

Online Family Chat - Main Lobby

Thursday, January 11, 2018

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Good Evening Gator Families! Welcome to tonight's Family Chat. We will get started in about 5 minutes once all of our moderators have had a chance to join us. If you are looking for answers to questions about Housing or Academic Advising, representatives from those areas will be available in their respective chat rooms. To access these, please click on the "Add More Chatrooms" button on the upper righthand corner of your screen.

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Hi Gator Families, my name is Lynn O'Sickey and I'm an academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center. I'm here to answer academic questions or direct you to the right person if I can't. I'll be in the Academic Advising Chatroom in just a

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): My name is Arie Gee and I work in New Student and Family Programs! I will be here in the lobby answering general questions while Lynn takes questions in the Academic Advising chatroom. Mary will join us shortly to answer your Housing Questions in

ablack: Hi Arie,

familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Hi family members! My name is Mary and I'm here representing Housing tonight.

ablack: I have a question about mental health resources. My Gator had a great first semester, but is feeling some anxiety about her transition into college life. It would be helpful for her to talk to a counselor or mental health professional who can give her strategies to cope with her anxiety. I emailed U_Matter, but have not gotten a response. Can you give me some information about who she should call? Thanks so much!

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Hi ablack! Thank you for joining us!

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Hi ablack, if you email me with the email you sent to U_Matter, I can followup first thing tomorrow to make sure we reach out to her! You can email me at IHaveAGator@ufl.edu.

ablack: Great! I appreciate your help! Thanks very much!

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @ablack, absolutely!

RitabenPatel: Good Afternoon Mary, I have a question about maintenance on dorms. Hume is out of hot water since Sunday. Who do you contact? Does building engineer inspect everything before students start coming in?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @RitabenPatel, Mary is answering these in the Housing Chatroom! Do you mind asking your question there?

RitabenPatel: ok, got it, didn't see the drop down menu, thanks

zpuatuf: How can students get help clean their room? They don't have vacuum machine.

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @zpuatuf, that is a great question for Mary in the Housing Chatroom!

Goody: Lynn, We have a few questions concerning Tyler's grades and transcript for University of Florida: 1. Tyler received his associate degree from Collegiate High School and graduated with 70 credits. His transcript shows that he is carrying 60 credits towards his bachelors degree, not 70. Can you tell us what happens to the extra 10 credits? 2. His graduating ***** for his associate degree was 3.95. There is no indication on his current transcript of a prior gpa. Do any of his grades carry over towards his bachelor degree and will he have a

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Goody, Lynn is in the Academic Advising chatroom to help with academic questions!

kuiltmom@gmail.com: How can I change my user name?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @kuiltmom, unfortunately, I believe you would have to create a new account to get a new username.
susanna: Who shall the parents of the IA student contact and make an appointment regarding academic performance? Thank you.
kuiltmom@gmail.com: Ok thank you. while creating the account, I was only asked for my email address and not a user name. Now it is my email is my user name. Will change it before next chat.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @susanna, if your student has questions, they should see their academic advisor or someone within the Innovation Academy department. If you are looking for information, your student will need to be a part of the conversation.
Gboyisagator: My son recently had a physical, and his doctor recommended an x-ray, and he will need a second meningitis vaccine. Do you know if these services are offered at the student health center? Or who can I
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Gboyisagator, The Student Health Care Center Services are located here: http://shcc.ufl.edu/services/ They are also affiliated with Shands, so they may refer him there for the x-ray.
Gboyisagator: Thank you
rygrc: Hi, Good evening.... can make questions regarding financial aid?
Avery12300@yahoo.com: Hello everyone.
Avery12300@yahoo.com: I think my sons counselor doesn't believe in my son and I think he is setting him up for failure. What can I do about that?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Sorry everyone, I had technical difficulties (internet at home!) so if you have asked a question recently and I have not responded, please ask it again!
mromond: My son is a freshman in CALS. He would like to change his major to business. He could not get an advising appointment before break. My concern is unnecessary credits and money spent the more time passes. What is the best way to go about this?
Adavis: My daughter has the declining balance meal plan currently with a balance of \$1000 plus. She received a notice in her UF account that she needs to add another \$1895 for this semester. She has emailed administration and even went to talk to someone in the office. Still have not got an answer to why she she has to add that much more to her declining meal plan when she already has such a high balance. She tried to use her declining balance on a meal today and she was told there were insufficient funds. She logs into her UF account and verified she has the funds there. Can someone clarify who she needs to contact higher up to get
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @mromond, he should see an advisor in Business tomorrow. They have walk-in hours during drop/add but there may be a wait. I would recommend getting there early. http://warrington.ufl.edu/undergraduate/myheavener/advising.asp
Avery12300@yahoo.com: I think my sons counselor does not believe in my son and is setting him up for failure. What can I do about that?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @adavis, The dining plan is a 2 semester commitment, so that is her commitment for this semester. The \$1895 is the cost of the lowest meal plan offered for the semester. When she graduates, if she has not used all of this money, it will be refunded to her. http://www.gatordining.com/mealplans/faqs
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @avery, do you mean your student's Academic Advisor or do you mean a mental health counselor?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): It sounds like this might be a more private conversation. You are welcome to request a private chat and I'm happy to share recommendations.

