

*** (18:32:42):Welcome to Parent Access , jbwagner!
*** (18:50:05):Welcome to Parent Access , Deb!
*** (18:51:54):Welcome to Parent Access , Julie!
*** (18:51:54):Welcome to Parent Access , baumgarm!
*** (18:51:58):Welcome to Parent Access , jackson!
*** (18:57:03):Welcome to Parent Access , larryb16!

Scott Travis says (18:58:57):

Good evening and welcome to Parent Access. I am here with Hope's Director of Academic Advising, Maura Reynolds. Questions can be asked using the "send" dialog box at the bottom of your screen.

Scott Travis says (18:59:12):

Please note, moderated chat is currently not working. This means that what you type in the box below will go directly into the group chat window.

Scott Travis says (18:59:27):

If you have a question that you would like to ask privately, you can begin a private chat by double-clicking on my name.

Scott Travis says (18:59:45):

We are ready for the first question.

*** (19:00:30):Welcome to Parent Access , theiphooon!

*** (19:02:07):Welcome to Parent Access , Gayle!

Maura Reynolds says to (19:02:52):

This is a busy time for your students--many profs schedule exams before Fall Break in preparation for mid-term grades which are due when students return from break.

*** (19:03:10):Welcome to Parent Access , stocker!

*** (19:03:46):Welcome to Parent Access , Dale!

*** (19:04:40):Welcome to Parent Access , axdol!

larryb16 says to (19:04:59):

My son is interested in the Philadelphia Project. Is that something he should ask his academic advisor about, or is there someone else to ask?

*** (19:05:45):Welcome to Parent Access , badgerfan!

*** (19:06:17):Welcome to Parent Access , Jim!

Maura Reynolds says to (19:07:00):

Great question. The Philadelphia Semester combines an internship with classes. Staff from the Philly Center attended the off-campus study fair on Sept 30--I hope your son was able to talk with them there. If not, he can talk to the program reps

Scott Travis says (19:07:15):

The link of all off-campus study reps is located here:

http://www.hope.edu/admin/registrar/MovingAhead/Contact_people_for_off-campus_programs.pdf

Scott Travis says (19:08:36):

I participated in the Philadelphia Center as a student and am happy to answer any questions about it as well (travis@hope.edu). The center can be contacted directly at:

<http://www.tpc.edu/contact>

Maura Reynolds says to (19:08:55):

The staff from the Philly Center visit campus every semester and talk with students about the program--the same is true for the Chicago Semester

Jim says to (19:08:58):

What should freshman expect from their sessions with seminar advisors, and what do they expect of the freshmen students?

Maura Reynolds says to (19:10:26):

FYS is a class, so faculty would expect students to perform to the best of their ability. In terms of advising and registration, FYS profs will help students think about their gifts and abilities and consider how they might be used in classes and a major

larryb16 says to (19:11:43):

My son mentioned that several students mentioned that they plan to take all of their core classes first and then have an easier last semester or two. Is this advisable, or should they try to spread their core classes evenly over the 8 semesters?

*** (19:12:04):Welcome to Parent Access , badgerfan!

Maura Reynolds says to (19:12:33):

JIM--FYS profs aren't the only people on campus first year students would be talking with--we want to connect them with pre-professional advisors, career services, volunteer organizations--the rich array of resources Hope offers

*** (19:12:33):Welcome to Parent Access , Margaret!

*** (19:12:44):Welcome to Parent Access , sandra!

Deb says to (19:13:21):

What about sophomores, who should they be speaking with to advise them if they have not yet declared a major?

stocker says to (19:14:20):

(Or sophomores who aren't happy with their major, but don't know what they want to switch it to?)

*** (19:15:01):Welcome to Parent Access , jpetrasky!

Maura Reynolds says to (19:15:22):

Larry-This is an approach I'd question. Core classes help students develop skills they need in the real world--they're not just things to plow through--check out this recent survey from employers--great food for thought:

Maura Reynolds says to (19:15:26):

http://www.aacu.org/press_room/press_releases/2010/employersurvey.cfm

*** (19:15:31):Welcome to Parent Access , karen!

jbwagner says to (19:15:42):

Our son has a 504 that relates to reading and we were wondering if Hope offers text books on tape or cd?

*** (19:16:41):Welcome to Parent Access , Mike!

Maura Reynolds says to (19:16:48):

About sophomores, we have a new site just for them--with an occasional newsletter <http://www.hope.edu/admin/registrar/MovingAhead/index.html> Sophomore year is not an easy time--we hope this site will give them some ideas of resources

Maura Reynolds says to (19:17:19):

Students are always welcome to come to the Registrar's Office--I enjoy working with them.

