

Registration Month



Web registration for the winter/spring 2011 semesters will begin on November 1. In preparation for the registration period, students at Ramapo College should meet with their assigned academic advisor in order to make the course registration process easier to

understand.

Registration window time differs for students, depending on the amount of credits they have earned. All remaining matriculated students, including most first year students, may begin to register on November 5.

Students may make schedule adjustments until January 25, 2010.

The web registration schedule for spring/winter 2011 may be accessed [here](#).

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Be Aware of Account Holds

Students should check regularly to ensure that there are no holds on their account to prevent them from registering for classes and/or housing. Some types of holds include, but are not limited to:



Advising - Depending on the school they attend, certain students must meet with a faculty advisor before they can register for spring courses.

Bursar's Office - Outstanding balances that range anywhere from tuition fees to violation fines may prohibit a student from registering until they are paid.

Library Hold - Late fees for books and other materials borrowed from the Ramapo College library must be paid before course registration.

Health & Immunization - Necessary immunizations and health records are required of all students upon entering the school. If a student is missing immunization documentation, they must submit them prior to registration.

Undeclared - Students who have earned 48 or more credits and have not yet declared a major will not be able to register for the next semester until they complete a major declaration form.

Alert-Me-Now - Students must either sign up for or opt out of this emergency notification system.

Does your student have a hold on his/her account? Here is how to check:

1. Login to Web Self-Service
2. Select Student Services and Financial Aid
3. Click "Student Account Information"
4. Click "View Holds"

Visit the corresponding office to clear the hold.

FERPA Reminder



Please be mindful that students over the age of 18 are protected under the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This federal law applies to all institutions that receive funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

Students pursuing an education beyond high school must provide written permission in order for the College to release records such as final grades, test

scores, and medical and disciplinary records to a parent and/or guardian.

Only directory information such as address, telephone number and date of birth may be disclosed without consent.

[The Office of the Registrar](#) oversees such policies at Ramapo College. Please refer to their webpage to learn more about the details of the [FERPA policy](#).

A Student's First Homecoming

For many first-year students, the Thanksgiving holiday is their first extended trip home since the beginning of the semester. The five-day break is a time of family reunion.



Although time is short, this break is a preview of the month-long holiday vacation ahead, when students will transition back to home life before their spring semester. To make the most of a student's homecoming over the Thanksgiving holiday, parents and family members can plan ahead for the week by doing some of the following:

Plan a Relaxing Activity

By late November, students are in the period between midterm and final exams. After an intensive studying, students look to kick back and relax for a few days. Planning a fun, relaxing activity can be a great way to spend time together and allow your student to de-stress and enjoy the time off.

Treat Your Student to a Home Cooked Meal

After two and a half months of eating on campus, students look forward to the home cooked meals that await them over the Thanksgiving break. Adding some of your student's favorite foods to the holiday menu is one way to show them your care.

Break Out the Winter Clothing

The shift into the winter months at Ramapo can be sudden, so rounding up a student's warm clothing for them to take back to school can be a big help. Sweatshirts, sweatpants, winter jackets, scarves, gloves, hats and boots are all items they will appreciate when the temperature drops. For commuter students and residents with cars on campus, placing snow shovels and ice scrapers in the trunk can make parking less of a hassle in inclement weather.

Look Ahead to the Spring Semester

Students complete class registration in early November for the spring semester. Talk to your student about the classes and upcoming schedules to help plan for the future.

Also, please visit our [Academic Calendar](#) for future holiday dates.

Community Service Center: Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week



The Community Service Center promotes, facilitates and organizes community service by members of the Ramapo community. In promoting service, the Center aims to instill a lifetime commitment to civic engagement within the student body. Student coordinators focus on specific issue areas when planning projects and events.

Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week is an event sponsored annually by the Community Service Center to bring the needs of those less fortunate to the attention of the Ramapo community.

Various programs will be hosted throughout the week of November 13 through 18 both on and off campus. Ramapo students are encouraged to participate, as many of these events may count for the five-hour curriculum enhancement component for classes.

"Cram the Van"- November 13

For this new community service project, groups of students take Ramapo vans out to local supermarkets to encourage patrons to purchase the Center for Food Action's most needed items and "cram" the vans with them.

Annual Welfare Simulation- November 15

With guidance from members of the Community Service Center, students who sign up for this program will participate in a simulation to experience what it would be like to live in poverty for one month.

"Night Without a Home"- November 15

On Monday night, students will converge on the Laurel Courts to participate in the annual "Night Without a Home" event, in which students spend a night outdoors to better understand what homelessness feels like. Participants must bundle up and provide their own shelter in order to truly step into the shoes of an impoverished person without a home.

Panel on Homelessness- November 17

Soccer players from the New York Soccer USA (SSUSA) team will speak about their experiences with homelessness. SSUSA seeks to end homelessness through soccer. Research has shown that 75% of players involved in the program for a year move off the street and into housing and jobs. Ramapo alumni, coordinators of SSUSA and the Community Service Center are working hard on building a partnership in order to help bring an end to homelessness.

Throughout the week, the second floor of the Student Center lobby will host an exhibit of stories and photos of Street Soccer players from around the United States.

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive- November 18th

Offices, student clubs and Greek organizations are welcome to participate in this annual food drive. A list of items accepted is available in the Community Service Center office.

Please visit the [Community Service Center](#) page on the Ramapo website for more details on these and other events.

Cahill Center Director Introduces New Initiatives

Beth Ricca, who joined Ramapo College as the Director of the Cahill Center for Experiential Learning and Career Services in January, sat down for a video interview to discuss the reorganization of the department.



As part of the restructuring, Ricca explains that each school will have professional career advisors on staff to help students on their path to finding a co-op, internship or position in their respective field post-graduation.

Ricca's video interview can be accessed in the August 2010 issue of the Ramapo College Alumni Newsletter, found [here](#).

Important Dates

- November 24-27**
Thanksgiving Recess: Residence halls remain open
- Tuesday, December 7**
Spring payment deadline #1, which applies to students registering between November 1 and December 6, 2010.
- Tuesday, December 14**
Reading Day
- December 15-21**
Final Exam Week
- Tuesday, December 21**
Last day of semester/Residence Halls close 6 at p.m.
- Wednesday, January 19**
Spring 2011 classes begin

To see other important dates, visit our [Parents Calendar](#).

Academic Advising 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](#)
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