Avery12300@yahoo.com: What I mean by that is my son passed his chemistry class and the counselor tried to re-register him for the same class thinking he failed it. My son had to tell his counselor he passed the class. So, the counselor then put him in biology and chemistry 2 for this semester, knowing those two are really hard
rygrc: arie,,, I understand declining balance and meal or dining plan are different things? I paid for last semester for my son, but not for this semester... are you sure is a 2 semester commitment?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @avery, that is a great question for Lynn in the Advising room. She is more familiar with the courses than I am
Avery12300@yahoo.com: Ok
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @rygrc, yes I am positive it is a 2 semester commitment. From the link above: 7. Is there a two semester commitment for the Meal Plan?Yes. When you purchase a Meal Plan for the fall semester (regardless of whether you convert it to Declining Balance or a fraternity/sorority meal plan during the grace period), you must purchase a Meal Plan for the spring
Avery12300@yahoo.com: @lynn can you please email me.
Gabryrains: Off topic question... my son has a year pass for his car. During the summer, is there a place to leave it on campus?
kuiltmom@gmail.com: Avery, Lynn is on the other chat room
Bill wynn: How do you find out the food balance from the fall 2017 semester so you know how much is refunded when she graduates?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Bill wynn, students can see their balance on their account with Gator 1 Central: https://www.bsd.ufl.edu/G1C/index.asp
rygrc: Arie,,, what about Innovation Academy (IA) students?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Gabryrains, as long as the car is in a space that he is allowed to park, he is all set!
rygrc: that officially start on spring and summer
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @rygrc, I'm unsure how that impacts the contract. This is something Dining will need to confirm.
Unilife: Can part of balance from declining balance /meal plan be transferred to pay for books,... ?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Unilife, that's a great thought but unfortunately, it cannot.
Gabryrains: Thank you. Any suggestions for roommate issues ? Does one talk to RA?
Unilife: So it can be used only for meals? Nothing else on campus?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Gabryrains, Mary in the Housing Chat will be the best help there!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Unilife, that is correct
drvecc: Is there a separate place for parents to login to see student's account balances?
Unilife: Can you please refresh my memory for what the Hall pass is good for? :)
Gabryrains: How do I text Mary at housing?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @drvecc, you can log in here under the Parents and Spouses link to add funds, but I'm not sure that it lets you view that.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Gabryrains, you can click on "Add new Chatrooms"and add the Housing chatroom
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Unilife, that is part of Housing so Mary will be your best resource in the Housing Chatroom
Unilife: That is right! sorry... :)

