FYI from the UAC: Online Major Degree Plan Request Coming Soon!

As you might remember from last month, a major degree plan is required for all NSM majors and details out all the required courses you need for graduation. Starting in mid-April, the UAC is furthering their efforts to go green and will open up online major degree plan requests! The online request will cut back on paper used in the office, as well as make it easier and more convenient for students to submit their major degree plan request on their own time. Any declared NSM major who has 60 or more credit hours is encouraged to submit their major degree plan request once it opens. The link will be available to students once it becomes live in mid-April and will also be posted on the UAC website, but you can reach the UAC front desk at (713) 743-2626 for any questions you may have.

Campus Resources: Scholar Enrichment Program

One valuable campus resource that is often overlooked is the Scholar Enrichment Program (SEP). SEP is designed to enhance learning and problem-solving skills in math and science courses through tutoring and workshops. Selected math and science courses have workshops that students can enroll in for the semester, which are facilitated by fellow students who have received an A in that same course in a past semester. Students who participate in SEP workshops historically make a letter grade higher than those who don’t, and SEP students have fewer withdrawals and failures. There are a number of opportunities available to students that participate in SEP, beyond the academic support given through the workshop courses. SEP’s informal mentoring program builds a community within the university where students are able to come together and provide a strong network of support for each other; free tutoring is also available at scheduled times. SEP also provides students with a place to study in its offices twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, with laptops available to borrow within the building and wireless access. Talk to your advisor about registering for SEP workshops for fall courses, and email the SEP program with any questions you may have.

Meet your Advisor: David Maner

Name: David Maner  
Major(s) I Advise: Facilitate NSM Freshman Interest Groups, and I advise Biology and Biochemistry majors.  
Educational Background: Bachelors of Arts in History with an English Minor from Texas A&M University  
Likes: Music, Movies, Sports, Driving/Traveling, the Outdoors, Camping, Playing Guitar, Games (Board Games, Card Games, and Video Games alike), Helping Students, and Common Sense  
Dislikes: Bad drivers and Lack of Common Sense  
Favorite thing about UH: Small campus feel but in the heart of the city.  
You May Not Know: First, I am a music and movies fiend! Just bring up music or movies, and I’ll talk your ear off. Two odd preferences though: 1. I still buy cds because I love having a hard copy, and then I upload the music on my computer/iPod as well. 2. I absolutely love the movie theater over renting/Netflix. I see a movie or two at the movies per week. Second, I grew up on a small ranch in a small town in Texas, so I love anything outdoors. Love of the outdoors and camping was further enhanced since I was a Boy Scout, and I am proud to say that I made it all the way to Eagle Scout. Finally, I also had the pleasure of studying abroad in China after I graduated from college. I recommend taking a semester and studying abroad either during your undergraduate or after because it opens your eyes to a world that is so much bigger than Houston, Texas, or even the United States.  
Accomplishment I’m most proud of: I love working at UH, but I’m going to have to stick to my alma mater and say graduating from Texas A&M University. (Even prouder of the fact that I graduated in four years when I changed my major four times!). There’s also a rumor out there that we might be in the hunt for the National Title this year since we have some guy that won the Heisman this past year…

FYI from the UAC: Important Dates & Deadlines

- April 5 – 4th Payment Installment due  
- April 12 – 90-Day Emergency Deferment Plan payment due  
- April 29 – Last day of class  
Please see complete Academic Calendar for other important dates

Spotlight: Enrollment Appointments

It's almost time to enroll for summer and fall classes! Every student has an enrollment appointment assigned to them based on their academic classification, which can be viewed on their myUH account in their Student Center. You can start enrolling at the time of your appointment from any computer, and it's important to enroll at that time so you can get your top pick of available courses. Please make time to see your advisor BEFORE your enrollment appointment so you're ready to register as soon as you can! For questions on registration, please contact your advisor in the UAC.