Important Gateway Program Seminar Start-Up Information!

August 2015

Dear Incoming Freshman:

Welcome to the University of Colorado Colorado Springs! Your first semester of college is right around the corner, and we’re looking forward to meeting you during Gateway Program Seminar—GPS 1010/3010. No matter which of the 41 GPS topics you’ve chosen to pursue, you’ll find the experience to be a great way to jump-start your college career. Here are some important updates; please read them carefully.

Start-Up Days August 20 - 21, 2015

GPS 1010/3010 will begin on Thursday and Friday, August 20th and 21st—before your other classes start. All Gateway Program Seminar classes will meet from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and lunch will be provided for you on both days. These two days are a mandatory part of GPS 1010/3010 since they count as one-third of the course.

Plan to arrive at the meeting room for your topic at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, August 20th. Attached is a list of rooms for Start-Up Days only. Once these pre-term activities are over, your course will meet once a week at its regular, published time (check the online Course Schedule or your portal for semester room assignments). Because of these full two days of class, Gateway Program Seminar will also end four weeks early. We’ll keep you busy during these two pre-term days: you’ll get to know your faculty member, Junior Teaching Assistant (JTA), and individual section-mates, and you’ll meet students from all the sections studying the topic you’ve chosen. You’ll be introduced to the University’s technology, find out what the course has in store for you and what the University has to offer, and begin to discover what it takes to succeed in college.

FIELD TRIP WAIVER

Some Gateway Program Seminar courses have planned a service learning or field trip for one or both of your pre-term GPS days. Your topic group may or may not be taking such a trip; however, a University form that will entitle you to participate will be included in a mailing you will receive later in the summer or you can download a copy from the GPS website. If you are at least 18 years of age, you may sign the form yourself. If you’re under 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign the form before you leave home. Please bring your signed form with you to campus. There is no need to mail or fax it back. Your Gateway Program Seminar faculty member will collect it from you.
PLAYFAIR AND MOUNTAIN LION RALLY

On Wednesday, August 19th, all freshmen will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the UCCS Gallogly Events Center for PlayFair followed by a brief rally and welcome from Dr. Pamela Shockley-Zalabak, UCCS Chancellor. All Gateway Program Seminar classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. the next morning—and remember to get there early.

Again, welcome to UCCS! We’re eager to meet you, and we’re looking forward to a productive, rewarding, and fun semester. See you soon!

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