rygrc: Arie,,, thank you... is declining balance same than meal plan?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @rygrc, it is one of the options of a meal plan
rygrc: ok
enisozgul: My daughter is a freshman majoring in marketing, she would like to get involved in voluntary services in her spare times or perhaps she could help with office work at the university. What would you
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @enisozgul, the Brown Center for Leadership and Service is a great place to learn about volunteer opportunities.They are located in the Reitz Union and are happy to talk with students! If she is looking for a job on campus, she can look at www.jobs.ufl.edu.
enisozgul: Thanks
Mokie2017: Hello. I apologize if this is a repeat Q, but does Yulee Hall have vacuum cleaners that can be borrowed? And if so, where do you go to borrow one?
Adavis: Is UF housing available for students that attends during Summer 1 AND 2.
btwill: I imagine there are priority lists for housing and perhaps registration for classes. My daughter is currently in the PACE program and taking 60 credits online. When she goes to live on campus does she enter the priorities as a new freshmen or with the 60 credits as a new junior?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Mokie2017 and Adavis,those are great questions for Mary in the Housing chatroom! You can join her by clicking on the "Add More Chatrooms"
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @btwill, Mary can take that in the Housing
Mokie2017: Thank you! I forgot what chat room I was in.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): That happens to me too :)
dbeckf: Is medical insurance still an option?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @dbeckkf, it is! http://shcc.ufl.edu/fees-and-insurance/health-insurance-options/
dbeckf: Thank you!
Stumpy1: Our son has Florida pre-paid for tuition only. He also qualifies for Bright Futures. Can this be used towards dorm and meal plans?
Unilife: Thank you for the help! Good night.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @Unilife, you're welcome! Thank you for joining us tonight!
WeParentUHelp: Rolling in late here, what'd I miss: lights out? freezing dorms? transportation surveys? I actually have a question -- what is the time frame when freshman students look for off-campus housing and actually start signing leases? (or is that not a UF question?)
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Hi all, we have about 15 minutes left. Are there any last minute questions before we wrap up tonight?
WeParentUHelp: My question above about off campus housing? Unless that isn't appropriate for this forum...
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): You're welcome to ask! I'll help if I can!
WeParentUHelp: Ok: What is the time frame for when freshman students start looking for off-campus housing? When are leases normally signed?

familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Students will start looking in November/December but we recommend that students make a decision by March. It will all depend on where your student is interested in living. The more popular locations that are close to campus will start to fill up soon. However, there are more apartments in Gainesville than there are residents to fill them, so there will always be a place to live, but it will depend on what your student is looking for. One thing to keep in mind is that many apartment complexes will try to pressure students to sign the day that they tour by giving monetary incentives. I recommend that your student does their research and narrows it down to a few to tour. Set up tours on the same day so that they can compare and make a decision if they are
WeParentUHelp: Thanks for the advice, I'll tell my student to start looking into it. He knows he wants a parking spot rather than fighting for one or risking tickets/towing. So that's a place to start, I guess.
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): That is a good place to start!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): We have about 5 minutes remaining! Are there any final questions for this evening?
WeParentUHelp: Totally different subject: He might want to take some classes at a different school close to home over the summer. When does the paperwork on that need to happen?
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): @WeParentUHelp, Your student should start talking to their advisor about summer options in February/March. They will talk with your student about which courses they can take and they can talk with your student about the process of making sure the courses transfer back to UF and into their major.
WeParentUHelp: Very good, you've really helped with the calendar, Arie. I appreciate it!
ablack: Thanks so much for answering all the questions and providing great information! It is so helpful!
familychatadministrator(Arie_NewStudent&FamilyPrograms): Happy to help!
WeParentUHelp: Is there a transcript on this chat?
WeParentUHelp: I missed the first hour and 40 minutes somehow, would like to see what people asked.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): WeParent, the transcripts get posted at https://families.dso.ufl.edu/resources/family-chats/. It can take a few days to edit and collate them.
WeParentUHelp: Thanks you guys are the best!
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Folks, I'm signing out. Additional academic advising questions can be sent to me at losickey@advising.ufl.edu

