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Fall Grades, Bills, and Registration

Fall 2009 course grades will be available on Banweb by December 22, 5pm. If you think there might be an error in a course grade, you should contact the instructor of the course.

Spring semester bills are due and spring enrollment must be confirmed by January 6, 5pm. A $50 late fee will be assessed for bills paid or enrollments confirmed after January 6, 5pm.

On-line registration is currently open and will close January 15. Students may late-register, with the instructor’s approval, until January 20.

Repeating Courses

If a grade of CD or below is earned in a course, the course may be repeated. When a course is repeated, any credit previously earned under the course number is forfeited and the transcript will indicate NR (no grade – repeated) for the earlier attempt. The new grade in the course (even if it is lower) will replace the original grade in the student’s GPA calculation. A student can repeat a low-grade course once without special approval. If a student wants to repeat a course a second time (i.e., take a course for the third time), the student must get approval from the Student Affairs Office (170 Administration Building, studentaffairs@mtu.edu, 906-487-2212) and from the student’s academic advisor.

Students considering retaking a course during spring semester should schedule the class before returning to campus. Students with questions regarding which classes to take should contact their academic advisor.

How to Calculate Grade Point Average

To calculate a grade point average (GPA), the following equation is used:

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GPA = \frac{\sum (Credits \times Grade)}{\sum Credits}
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where the letter grade in a class is first translated to points earned (A = 4 points, AB = 3.5 points, etc.).

When a course is transferred from another institution to Michigan Tech, the grade is not transferred. Therefore, the credits and the grade for the transferred class are not used in the Michigan Tech GPA calculation.

ACADEMIC

Meet Mr. Jonathan Riehl Newest Faculty Member in the Department of Engineering Fundamentals

Mr. Riehl comes to Michigan Tech with a diverse background and a broad set of interests. His educational background includes electrical and civil engineering, geography, and business. Jonathan developed an initial liking of teaching through his TA experience at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute during the completion of his masters degree, after which he taught at a community college. Working in engineering or business development in DC or Manhattan, both near his childhood home in New Jersey, were tempting propositions monetarily. Instead, he decided to pursue a more noble, satisfying, and adventurous position by joining the faculty here at Michigan Tech to teach first-year engineering students.

After living in Nashville for the past two years, Mr. Riehl is glad to be living where he can participate in winter sports such as skiing and ice hockey. His hobbies include traveling, cartography, micro-brewing, computers and electronics, and video games. Jonathan is interested in applying these interests to starting enterprises and creating businesses using his entrepreneurial experience.

Mr. Riehl hopes that his own experiences and knowledge will be an asset to his students, the department, and the university. He hopes to learn from the wisdom of his fellow faculty members and from the curiosity and creativity of his students. Mr. Riehl still has the understanding of the student perspective as he has been a student himself in higher education for most of the past seven years. He hopes this will lead to a more open and active learning environment where he can apply his skills to the benefit of the students and their success, which is what motivates him every day.

CAREER

Looking Ahead: Preparing to Get a Job

It is not too early to start preparing for a summer job; plan ahead for the Michigan Tech Career Fair, Spring 2010. Prepare a resume and polish interview skills (for details go to www.career.mtu.edu/general/calendar.php):

• Resume Review: Visit the Career Center to schedule a one-on-one appointment to review your resume from now until February 12, 9am – 5pm.


• Interview Skills: Visit the Career Center webpage (www.career.mtu.edu/NACElink) to schedule a mock interview (resume required). February 8-12, 9am – 4pm.

• Career Fair: Student Development Complex, February 16, 12pm – 6pm.

• Still Looking For That Job?: Learn effective job searching strategies that will put you on the path to a successful career. February 24, 6pm, Memorial Union Building Ballroom A.

For more details on career professionalism to get ready for Career Fair, see the September 2009 Newsletter: www.geneng.mtu.edu/newsletter/.

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