

TTU Seasons of the Semester

Spring 2010

January 8, Friday

Last day to make full payment of tuition and fees or make payment arrangements.

Students: This is your responsibility to make sure your tuition and fees get paid on time. You are now responsible to sign any payment agreement forms.

Parents: Texas Tech University considers all students as adults. Your student is now responsible for any and all components of taking care of any payments, housing issues, health events, and anything that affects university life. It is time for us to “let them go with guidance.”

Week 1: January 10-16

Welcome back to Tech !

January 10, Sunday

10 a.m., residence halls open for occupancy. Students may move in

Parents: Now is the time to help your student move in the Residence Halls and be supportive. Be patient with each other and have as many things on wheels as possible to help move items from cars to the rooms. You will always find others to help if needed. If you have questions, please call 806-742-2667 for Housing and Residence Life.

January 11, Monday

Faculty on duty.

Spring Orientation One

Students: This is a good time for you to find where your classes will be. Most buildings will be closed on the weekend. Make sure you have several copies of your schedules in different places, especially your back pack and your bulletin board.

January 12, Tuesday

Spring Orientation One Day.

Last day to register without penalty.

First meal (breakfast) served in residence halls.

January 13, Wednesday

Classes begin.

Parents: it is important that students use their syllabus from each class to log the assignments and test into their planners and pencil in when they have completed each task and study for tests. If they have problems with this, encourage them to meet with the advisor.

January 13–18, Wednesday – Monday

Student-initiated **add only** on the web.

January 13-29, Wednesday-Friday

Student-initiated drop on web is in effect.

Students: Remember you can only **add/drop classes online the first 4 days of class**. After that you will need to go to 103 West Hall to have them drop for you. During this time, you will also be able to receive a full reimbursement for a dropped class.

Remember this is ‘Grade 24,’ not grade 13 nor high school. You will have to get up on your own and go to class. Be sure to transfer your class syllabus information to your daily planner. Look at it several times per day. This way you can keep up on quizzes, tests, and paper due-dates.

Waiting until the night before to write your papers usually backfires. You have a Writing Center where staff will look over your papers before you turn them and will check for certain errors. Staff will not write the paper for you. If you find that you are procrastinating, meet with an advisor from ACTT to work with you to plan your semester schedule, assignment schedule, and daily schedule.

Consider: There are a lot of support services at TTU, so use them. If you have any problems with classes, be sure to contact your advisor or contact the Advising Center in 79 Holden Hall. We can help you with any question.

Parents: Be supportive. Remind your students to get plenty of food and sleep. They need to have some exercise besides walking to class. Our Rec Center is a great place for them work out on all sorts of equipment and to help relieve some of the stress of school.

Remind your student to go to class everyday. Just going to class everyday gets them into a routine that will become second nature if they will just do it. They now have to learn that their independence comes with a price. They must learn to schedule their time and use it wisely.

“Texas Tech is a great place to live if you just didn’t have to go to class.” Some students decide to relax during the week and save their work for the weekend. However, there are always distractions on the weekends that tend to take the time for homework.

January, 12 Tuesday

PEGASUS Mentor Retreat 1-5 pm Lunch place TBA

Week 2: January 17-23

January 18 Monday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day. University Holiday: classes do not meet.

January 20, Wednesday

DISCOVERY! Academic Physical 2-3:30 pm Room TBA

January 21, Thursday

DISCOVERY! Academic Physical 3:30-5 pm Room TBA

January 22, Friday

PEGASUS Welcome Back Event 6-8 pm (001 Ed tentative)

Parents: check in with your students and see how the first 2 weeks of class have gone. Be sure to ask open ended questions so you can receive specific information about their classes. Open ended questions will get different responses than yes-or-no questions.

Week 3: January 24-30

Students: Classes have just started with a full week of classes. You should now know where to go for help with classes. When you have problems in your classes:

1. Contact your professor.
2. Some departments also have tutors, so check with your professor.
3. Contact the Learning Center in 78-A HH or call 742-3664. The Learning Center has free tutoring for some classes.

January 25, Monday

DISCOVERY! Academic Physical 5-6:30 pm Room TBA

January 26, Tuesday

PEGASUS Pizza Day 12-1 pm (HH 129 tentative)

January 27, Wednesday

DISCOVERY! Major Map 1:30-3 pm Room TBA

Major Map 3:30-5 pm Room TBA

January 28, Thursday

DISCOVERY! Major Map 3:30-5 pm Room TBA

Major Map 5:30-7 pm Room TBA

January 29, Friday

Last day to drop a course and receive a refund: this does not apply to students who drop to 0 hours.