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<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): AlliD, Flexible Learning is not tied to a term (that is, students can start and end at other times) and so it appears differently. From what I understand, students can get financial aid for flex learning courses (though it's usually a reimbursement). Your student should talk to Student Financial</p>
<p>AlliD: Yes, I apologize, I mis labeled the program - the application form is Distance and Continuing Education and the link to apply is to Flexible Learning</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): AlliD, students are typically only referred to flex learning if there is no way to take the UF course. What course(s) is your student planning on taking?</p>
<p>AlliD: We are out of state and pay full tuition. Just wondered why it didn't apply to his total tuition and had to be paid separately. My concern was really more the academics of the class.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): AlliD, the content should be basically the same.</p>
<p>Msmudpuppy: Lynn, do online classes count towards the summer credit requirements that each student must</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): AlliD, if you let me know which class(es), I can see if, in fact, there are no seats on campus.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Msmudpuppy, online courses taken through UF in the summer will meet the 9 credit State Summer Term Enrollment requirement.</p>
<p>dan@gdanielgreen.com: Is there a student tutoring group on campus. I know of Study Edge, which is a commercial operation, just curious as to options for campus based sources for my freshman son, just in</p>
<p>Unilife: Do you recommend to be enroll in summer too?</p>
<p>Msmudpuppy: We live out of state so if my son takes a class online this summer, he can do so at home during the summer and the course would count toward the 9 credit requirement. I this correct?</p>
<p>Goody: Lynn, We have a few questions concerning Tyler's grades and transcript for University of Florida: 1. Our son received his associate degree from Collegiate High School and graduated with 70 credits. His transcript shows that he is carrying 60 credits towards his bachelors degree, not 70. Can you tell us what happens to the extra 10 credits? 2. His graduating ***** for his associate degree was 3.95. There is no indication on his current transcript of a prior gpa. Do any of his grades carry over towards his bachelor degree and will he have a</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): dan@g...Yes, there is free tutoring and study skills assistance on campus! In my opinion, students should not overlook these, but should try all their services BEFORE paying a large monthly fee for study edge. Here's a link to a summary of their many resources:https://www.advising.ufl.edu/resources/ Scroll down to Broward Teaching Center.</p>
<p>Mokie2017: Hello and Happy New Year. About the summer required credits. I believe Bright futures will pay this summer. But if that changes and they don't pay for summer credits in the future, then can the student be exempt from the summer credit requirements? That is what happened for my daughter at FSU who graduated</p>
<p>dan@gdanielgreen.com: Thanks, very helpful!</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Msmudpuppy, Yes, if your student takes a UF class online over summer, that would count toward the Summer Requirement.</p>
<p>familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Goody, I'm not sure what college Collegiate High School is affiliated with, but UF accepts a maximum of 60 credits from Community and State Colleges in Florida. However, all the credits will post with grades on the UF transcript, it's just your student will only apply 60 to the UF degree. As far as GPAs, UF calculates a UFGPA, not including transfer work. Students can calculate their own 'all-college' GPA and often do if they are applying to graduate or professional schools after finishing at UF.</p>

Gboyisagator: My son had a very good first semester and is now considering applying for the honors college. Can he do that as a sophomore, and will that require any additional classes?
Turtleseagirl: What's the deadline for registering for summer semester? Our son is looking at a study abroad program. If he doesn't do that and if online classes satisfy the summer requirement, I want to be sure he gets registered while we have Bright Futures for sure this summer.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Mokie, the State hasn't had Bright Futures pay for summer in many, many years. But the State regulation that students complete 9 credits in the Summer still remains. There are ways to petition it. https://registrar.ufl.edu/pdf/summer_enrollment_waiver.pdf You can see if your student may qualify to have it waived. Keep in mind students must have 75 credits earned to petition the Summer
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Gboy...Here's the link to information about applying for the Honors program after your first year:http://www.honors.ufl.edu/prospective/admissions/university-honors-
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Turtle...Registration for both Summer and Fall will begin in mid- to late-
Gboyisagator: Thank you
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): dan@gd and Gboy, you're welcome.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): All, did I miss anyone's question?
Goody: In regards to Bright futures and summer semester, can you please tell us what the required course load is, as we had read it was 6 credits.
Turtleseagirl: Gosh, I thought tuition was covered at 100% for the highest Bright Future level this year...
Unilife: when and is it recommended for student to do summer session? Sorry first time in college...
Mokie2017: Thank you. Yes, my daughter had to wait till Senior year to be able to petition to waive the summer credit requirement due to Bright futures not paying for summer. I just didn't know if that was unique to FSU or if it applied to all FL schools.
Turtleseagirl: (for summer term as well as fall and spring)
kuiltmom@gmail.com: When are we able to see the courses offered for summer session? My daughter's Spanish teacher last semester recommended she take Spanish II at home this summer. Her adviser approved it. She should have taken it this semester so as to not have a gap between the two classes which is important for foreign languages. Also, I would much rather have this class count as part of her 9 credits of summer classes,
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Goody, This is the ONLY summer for many years that BF is paying for Summer courses...I believe BF funds in summer on the basis of the number of credits taken, but truthfully, it's been so long since this happened, I can't be sure. I'd check with Student Financial Affairs in S107 Criser as they are the Financial Aid and Scholarship experts.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Turtle, BF (I think Academic Scholar) is supposed to pay for Summer courses this year. Again, I'd check with Student Financial Affairs for details.
kuiltmom@gmail.com: Lynn, would BF cover online courses for summer credits or only on campuses courses?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Unilife, no worries :-) So the State of Florida requires that students take 9 credits in the Summer at one of the 11 State University System schools in Florida. Your student can do that in any of the summer's he/she is attending. In fact, many students spread it out, take one course online in one summer, do an internship for credit in another, and so on. But we expect this year since Bright Futures is paying, that more students will enroll both at UF and other other State Universities.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Mokie, if your student can demonstrate one of the reasons on the petition, it can be waived.
smct4: If my daughter wants to change her major and the major is in a different college, which college should she go to to change it?

