Academic Showcases, Information Sessions, and Other Opportunities for New Students

August 26, 2016
12:30-3:00 p.m.

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12:30-1:20 p.m. & 1:30-2:20 p.m. Mathematics Q & A, Trinkle 119
An overview of the opportunities within the Department of Mathematics, followed by an open Q&A session. Course options at all levels can be discussed, including FSEM and ATC opportunities, general education courses, courses required for other majors, and advanced study in mathematics.

12:30-1:00 p.m. Informational meeting on Physics, Applied Physics, and Engineering, Jepson 217
Learn more about the Physics major’s requirements and opportunities for research, travel, and service learning. Dr. Hai Nguyen, Chair of the Department, will provide an overview of the Physics program, introduce the faculty, and highlight best practices of successful Physics, Applied Physics, and Engineering students.

12:30-2:00 p.m. Political Science and International Affairs, Monroe 315
Join the Department of Political Science and International Affairs for an information session for prospective majors. Stop by at anytime during this period to discuss the major programs with departmental faculty.

12:30-2:00 p.m. Prospective Science Majors (Biology, Chemistry, Geology and Environmental Science, Pre-Med, Pre-Dental, Pre-Vet) Course Adjustment, Jepson 108
Make sure you are in the Biology and Chemistry courses you need. Come to this session to get schedule difficulties with BIOL 121, CHEM 111 and/or CHEM 101 sorted out.

12:30-2:00 p.m. Economics Open House at the “Econ House,” 1004 College Ave.
Visit the Econ House, tour our facilities, talk to available faculty members and meet with Margaret Ray, Economics Department Chair to ask advising, registration, or other questions about the economics department and major!

12:30-1:00 p.m. Information Session for Prospective Biology Majors, Jepson 100
Learn more about the Biology major’s requirements and opportunities for research, travel, and service learning. Dr. Andrew Dolby, Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, will provide an overview of the biology program, introduce the faculty, and highlight best practices of successful biology students.
NOTE: The Pre-Med/Pre-Dental Information Session with Dr. Steve Gallik will be held on Monday, August 29th at 5:00 p.m. in Jepson 100 and the Pre-Vet Information Session with Dr. Lynn Lewis will be held Thursday, September 1st at 5:00 p.m. in Jepson 314.

12:30-1:20 p.m. Information for students interested in GIS, the Geographic Information Science, and the Master of Science in Geospatial Analysis, Monroe 320
Includes how GIS might fit with your major, when to take classes, and internship & careers advice.

12:30-1:10 p.m. Exploring the Major in English, Combs 139
A small panel of faculty from the Department of English, Linguistics, and Communication will provide an overview of the major in English as well as discuss minors and special majors in allied areas, such as linguistics and journalism. The focus will include careful explanation of program requirements and an introduction of faculty and their expertises, followed by a question-and-answer session. A similar presentation will immediately follow handling the major in English: Creative Writing, and interested students are encouraged to attend both sessions.

1:00–3:00 p.m. History and American Studies Open House, Monroe Hall 2nd Floor
See the department and meet our faculty while learning more about the department’s two programs, American Studies and History. Ice cream and drinks served!

1:00–2:00 p.m. Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, Trinkle 242
An overview of the major options in Classics, in Philosophy, and in Religion, including our various minors (Asian Studies, Contemplative Studies, Practical Ethics, Museum Studies) and Study Abroad programs. Opportunity for students to ask questions about programs, classes, meet faculty, etc.

1:00–3:00 p.m. Music at UMW, duPont 207
Are you interested in music, multimedia, touring, promotion or business? Come meet with music students and faculty about performance opportunities, production, recording, composition, songwriting, auditions, lessons and upcoming events in the Department of Music. Tours of the recording studio, production lab, rehearsal spaces and recital hall will also be offered every 30 minutes on the half hour.

1:00–3:00 p.m. College of Education Open House, Trinkle 223
Are you interested in becoming a teacher? Come to the open house, say hi, meet professors, and ask questions about our programs. Light refreshments will be served.

1:20-2:00 p.m. Exploring the Major in English: Creative Writing, Combs 139
A small panel of faculty from the Department of English, Linguistics, and Communication will provide an overview of the major in English with the concentration in creative writing. The focus will include careful explanation of program requirements and an introduction of faculty and their expertises, followed
by a question-and-answer session.

1:30-2:20 p.m. Information for students interested in Geography. Monroe 319
Geography is not memorizing state capitals! What does it include? What can you do with it? Why we think UMW has the best geography department in the state of Virginia!

1:00-2:30 p.m., Information Session for Prospective Business Majors, Woodard 202
Unlike most majors, to declare any business major, certain requirements must be met. Confirm these and learn about resources available to business students! WHAT YOU DO YOUR FIRST SEMESTER MATTERS. Make sure you are ‘in the know’ by attending this session. A brief presentation will be followed by Question and Answer time. Plus, a tour of Woodard will be given. Offered by the Dean’s Office Staff.

1:00-2:00 p.m. A Debate: “Resolved: Pokemon Go should be banned on the UMW campus.” Monroe 116
Interested in learning more about the connections between debate, the liberal arts and critical decision making? Join UMW’s Director of Debate, Adrienne Brovero and Director of the Speaking Center Anand Rao for this engaging and entertaining hour of speech and debate.

2:00-2:30 p.m. Information Session for Prospective Chemistry Majors, Jepson 313
Are you interested in Chemistry? Do you want to learn about courses and opportunities in this major? Come and hear about our major and minor programs, meet faculty members, and get answers to your questions.

2:00-3:00 p.m. Pre-Law Students Meeting, Monroe 112
If you are thinking about law school in the future, you should attend this informative session to discover how to make the most of your education so that you are well prepared for law school upon graduation.

2:00-3:00 p.m. Theatre@UMW, duPont 313
Want to get involved in theatre at UMW? Stop by and talk with theatre students about upcoming auditions, productions, classes, and special events in the Department of Theatre and Dance.

2:00-3:00 p.m. Modern Languages and Literature Department, Combs Hall 2nd Floor
Find out about courses to complete the UMW language requirement and about the majors and minors we offer. Experience a sample class, meet instructors and professors, learn about our extra-curricular activities and study abroad opportunities, and sample some international snacks!

2:15-3:00 p.m. Information Session for Prospective Majors in Psychological Science, Mercer 102
Learn more about the requirements for the major in Psychological Science as well as
opportunities for research and internships. Dr. Dave Kolar, Chair of the Department of Psychological Science, will provide an overview of the Psychology program and answer questions about the major.

2:15-3:00 p.m. Prospective **Geology and Environmental Science** Majors, Jepson 107
Are you interested in Geology or Environmental Science? Learn more about these majors and meet Dr. Jodie Hayob and have all of your questions answered.

2:10-2:50 p.m. Exploring the Major in **Communication and Digital Studies**, Combs 139
A small panel of faculty from the Department of English, Linguistics, and Communication will provide an overview of the new major in communication and digital studies. The focus will include careful explanation of program requirements and an introduction of faculty and their expertises, followed by a question-and-answer session.