PEGASUS T-Shirt Day 79 HH

Mentor Meeting 4-5:30pm (HH 129 tentative)

Parents: remind your students:

- to speak with their professors and advisors about dropping a class.
- that there is free academic assistance for just about every class at TTU.
- to check their TTU email. This is how professor and advisors will reach them with questions and let them know if a problem has happened. TTU email sites are secure.
- to go to ACTT if they have questions and do not know who to ask.

Week 4: January 31-February 6

Students: Now that you have been here a month, you know what is expected of you in each class. You may be getting a cold or sore throat about this time, and your immune system is being compromised. Be sure to:

- drink water (soda is not a substitute) to ensure hydration in this desert
- establish a sleep routine
- choose healthy fuel/food for your body

work out 5 days a week – the Rec Center has free classes and personal coaches

If you need to get help to stay healthy, take advantage of the Student Wellness Center at 1003 Flint Ave. You will need to make an appointment to be seen. Student Health is a fee you pay, there is a \$10.00 per sick visit cost which you may pay at time of visit or add to your Student Business Services account. Call 743-2848 for an appointment.

February 1, Monday

PEGASUS Study Session 7-9 pm Chitwood/Weymouth

February 3 Wednesday

PEGASUS Pizza Day 12-1 pm (129 HH tentative)

DISCOVERY! Major Map 4-5:30 pm Room TBA

February 5, Friday

PEGASUS T-shirt Day 79 HH

Social Game Night 6-8 pm (001 Ed tentative)

Parents: this is the time where students' energy levels are down. If students have not kept up with classes, they are going to feel the strain. Your students usually need to hear your support and to know the communication lines are open and supportive. They may need to seek help from others if classes are getting to be a burden. Encourage them to see their academic advisor.

This is also the time to begin talking with your students about what the summer will bring. Discuss with them:

- a. whether it is best to stay at TTU to take a few classes in order to catch up with or get ahead of their graduation timeline.
- b. if taking core curriculum classes closer to home is a better plan.

Taking summer classes also provides space to add a minor into their curriculum.

Week 5: February 7-13

February 9, Tuesday

PEGASUS Community Service Boys & Girls Club 4-5 pm Optimist Club

February 10, Wednesday

Last day to withdraw from the University and receive a partial refund

PEGASUS Power Session “Key Relationships” 4-5:30 pm (001 Ed tentative)

Students: By now you should have a routine down with your class schedule. You may be having your 1st exams. Be sure to stay up and ahead of your classes. If you do not do well on the 1st exam, see your professor. Many of them encourage you to do this so they can tell you what areas you need to work on to learn and have successful grade.

February 12, Friday

PEGASUS T-shirt Day 79 HH

Mentor Meeting 4-5:30 pm (129 HH tentative)

February 13, Saturday

PEGASUS Bridge of Lubbock 1:30-5:00pm 1301 Redbud Sp Slide Rd & 13th St

Week 6: February 14-20

February 16, Tuesday

PEGASUS Pizza Day 12-1 pm (129 HH tentative)

February 18, Thursday

PEGASUS Study Session 7-9 pm Chitwood/Weymouth

February 19, Friday

PEGASUS T-shirt Day 79 HH

Social B-Ball 6-8 pm Rec Center

Week 7: February 21-27

February 23, Tuesday

PEGASUS Power Session “Impact Tech “ 6-7:30 pm (001 Ed tentative)

February 24, Wednesday

PEGASUS Community Service Boys & Girls Club 4-5 pm Optimist

February 26, Friday

PEGASUS T-shirt Day 79 HH

Mentor Meeting 4-5:30 pm (129 HH Tentative)

Week 8: February 28-March 6

March 2, Tuesday

PEGASUS Study Session 7-9 pm Chitwood/Weymouth

March 5, Friday

PEGASUS T-shirt Day 79 HH

Mentor Meeting 4-5:30 pm (129 HH tentative)

March 6, Saturday

PEGASUS Picnic 11-1 pm Location TBA

Week 9: March 7-13

March 9, Tuesday

PEGASUS Community Service Boys & Girls Club 4-5 pm Optimist

March 10, Wednesday

Mid semester grades due in the Registrar's Office at 5pm

PEGASUS Power Session "Goal Setting" 4-5:30 pm (001 Ed tentative)

Students: If you find yourself in trouble grade-wise, you have a small window of opportunity to get some help. If you do not know where to go for help, come by ACTT.

March 11, Thursday

PEGASUS Pizza Day 12-1 pm (129 HH tentative)

March 12, Friday

PEGASUS T-shirt Day 79 HH

Last meal (dinner) served in residence halls until after spring break.

Week 10: March 14-20 Spring Break

Students: Yes, Spring Break is here. Have fun, but remember you need to begin thinking about summer I, II, and fall classes. Spring registration is around the corner.