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): kuiltmom... Summer course schedules (and Fall course schedules) will be available at the end of February or very beginning of March.
kuiltmom@gmail.com: Thank you Lynn.....my second question already answered
Msmudpuppy: Just so I'm clear on the summer credit requirement, I'm assuming that if my son enrolls in an online UF class this summer, he does not need to live on campus and can take the online class from our home
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Kuiltmom, if she takes it at home but through at State University, it would meet the Summer Requirement... not sure where you are, but that's an option.
kuiltmom@gmail.com: panhandle....we have Northwest Florida State College
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): smct, what major does your student want to enter?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): kuiltmom, State Colleges are not SUS schools. UWF would work, or an online version of SPN1131. Also, drop/add is not over for spring, your student may yet get a seat in SPN1131.
smct4: She is in the college of liberal arts and sciences and she wants to change to APK.
dubco1: Our out of state students expected to do the 9 summer credits
kuiltmom@gmail.com: Thank you Lynn. She has not intention of taking it this semester as she is following the guidance of her professor and adviser and not her parents. :-/
dubco1: Are*
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): smct4, she'd go to the College of Health and Human Performance.
Mokie2017: Thank you. And I have the same Q, will BF pay for online UF summer courses this summer or only
Turtleseagirl: Any word yet when we might find out from Florida legislatures about the Bright Futures awards going forward into Fall 2018? Thanks.
Unilife: For summer credit requirement... any class is accepted or there is a requirement list?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): dubco1, yes, it's a State of Florida regulation for all University students. Your student can do online courses via UF, or do internships at home and get credit, or do overseas study, so your student doesn't necessarily need to be in Gainesville.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): kuiltmom, the professor/advisor may have good reasons based on her other coursework.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Mokie, UF courses are UF courses whether online or in-class. The only courses treated differently are the flexible learning courses. Basically, if your student can add it via UF's registration system, it's a regular UF course.
Turtleseagirl: Regarding summer internships being approved for the summer credit (that's exciting news!), is there a process for finding out in advance which internships would qualify?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Turtle, since last year the Governor vetoed SB4 but not the budget and that all happened in mid-June, I'd guess we won't know much for sure until mid- to late June.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Unilife, any college credit course taken at UF or another State University in Florida.
kuiltmom@gmail.com: Lynn, thank you very much for your advising. You are outstanding here and on Facebook. Please know that our family really appreciates you and the other folks who seem to be available
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Turtle, That depends on the internship. Your student can start by talking to the Career Resource Center and his/her advisor. Once an internship is obtained, your student can
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): kuiltmom, you're welcome :-)
Turtleseagirl: Sounds great, thanks, Lynn!
Avery12300@yahoo.com: Hello
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Hello Avery... what is your question?
Mokie2017: Thank you so much Lynn, I appreciate all the time, effort and patience you give to answer these

