bennett Clark, senior editor at Kiplinger's Personal Finance. "This year's top 100 public schools deliver strong academics at reasonable prices. We applaud these institutions for tightening their belts without compromising quality."

The full report can be viewed at: www.kiplinger.com/links/college.

The Center for Academic Advisement and First Year Experience is Hiring!



The Center for Academic Advisement and First-Year Experience (CAAFYE) is now accepting applications for student workers for Summer 2012. We are looking for students with enthusiasm, strong customer relations and interpersonal communication skills, related experience, and the willingness to work hard and develop new skills. Applications are due by April 13.

To access the application:

1. Log into my.ramapo.edu.
2. Click on "Groups" on the top right corner.
3. Select your corresponding class group (ex: "Transfers Fall 10-Spring 11"), then click "Files" on the left menu.
4. In "Files," click, "APPLICATION," and find the "CAAFYE 2012 Summer application" PDF.

Important Dates

- Sunday, March 18 - Sunday, March 25**
Spring Recess (Residence halls remain open)
- Monday, March 26**
Last day to withdraw from courses with "W" grade
Last day to request Repeat grade option
- Friday, March 30**
Graduation Applications due for August graduation
- Friday, April 6**
Good Friday (Classes held, offices closed)
- Saturday, April 7**
Passover (Classes held, no testing)
- Monday, April 25**
Last day to secure guaranteed Fall housing
- Wednesday, April 25**
Honors Convocation (3:00 pm)
- Monday, May 7**
Reading Day (No classes held)
- Tuesday, May 8 - Monday, May 14**
Final Exam Week
- Saturday, May 12**
Common Finals
- Saturday, May 12**
Residence halls close (6:00pm)
- Monday, May 14**
Last day to request "I" grades
Last day of the semester
- Wednesday, May 16**
Commencement
- Monday, May 28**
Memorial Day (College closed)

Academic Advisement Resources and Tools

- "How to Videos"
[How to find the Degree Requirements and Four-Year Plan](#)
[How to run a Degree Evaluation](#)
[How to sign up for the Alert-Me-Now emergency communication system](#)

Other Helpful Information

- [How To Choose A Major](#)
- [Academic Policies](#)
- [CAAFYE Forms](#)



The Parent/Family Focus is brought to you by the Center for Academic Advisement and First-Year Experience (CAAFYE) at Ramapo College of New Jersey. Please feel free to reach out to us at caafye@ramapo.edu if you have any questions regarding our services.

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- [The Office of Residence Life](#)
- [The Office of Financial Aid](#)
- [The Center for Health and Counseling](#)
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