

## October Associate Dean Newsletter

Hello Arts and Humanities Undergrads,

This is the second installment of my 2014-15 newsletters and this month I'll be covering the following:

- a) Graduate School workshops for undergrads
- b) Want to be a theatre critic?
- c) Deadline for dropping 0.5 and 1.0 courses
- d) Fall Study Break
- e) Medical Accommodations
- f) Faculty Entrance Scholarships
- g) Work Study programme

a) The Faculty of Arts & Humanities is hosting a couple of workshops for undergraduate students apply for graduate school on Sept. 30, 4:30-5:30 and Oct. 1, 5:30-6:30, both in the Arts & Humanities Building (old Ivey) room 2R07. Drs. Nandi Bhatia and John Hatch will be helping to demystify graduate school selection, applications, and dealing with scholarship applications.

b) Are you interested in theatre and have a knack for writing? The Arts and Humanities Students' Council is looking for students to help write reviews for theatre at Western and in the London community. These pieces will be published online and are great to build any portfolio! If you are interested, please e-mail the AHSC Theatre Critic at [smehta57@uwo.ca](mailto:smehta57@uwo.ca) or the AHSC VP Events at [heveritt@uwo.ca](mailto:heveritt@uwo.ca) as soon as possible!

c) Please note that the last day you can drop a 0.5 Fall term course without academic penalty is November 5, 2014. There is no grace period so make sure to drop the course on or before the deadline. The drop date for Full-Year courses (1.0), without academic penalty is November 30, 2014.

d) The Fall Study Break is on Oct. 30 and 31 this year. This is a the first-term version of the February reading week, albeit a condensed variant.

e) As we near the mid-term for Fall half-courses it is useful to keep in mind that If you happen to miss an exam, fail to meet an assignment deadline, etc., for medical reasons, you need to see a physician asap and get the proper medical documentation filled out, namely the Student Medical Certificate ([http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf)). Don't wait until you're feeling better to see a doctor for a note since most will not issue one if you are not displaying symptoms. Once you have the medical form, and you're feeling a bit better, drop by the Academic Counselling Office (International and Graduate Affairs Building room ON05) to hand in the documentation without delay; if you fail to submit the documentation in a timely manner, you may be denied accommodation. For any accommodation needs whether medical or other, it is always best to see an academic counsellor first; dealing with your professors directly is sometimes not a good idea for various reasons -- let the professionals handle it, namely the academic counsellors for the Faculty.

f) If you are the recipient of one of the two Arts and Humanities entrance scholarships, payments will be made shortly. One of the conditions of the scholarship is that you are still registered as part of the Faculty by November 1 which is why there has yet to be a payment of this scholarship, and that you are registered in 2.0 Arts and Humanities courses. So if you are still with us and you meet the eligibility requirements, you should be receiving your payment by the end of November.

g) Western's Work Study programme offers students in financial need a unique opportunity for part-time employment in a variety of different jobs, ranging from working for the library to being a research assistant for a professor. If you're interested and eligible please visit [http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student\\_finances/work\\_study.html](http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/work_study.html)

A reminder to bookmark the Arts Bulletin page, which is full of useful information for A&H students only: [http://www.uwo.ca/arts/current\\_students/undergraduate/bulletin.html](http://www.uwo.ca/arts/current_students/undergraduate/bulletin.html)

Hope you are all in the throes of an excellent school year.

Yours,

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