The Spotlight

NSM on Facebook!
Are you a fan of NSM on Facebook? The UH College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NSM) page provides students with information about opportunities on campus, important dates in the academic year, and celebrates UH successes like football wins and student achievements. Another great feature of our page is that students can connect with one another and with the college in a quick and easy way; whether you're trying to form a study group or have a quick question about where to find a resource on campus, the Facebook page can help you get the information you're looking for. Students are also welcome to post information about their organization meetings and events. Visit our page at www.facebook.com/uhnsm and like us so you can get all of our postings and get better connected to NSM!

UAC Update: Be Advised
November 2012

Important Dates & Deadlines
- November 2 – Last Day to Drop a Course or withdraw with a W
- November 2 – Applications for Spring 2013 graduation open ($25 fee)
- November 5–9 – Undergraduate enrollment appointments for Spring 2013 and Winter Mini-Session; check your myUH page for your enrollment appointment time!
- November 9 – Open enrollment for Spring 2013 and Winter Mini-Session begins
- November 21–24 – Thanksgiving Vacation
- November 23 – 4th Payment Installment Due and 90-Day Emergency Deferment Plan Due
- Please see complete Academic Calendar for other important dates

FYI from the UAC: Enrollment for Spring 2013
It's time to start thinking about next semester! Enrollment for Spring 2013 and Winter Mini-Session classes starts this month, and it's best to speak to an advisor now about course selection and enroll as soon as your appointment time allows. To check your enrollment appointment time, log on to your myUH page; the enrollment appointment is viewable on your Student Center in the box labeled “Enrollment Dates” (click “details” for exact time). The Undergraduate Advising Center will have advising available at the following times through November 15 (after November 15, normal hours resume):

- For Biology and Biochemistry majors:
  - Walk-in advising: Mondays from 9:00–12:00 pm; Tuesdays from 8:30–10:30 am and 1:30–4:00 pm; Wednesdays from 1:00–4:00 pm; and Thursdays from 9:00–12:00 pm
- For Math and Computer Science majors:
  - Walk-in advising: Mondays from 9:00–12:00 pm and Tuesdays from 8:30–10:30 am and 1:30–4:00 pm
  - Appointments: Wednesdays from 1:00–4:00 pm and Thursdays from 9:00–12:00 pm
- For Chemistry, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Geology, Geophysics and Physics majors:
  - Walk-in advising: Mondays from 9:00–12:00 pm; Tuesdays from 8:30–10:30 am and 1:30–4:00 pm; Wednesdays from 1:00–4:00 pm; and Thursdays from 9:00–12:00 pm
  - Appointments also available: Wednesdays from 1:00–4:00 pm and Thursdays from 9:00–12:00 pm

Please contact the Undergraduate Advising Center at (713) 743-2626 or check their website for any questions.

Campus Connection: UH Writing Center
We're midway through the semester, and you may be realizing that you aren't getting the grades you want on your lab reports and essays. Make an appointment with the University of Houston Writing Center to take the first step to improving your writing and your grades! Located on the second floor of the new Classroom and Business Building, the WC provides support to help you make sense of your material and improve your writing for a more cohesive, well-structured final product. The WC also offers extensive services to ESL and
international students. Visit their office to find out what they can do to help you achieve an A on your next writing assignment!

University of Houston Writing Center  
234 Classroom and Business Building (Building 499, near Melcher Hall)  
(713) 743-3016  
http://www.uh.edu/writecen/

Meet Your Faculty Advisor: Dr. Shuhab Khan

Name: Dr. Shuhab Danishwar Khan  
Classes I Teach/Majors I Advise: Physical Geology, GIS, Remote Sensing, Environmental Field Research, Geophysics Field Camp. I am also the undergraduate faculty advisor for Geology, Geophysics, and Earth Sciences  
Educational Background: BS (Mathematics); BS (Geology; Hons); MS (Geology); M.Phil (Geology) and PhD (Geosciences). I've been through a lot ☺  
Likes: Playing with my kids, traveling, mountains, deserts, Avatar the Last Air Bender  
Dislikes: Injustice, discrimination, procrastination  
Favorite thing about UH: Student diversity  
You May Not Know: My first name means meteorite, middle name means scholar and last name means leader.  
Accomplishment I'm most proud of: I advised a large number of graduate students, all of them are successful, most of them working in the energy industry and a few as faculty members. Also my research on surface deformation in Houston has served the community of Houston at large. Anybody who has a house or property finds it useful to know if there are any faults or deformations from which they could expect any damage.