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Turtle and Mokie, you're welcome!
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Goody: Thank you!!
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Avery, I've requested a private chat with you so I can get more information from you privately.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Goody, you're welcome!
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): More questions, folks, you've been quiet :-)
KB2017: Hi Lynn! My student will be job shadowing at a tech co this semester and heard she can get 1-4 hours of credit for it, but thinks everything needs to be completed by end of drop/add and she won't be able to get the advisor approval, professor approval, etc completed in time. Is there any leeway on the time frame to
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): KB2017, credits such as this can usually be added late. Your student should check with her advisor ASAP.
Gabryrains: When will we know exam dates for May? In my case, as we are out of state, I need to know for booking tickets home for summer,
KB2017: Ok, thanks. One more question on this¿would tuition be due for those credits?
Gabryrains: Also, when do gators sign up for online summer classes ?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Gabry, the spring final exam schedule can be found at: https://registrar.ufl.edu/soc/201801/finalexamsched
mromond: Hi Lynn I'm having technical difficulty with my chat (user error). I had to Login a second time I thought I submitted an advising question but cannot see the response, seems I can't see any of the chat from my first login. As if I need to scroll up but don't know how to do that if possible?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): KB2017, yes, your student would pay tuition to earn academic credit. There may even be a course or paper that goes along with it. Alternatively, your student can do it as a non-credit experience for her own benefit and to build her resume.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Gabry, summer and fall registration will begin in late March.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): mromond, I'm afraid you can't see anything from a previous log in and I don't see a question from you...can you re-type it please?
Gabryrains: At what point,(school year, I surmise) if a gator wants to do research under a particular professor should they broach the subject or do professors actively look for undergrads to assist them? How does that
KB2017: How would the student know how many hours of credit to request for job shadowing? I think she is currently registered for 13 for spring. And is the paper/class requirement greater if you request more hours of
mromond: Ok that explains it thanks. My son is a freshman at CALS and would like to switch to business. He could not get an advising appointment before the break. Without spending money on unnecessary credits with time passing, what is the best way for him to get assistance with this?
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Gabry, it never hurts to start early. Your student should make an appointment, express an interest in working in the professor's area of research and ask if it is possible for undergrads to do so and how to go about it. The prof may say they don't take undergrads, or they have to complete X, Y and Z courses first, or recommend they talk to someone in a related field. Your student can also find out about how to get into research at the Center for Undergraduate

familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): KB2017, it would depend on how maare. The class/paper requirements may vary from department to department.ny hours your student will be doing the shadowing, and exactly what's involved. She should talk to her advisor and find out what the rules
KB2017: Ok, thanks!
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): mromond, your student should go to walk-in advising in Business tomorrow. There may be a wait, but that way he can have a Business advisor review his schedule before the end of drop/add. http://warrington.ufl.edu/undergraduate/myheavener/advising.asp
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): KB2017, not sure what happened with that post! It would depend on the amount of time your student is spending!
Gabryrains: Thank you so much for the valuable information.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Gabry, happy to help!
Unilife: Thank you for all your help! Good night.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Unilife, you're welcome!
mromond: Got it. Any adviser in the business school can help? I see from the website that there are many, all with different degrees of expertise. Is it an easy process to switch majors being he is in a different school? Or is
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): mromond, for quick questions like this, your student can see any advisor. The tracking requirements are very similar for all Business majors in the first year, so it's fine. After drop/add, your student should make an appointment with an advisor assigned to his/her major to do more
mromond: Thank you Lynn.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): mromond, happy to help!
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Any further questions, folks? We're getting close to the end of the chat.
KB2017: My student has been seeing the freshman advisor in her college, but feels like her questions and concerns could be better addressed by the `otherç advisors available after freshman year. Can she see the other advisor if she has credits enough to make her nearly a junior due to high school? Or is it based on how
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): KB2017, what major/college?
KB2017: CISE
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): KB2017, if she is advanced in the coursework, she can certainly see her departmentally advisors. But if she's taking the basic frosh CISE courses, then she's probably best advised by the frosh advising center. Either way, she can choose to meet with a CISE advisor...I don't think they'd kick
KB2017: I will let her know. She is pretty froshy in the CISE classes and mostly has general credits.
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): KB2017, sounds good.
KB2017: Thanks for all your kind help and advice! I am very grateful for all you do! :)
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): KB2017, sure
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Thanks to you all for supporting your students!
ablack: Thanks so much for all the great information and taking the time to answer all the questions! It is so
familychatmoderator(Lynn_Advisor): Hi folks, I'm shutting down. Have a great night!