*** (19:17:24):Welcome to Parent Access , sunjianguo63!

karen hartman says to (19:18:43):

Is it easy for freshmen students to find summer jobs on Hope campus and is housing provided with the summer employment?

Maura Reynolds says to (19:18:59):

JBWAGNER: Has the paperwork been sent to the Academic Support Center--Jeanne Lindell can work with your son on accommodation. Scott will follow up with the link

Scott Travis says (19:19:00):

Here is the link to the academic support center:

http://www.hope.edu/admin/acadsupport/students_w_disabilities.html

Maura Reynolds says to (19:19:50):

Hello, Karen. Housing is available (but not free :-). Some research programs include housing

Scott Travis says (19:20:21):

A list of campus jobs and off-campus jobs is available for your students at:
<http://jobstop.hope.edu>
They can use their ID number and PIN to login for access.

Scott Travis says (19:21:25):
Many offices still hire in the summer, although in fewer numbers.

larryb16 says to (19:22:17):
Seems like there aren't too many jobs for freshman on campus. Many require prior classwork or have specific requirements. Are new jobs added during the year, or are they only added at the beginning of the academic year?

Maura Reynolds says to (19:22:50):
They're added throughout the year.

stocker says to (19:23:15):
My daughter doesn't have work study, and during the academic year it is very difficult for her to find on-campus work. Is this likely to be true in the summer too?

sunjianguo63 says to (19:23:45):
We are Chinese parents, it is not easy for us to come to your campus without an official invitation letter. could you send us an invitation letter for us to get the visa ?

Maura Reynolds says to (19:24:25):
Priority is given during the school year to students with work study in their financial aid packet. I don't know if that's true for summer as well.

Scott Travis says (19:25:15):
sunjianguo- Yes. We can work with you on that. Please feel free to contact parents@hope.edu to make a request.

Scott Travis says (19:28:34):
Regarding summer jobs: many students use the summer as an opportunity to work off-campus or have an internship as well (there are many summer jobs in Holland, especially in tourism/hospitality).

*** (19:28:58):Welcome to Parent Access , Geof!

Scott Travis says (19:29:01):
For internship info, please have your student start working with Career Services (<http://www.hope.edu/student/career/>)

Scott Travis says (19:29:35):
Sorry for the typos, we are typing fast! :)

sandra says to (19:29:53):

What is the minimum grade letter a student can receive for credits in a class that is required for their major? Is a " D " acceptable?

*** (19:30:03):Welcome to Parent Access , Sandi!

Jim says to (19:30:53):

For beginning students who wish to survey the literature on occupations, such as projections on future openings, are they better off going to the library and speaking with a ref. librarian or going to the career center?

Maura Reynolds says to (19:31:33):

Some classes require a C- or above to move to the next level--this is true for chemistry and calculus among others. In terms of GPA requirement for the major--2.00 is required. So, a student could count a class with a D for credit--

Maura Reynolds says to (19:32:11):

I'd also encourage the student to check with the major dept or the Registrar's Office in DeWitt

Scott Travis says (19:32:34):

Jim: I recommend the career center. They have a library there with many books and periodicals on the subject as well as other tools to help get started.

sandra says to (19:33:04):

Is the above mentioned letter grade a C or a C- ?

*** (19:33:18):Welcome to Parent Access , sandi!

Julie says to (19:33:29):

What resources are in place to assist students in finding research opportunities at or through the college

Scott Travis says (19:33:42):

They are always sharing info on their facebook page as well:
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Holland-MI/Hope-College-Career-Services/147638815250026?ref=ts&_a=7&

Maura Reynolds says to (19:34:02):

It depends on the department--most often, it's a C-, but again, let's connect students directly with the dept. or the Registrar's Office.

*** (19:35:11):Welcome to Parent Access , Julie!

Maura Reynolds says to (19:35:26):

Good question, Julie. Encourage your student to talk with the dept s/he wants to work with--perhaps with a profs/he has in class right now. It's not too early to begin this

process.

Julie says to (19:36:56):

My student is a freshman and seems just a little hesitant and the absence of a more formal process is a struggle. He has the impression that such opportunities are extremely limited at Hope. Not sure where that came from ?

Maura Reynolds says to (19:38:01):

Encourage him to ask and get information--profs are a great resource. And if it's not possible for this year, he'll be laying groundwork for the future.

sunjianguo63 says to (19:40:14):

Do the teachers consider the freshman international students for their language difficulties during the class time?

Maura Reynolds says to (19:41:04):

Faculty work with students where they are and encourage them to stretch and grow. We love having international students on campus--so thanks for sending your student to us.

Maura Reynolds says to (19:42:07):

And we've checked the world map and know we should wish our parents in China "Good Morning" And isn't technology amazing that we can connect in this way!

*** (19:42:39):Welcome to Parent Access , sandi!

Geof says to (19:43:42):

Is there a maximum number of credits a student can take in one semester?

