

## **Fall 2008 Computer Science Advising Newsletter**

Welcome to campus (or back to campus) for fall semester! The semester has gotten off to a good start with ACM activities, visits from companies, the career fair, and the cyber defense competition. If you are not aware of all this stuff, then point your browser at <http://listserv.jmu.edu/archives/jmucs-1.html> and sign up for the CS listserv so that you can receive email about what is going on. The link is on the main CS web page so you don't even have to type it in!

### ***Seniors—Apply to Graduate Now!***

Seniors planning to graduate in May 2009 must submit an application by October 15th, so you only have a few weeks to get this done if you haven't already. Start the process by picking up an application packet from Carole Ritchie in CS/ISAT 219B. You will need to print out and fill in a form from the CS web page, print out your transcript, and fill out the application itself, see your advisor, and return the signed application packet to Ms. Ritchie by October 15th.

### ***Dropping Courses***

The last day to drop a class with a W grade is Thursday, October 23rd. After this date, you may only receive a WP or a WF under extraordinary circumstances at the discretion of the professor. Rumor has it that professors are getting a lot stricter about this, so don't count on a WP after October 23rd.

### ***Advising Appointments***

The CS advising team wants to see every student this semester:

*Freshmen*—You will be registering on your own for the first time beginning October 27th, and you need to see Ms. Harris to determine what you should take in the spring. There will be a group advising meeting on Monday, October 13th from 5 to 6 pm in HHS 2209. Individual advising sessions will be scheduled afterwards as needed.

*Juniors and Sophomores*—Registration for spring semester begins October 27th, so you need to discuss your plans for next semester (and thereafter) with your advisor to make sure that you are on track to graduate on time.

*Seniors*—You need to see your advisor to get your application to graduate signed. At this time any problems can be dealt with as well.

If you are not sure who your advisor is, you can find out on ecampus.

### ***Synopsis: Dates and Deadlines***

Now to October 27th—Sophomore, juniors, and seniors see their advisors  
October 13th—Freshman advising session, 5-6 pm, HHS 2209  
October 15th—Applications to Graduate due  
October 23rd—Last day to drop a class with a W  
October 27th—Spring semester registration begins