Online Family Chat - Housing and Residence Education

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Unilife: When do students have to leave the dorm for spring break and when can they come back?
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): The UF off campus life site is the one we recommend . They do a really great job vetting and connecting students with quality complexes. I think you've found the right one :)
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): We do not close for spring break! Come and go as you please :)
Unilife: Oh ok great thanks!!
smct4: Mary, my daughter's roommate just move out of their room and left UF. Do you know if she will likely get another roommate? Is there anyone that she can talk to about this?
RitabenPatel: ood Afternoon Mary, I have a question about maintenance on dorms. Hume is out of hot water since Sunday. Who do you contact? Does building engineer inspect everything before students start coming in?
Msmudpuppy: Mary, in your experience is March too late for students to look for an apartment for next fall?
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Yes! Your daughter can call our office in the morning and we will let her know based on where she is and a few other factors.
Unilife: In Yulee dorms only 4th floor does not have heated rooms. How come?! :)
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): I'm so sorry to hear about the hot water. Has your gator talked to their RA? I servicedesk.housing.ufl.edu is where your gator can also report this directly!
RitabenPatel: Yes, she did but no immediate results,
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): No- there is a lot (A LOT) of housing in Gainesville right now ! March should be fine. But connecting with OCL as you mentioned will be good.
Msmudpuppy: Thank you Mary.
zpuatuf: How can students get help clean their room? They don't have vacuum machine.
RitabenPatel: thank you Mary, i will advise my daughter accordingly.
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Yikes! I'm sorry the Yulee heat has not been working. I'd suggest the iservice and sharing that with the RA as well.
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Vacuums can be borrowed from the front desk or area government office depending on the building :)
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): If you let me know the building I'll give you my best guess - I think I know them all!
Unilife: My understanding is that there IS NOT heater at all for the 4th floor! Am I getting wrong info? Should the 4th floor have heaters?
zpuatuf: Beaty tower
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Yes, all our buildings have heat and air.
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): They should go to the towers area government office (inside the rec room) to borrow one!
RitabenPatel: I think in my opinion and suggestion, building inspectors have to work harder during and in between the semester to make sure everything is working efficiently and students have a smooth transition.
zpuatuf: How often does housing office inspect the rooms to ensure the students follow the rules?
zpuatuf: Some students stack too many things on the way. In case of fire, they have to escape fast.
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Thanks for sharing that feedback. Some fun trivia is that we have 3.4 million square feet in our inventory. Every student's space is important to us and I'm very sorry your gator is having that experience. If you want to email me at maryj@housing.ufl.edu I'll do everything I can to make sure the hot water issue is addressed. Same for heat in yulee!

RitabenPatel: Mary, thank you, got another question, summer term is 1/2 of the regular semester, Hume is closed, so what are other alternatives? housing costs is less than regular semester?, thanks
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Yes! A summer a or b term will be around half of a fall or spring term. We are finalizing our plan for projects so we can do some of that important maintenance, and summer building usage. That information will be available soon. Cypress is a building that will definitely be open that
RitabenPatel: Thanks again, one more, This coming Fall, my daughter is staying in Hume but different floor, can she keep her stuff in the room or she has to empty out everything?
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): she will need to move everything out. Conferences will be in Hume over the summer.
RitabenPatel: ok, thanks,
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): We do recommend on demand storage :)
RitabenPatel: what is on demand storage? is it on campus or off campus?
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): They are a local storage company - our students have had great experiences with them.
RitabenPatel: ok thanks, I will email you directly if hot water issue is not resolved by tomorrow morning.
mthreeb: Is on demand storage a storage unit company?
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Please do! Thank you!
RitabenPatel: what are the requirements for car decal? I went to web site, it gives me the pricing only., thanks,
KB2017: Hi! My student got into her 2nd choice for housing for Fall 2018, but is not sure if still on wait list for her 1st choice. Is there a way to see where you are on the waitlist? Or if you are even on the waitlist?
Unilife: Can you please refresh my memory for what the Hall pass is good for? :)
laslaz: Can a student take two classes and still stay in a UF dorm? Is there a minimum amount of hours?
Juliedraper: We purchased the housing hall pass in the fall because we were told it would get students in to many dorm sponsored events. When do these take place?
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Hi KB, if your gator wants to call our office in the morning we can let
KB2017: Ok, thanks!
Gabryrains: For roommate issues, do students talk to RA?
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Yes, as long as they are enrolled in 1 credit we'll take em!
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Those take place all the time ! We are in the middle of week of welcome with several events each day right now!
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Your gator should stop by their area government office for more information on those events in their area :)
Juliedraper: Thank you
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Yes, an RA or graduate hall director would be a great first point of contact. They are great at helping our gators resolve and problem solve through roommate issues.
Unilife: Can you please refresh my memory for what the Hall pass is good for? :)
Gabryrains: Thank you. My gator has not vocalized displeasure to Roommate. Perhaps RA can assist in starting
Gabryrains: I will tell my gator to at least broach subject with RA. Thank you.
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Absolutely. And better to do it now. The RA will be a great help.
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): You bet!
RitabenPatel: what are the requirements for car decal? I went to web site, it gives me the pricing only., thanks,
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Residential students can buy red I believe.
RitabenPatel: ok thanks, good night everyone,

familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): There's a bunch of red across the street from home in front of the Graham residence halls :)
Mokie2017: Hello. I apologize if this is a repeat Q, but does Yulee Hall have vacuum cleaners that can be borrowed? And if so, where do you obtain one?
Adavis: Is housing available for students that attend both summer 1 & 2?
btwill: I imagine there are priority lists for housing and perhaps registration for classes. My daughter is currently in the PACE program and taking 60 credits online. When she goes to live on campus does she enter the priorities as a new freshmen or with the 60 credits as a new junior?
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Yes! Yulee area government office - right next to front desk in Cypress
familychatmoderator(Mary_Housing): Btwill that is a great question! I need to phone a friend :) can you give me a moment?
btwill: Sure
Mokie2017: Thank you!!
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): Good news - she's a junior to us! Just shoot us an email at assignments@housing.ufl.edu to let us know she's transitioning to campus - the sooner the better!
Adavis: Mary not sure if you saw my question. Is housing available for students that attend both summer 1& 2?
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): Thanks for asking again - I got booted! It sure is.
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): Your gator can apply for a summer c contract and live with us all
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): For others that may be interested we also offer summer a only or
Unilife: Thank you for all your help!!
Unilife: Good night!
Wonicooker: Can students move directly into their summer C dorm from their spring dorm or do they have to store things somewhere for a period of time?
Adavis: Thanks Mary. I will let her know that. When does summer c ends for her to be out of housing
KB2017: Can they choose summer c even if only taking classes during a or b?
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): For every semester our policy is that they move out by noon on Saturday of finals week (we make an exception if your gator has a late graduation)
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): Yes to moving straight in spring to summer.
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): Infinity would be the only place they could live with us while not taking classes KB. Yes there, other halls, no.
Adavis: Mary, are there specific dorms that are only a available for summer students and are dining halls open during the summer as well.
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): Yes, not everything will be open. Well have that finalized soon. There are dining options all summer but some of the retail options will be reduced. I. E. Chick fila a closed last summer. I was very sad about that one ! ÷÷
KB2017: So, if they want to be in residence hall for all of summer term they would need to take C or A&B, unless in Infinity. Am I understanding correctly?
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): If they are taking classes both a and b they can have a c contract. If they are taking classes only a or b they can get a contract for that term. If they are living in infinity they don't need to be registered for classes. I hope that helps!
laslaz: Please explain Infinity. If you live there now and will live there next year same room do you have to leave for summer? if not being utilized for a summer student?
Adavis: What about the dorms that are available during the summer semesters. Is there a specific one for

familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): If they have a 12 month contract they do not need to move out. If they have a fall spring contract they would need to move out.
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): There are a handful that will be open C. We haven't finalized our summer project plans which dictates what we will open for summer school.
Adavis: Thanks Mary
Stumpy1: Our son has Florida pre-paid for tuition only. He also qualifies for Bright Futures. Can this (bf) be used for dorm and meal plans?
KB2017: My student has been seeing the freshman advisor in her college, but feels like her questions and concerns could be better addressed by the `other` advisors available after freshman year. Can she see the other advisor if she has credits enough to make her nearly a junior due to high school? Or is it based on how
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): Cypress, Beaty, Keys, infinity typically have a b and c options.
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): Hey KB can you put that one in the other chat room? I don't know that answer. I'm checking on bright futures. Thanks for being patient !
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): Hey Stumpy in case my colleagues doesn't get back with me before 8 (this system will automatically shut down right at 8) please shoot me an email and I'll get you the answer first thing in the morning. Maryj@housing.ufl.edu
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): Y'all really pulled out the toughies at the end of the evening !! :)
ablack: Hi Mary, do you know if students who live off campus can get a parking permit to park on campus?
Stumpy1: Will do. Thank you! All the sites I have researched haven't given me an absolute answer. We would like to cancel the loans if they are not needed.
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): Thanks everyone for chatting tonight. Wishing you and your Gators an awesome spring semester!
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): They are eligible for commuter permit. I believe those are green!
ablack: Thanks so much for your help!
familychatmoderator(Mary_Hsng): go Gators! Goodnight all!