Parents: Typically, this a different time from the November or December breaks last fall. For Spring Break, students often plan a trip with friends. Be prepared if they want to spend their time with new or old friends instead of family. Most families report that the best response is to be positive and enjoy their students' independence.

On the other hand, some students use Spring Break to replenish depleted reserves of energy and/or finances. When possible, help them find a job in their area of study.

This is also the time to discuss summer plans set up a job for the summer if that is in the plans. Refer to February 3, above. Suggestions include:

- a. whether it is best to stay at TTU to take a few classes in order to catch up or get ahead of the graduation timeline.
- b. if taking core curriculum classes closer to home is a better plan.
- c. taking summer classes also provides space to add a minor into their curriculum or perhaps Study Abroad. You may be surprised with the affordability of Study Abroad.
- d. strategize on what students can do during their undergraduate careers that will help them stand above others when applying for graduate school or the entry level job after graduation.

Week 11: March 21-27

March 20, Monday

Classes resume. The first meal is breakfast in residence halls.
PEGASUS Study Session 7-9 pm Chitwood/Weymouth

March 24, Wednesday

PEGASUS Community Service Boys & Girls Club 4-5 pm Optimist

March 25, Thursday

PERASUS Power Session "Red to Black" 3:30-5 pm (001 Ed tentative)

March 26, Friday

PEGASUS T-shirt 79 HH
Mentor Meeting 4-5:30 pm (129 HH tentative)

Week: 11, March 28-April 3

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PEGASUS Hope Chest Table 10-3 pm between SUB & Library

March 30, Tuesday

PEGASUS "Dreams II" / Group Advising 6:30-8 pm (001 ED tentative)

April 2, Friday

- PEGASUS T-shirt Day 79 HH

Week 12: April 4-10

Students: Summer and fall semester advance registration for currently enrolled students has begun.

Students, get advising ahead of time in order to register on the first day you are eligible. Students will be registering for summer I, II and fall. If you plan to take some classes at home during the summer, make sure they will transfer to Tech by going to: www.transferanddegreeinfo.ttu.edu. You can put in the class from any college in Texas, and it will tell you the class designation or how the class will transfer back to Texas Tech.

Parents: remind students to make appointments with advisors.

April 4 Sunday

Easter Sunday

April 5, Monday

Easter Break NO CLASSES

Advanced Registration for Summer I, II and Fall April 5-20

April 6, Tuesday

PEGASUS Study Sessions 7-9 pm Chitwood/Weymouth

April 7, Wednesday

PEGASUS Power Session “Expanding the College Experience” 5-6:30 pm (001 Ed tentative)

April 8, Thursday

PEGASUS Community Service Boys & Girls 4-5 pm Optimist

April 9, Friday

PEGASUS T-shirt Day 79 HH

Mentor Meeting 4-5:30 pm (129 HH tentative)

Social Event ??? TBA

April 10, Saturday

PEGASUS Bridge of Lubbock 1:30-5 pm Location Redbud Sq Slide & 13th ST

Week 13: April 11-17

April 12, Monday

PEGASUS “Dreams II” Group Advising 4-6 pm (001 Ed tentative)

April 16, Friday

PEGASUS T-shirt Day 79 HH

Pizza Day 12-1 pm (129 HH tentative)

Week 14: April 18-24

April 20, Tuesday

PEGASUS Power Session “Gear up for Finals” 6-7:30 pm (001 Ed tentative)

April 21, Wednesday

Students: Open registration begins.

PEGASUS Community Service Boys & Girls Club 4-5 pm Optimist

April 23, Friday

PEGASUS T-shirt Day 79 HH

Mentor Meeting 4-5:30 pm (129 HH tentative)

Week 15: April 25-May 1

April 26, Monday

PEGASUS Points Due

April 28, Wednesday, April 29 Thursday

PEGASUS Finals Study Session 7-9 pm Chitwood/Weymouth

April 28-May 4

Students: No exams except Makeup or Lab Exams

Parents: this is a time when the stress of finals begins to hit. A care package will be greatly appreciated.

April 30, Friday

PEGASUS T-shirt Day 79 HH

Week 16: May 2-8

May 4, Tuesday

PEGASUS Scholars Banquet

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

May 5, Wednesday

Individual study day

May 6 - 11, Thursday - Saturday and Monday - Tuesday

Final examinations

May 11, Tuesday

Spring semester ends.

May 12, Wednesday

Students: Last meal served in residence halls is breakfast

10am: residence halls close. Degree candidates may occupy rooms until 10am.

Noon: Grade rolls for graduating students due in Registrar's Office.

May 14-15 COMMENCEMENT

May 17, Monday

Final grade rolls due in the Registrar's Office