*** (19:43:59):Welcome to Parent Access , Susan Webster!

Maura Reynolds says to (19:44:31):

Students who want to take more than 18 credits must have permission of the Registrar.

Scott Travis says (19:44:47):

We will be wrapping up in the next 10 minutes or so. Don't be shy with any remaining questions.

Deb says to (19:45:32):

Is there a minimum number of credits a student can take in the summer and still room on campus in the dorm?

Maura Reynolds says to (19:46:12):

I don't think there's a minimum number to stay in the dorm.

Geof says to (19:46:23):

Is an average course 4 credits, so 18 credits is 4 courses plus a little?

Maura Reynolds says to (19:47:05):

Most classes at Hope are 4 or 2 credits. Some music ensembles and PE classes are 1 credit.

Geof says to (19:48:20):

In order to graduate in 4 years, what is a typical semester load - 16 credits?

*** (19:48:43):Welcome to Parent Access , jbwagner!

Maura Reynolds says to (19:49:00):

To earn a degree, students must have at least 126 credits--taking 15.75 for 8 semester, Geof, will give them that number.

Jim says to (19:49:36):

Once a student finishes their freshman seminar--assuming it's a semester class-- what is the protocol for students to meet with their advisor?

*** (19:49:49):Welcome to Parent Access , Cheryl!

jbwagner says to (19:50:31):

THE CALENDAR SAYS THAT FALL BREAK IS FROM THE 15-20TH BUT OUR SON SAYS THAT HE HAS CLASS ON THE 20TH? IS THAT RIGHT?

Geof says to (19:50:46):

How many credits does the basic tuition cost cover, and is there an extra charge for credits above that amount in one semester?

Scott Travis says (19:51:51):

jbwagner: that is correct. Fall break officially ends at 8:00 AM on the 20th when classes are back in session.

badgerfan says to (19:51:58):

My freshman daughter is majoring in Chemistry and wants to experience a study abroad program for a semester. Looking at the major course requirements and number of lab hours involved, plus GE...how does one combine that and still graduate in 4 years?

Maura Reynolds says to (19:52:13):

typically the student stays with the FYS prof till s/he declares a major--though the student could ask another prof to serve as advisor. Our hope is that the foundation and connection the student has with the FYS prof will make for strong advising

Maura Reynolds says to (19:53:44):

By planning carefully--she should talk with her chem prof (there are some study abroad program where she might take chem classes) and with Amy Otis deGrau in International Education. Students often take gen ed classes while they're abroad.

Deb says to (19:54:06):

Can a student declare a major, such as nursing, when the grade point average for that program is not there yet?

Jim says to (19:54:19):

...So, does the advisor wait for the advisee to show up one day, or is there an expectation that advisors set up a minimum number of mtgs with their advisees?

Scott Travis says (19:56:01):

Jim: We encourage the students to take initiative. For FYS, the class meets twice a week and a natural contact is made. The hope is that after this period of time the student is comfortable seeking out the advisor as needed.

*** (19:56:04):Welcome to Parent Access , jpetrasky!

Maura Reynolds says to (19:56:34):

DEB—Declaring a nursing major is more involved than simply declaring. Students must apply to the program since space is limited

<http://www.hope.edu/academic/nursing/prospectives/admissions.htm>

Scott Travis says (19:56:52):

We have time for a just a few more questions.

Jim says to (19:57:26):

Thanks!

*** (19:58:10):Welcome to Parent Access , Barbara!

Maura Reynolds says to (19:58:47):

Your questions were great--keep them coming. Feel free to e-mail me

MReynolds@hope.edu

Scott Travis says (19:58:50):

Thank you all for logging in tonight!

For more information about academic advising and other related topics, please download our Parent Connections guide at:

http://www.hope.edu/admin/registrar/Advising/Connections_2010.pdf

Scott Travis says (19:59:02):

For information about the Parent Program at Hope visit: www.hope.edu/parents

*** (19:59:09):Welcome to Parent Access , dkirbitz!

Scott Travis says (19:59:13):

The next chat is on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 7:00 PM ET with Dale Austin, Director of Career Services.

Scott Travis says (19:59:24):

Any last minute questions before we log off?

dkirbitz says to (20:00:01):

is this chat content going to be posted anywhere?

Scott Travis says (20:00:01):

You have been a great group and we enjoy having your sons and daughters on campus! If you would like to visit them soon, I encourage you to check out Family Weekend at www.hope.edu/parents

Scott Travis says (20:00:46):

We will post a log of this chat online at www.hope.edu/parents/access. It should be up by tomorrow at 5:00 pm.

Scott Travis says (20:01:31):

Thanks everyone. Have a great night (or morning depending where in the world you are joining us from)! :)