

School of Public Policy and Administration

Weekly Newsletter

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Important Reminders

Student Advising

Continuing Students (24 credits or more completed at York):

Students can receive one-on-one academic advising from the Office for Continuing Students, Centre for Student Success (103 Central Square, (416) 736-5222, laps@yorku.ca).

New Students (less than 24 credits completed at York):

Students can receive one-on-one academic advising from the Office for New Students, Centre for Student Success (103 Central Square, (416) 736-5022, lapsinfo@yorku.ca).

For advising concerning your major specifically and its requirements, kindly contact the SPPA main office or email the Undergraduate Program Director at: sppaupd@yorku.ca

Please include your name, student ID number and questions/issues to be addressed.

Announcements

New! Online Undergraduate Wait List Request Form for PPAS Courses

Due to on-going student demand, the SPPA established an online wait list feature for all Public Policy and Administration Studies courses at the undergraduate level. Students interested in a course(s), but who are unable to enrol, may use the wait list form as way to express their interest in a specific course. Space often becomes available in

courses as students continue to make changes to their course schedules.

The wait list form will launch on **Monday, August 26, 2013** and **will be available for Winter 2014 courses**. The form will be updated accordingly for all following academic terms. You may find the online form using the following link:

<http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sppa/waitlist.html>

If students are unable to enrol in a course because the course is full or due to reserved seating, they should complete the online form to express interest in the course. These requests are monitored daily by SPPA staff and permissions will be granted based on available space in a course and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students will be notified of their permission decision via the email provided on the form. **Students are expected to check their email on a regular basis for a permission decision notification.**

Note that completion of the form does not guarantee enrolment in a course.

Renovations 103 Central Square

Changes are occurring with advising. In addition to the renovations taking place in 103 Central Square, our new appointment booking procedure will come into place starting on Tuesday, August 6th.

In response to student feedback, we have revamped our procedure of booking an advising appointment. Instead of telephoning for an appointment, students will now be able to complete a Request for an Advising Appointment Form available from our website:

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<http://www.yorku.ca/laps/students/advising.htm>
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Students are still welcome to come for a Walk in Consultation for a maximum of 10 minutes Monday to Thursday 8:30 am until 6:20pm and Friday from 10:30am to 3:20pm. Should their issue require more time we will arrange for an appointment for them as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please contact Shirley Gossack Acting Assistant Director of SAAS at Ext 31979 or email sgossack@yorku.ca. Also, please distribute this email to those in your department/school who are involved with student advising.

Courses Open for Enrolment!

PPAS 3120 Science, Technology, and Public Policy Fall 2013 - Tuesday at 11:30AM

Examines the role of science and technology in policy-making. The course focuses on difficulties faced by legal, administrative and political policy-makers when they are required to make decisions based upon scientific information, as well as discussing more general topics in science, technology, and public policy. Course credit exclusion: AP/PPAS 3120 6.00

AP/PPAS 4111, The International Refugee Protection Regime I: Critical Problems

Using multi-disciplinary analytical perspectives, the current state of the international refugee protection regime will be examined to reveal the underlying forces and dynamics at the root of the critical problems and the probable solutions facing those seeking international protection. Course credit exclusions: None. Prior TO FALL 2009: Course credit exclusion: AK/PPAS 4111 3.00.

AP/PPAS 4190, Ethics and the Public Service: Integrity & Democracy

This course analyzes the basic ideas that underlie ethical principles in the public sector in democratic countries, with emphasis on Canada. Prerequisites: AP/PPAS 2110 6.00 or AP/PPAS

2110 3.00 or AP/PPAS 2910 6.00 or GL/POLS 2600 6.00, or permission of the instructor. Course credit exclusions: None.

Seminars/Workshops

See next week's announcements...

SPPA Events

See next week's announcements...

Other Events

See next week's announcements...

Call for Papers/Proposals

See next week's announcements...

Funding/Scholarships

Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships at Harvard University Announcement

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) is pleased to announce the following fellowship program for which candidates must be nominated:

Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships at Harvard University

Up to three (3) Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships will be awarded to students from Canada for graduate study at Harvard University. In establishing the Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship program, Annie Reid Knox sought to honor her late husband and his lifelong commitment to America. According to the wishes of Mrs. Knox, Frank Knox Memorial Fellows are selected on the basis of outstanding academic excellence, strength

of character, and potential for leadership in their fields.

Interested candidates will find the information needed to apply for this program by visiting the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada's website at: [Frank Knox 2014](#)

Please post the general notice and forward this e-mail to those who might be interested in this fellowship program.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in this matter.

Higher Education Scholarships
Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
600-350 Albert St., Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 1B1
www.aucc.ca/scholarships

Contests

See next week's announcements...

Employment Opportunities

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Volunteer Opportunities

See next week's announcements...

Internship Opportunities

See next week's announcements...

Other

Graduate Student Positions on CFR Executive Committee -- Call for Applications

The Centre for Feminist Research is looking for two Graduate Students to join its Executive Committee for the 2013-2014 year.

Position Description

The Executive Committee is responsible for matters of regular management of the Centre and serves in a consultative and monitoring capacity in relation to the Director (and any Associate Directors). The Executive meets at least once a month in the Fall and Winter Terms and when necessary in the Summer Term. Its meetings are called by the Director, but it may also be convened by a majority of the Executive Committee and it may be required to meet by the Council. The term of office for Graduate members is 12 months.

Application

If you are interested, please send a 1-page letter of application that includes:

- A statement of interest explaining why you would like to join
- Your past involvement with the Centre for Feminist Research
- Your past involvement in departmental committees or other Research Centres
- Your resume/CV

Please email all applications and any and all questions to cfr@yorku.ca. Deadline for applications is **Monday, August 26, 2013**.

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York, Ryerson provide students with courses pre-approved for credit transfer

York University and Ryerson University have teamed up to launch an online platform that gives students a quick and easy way to enrol in degree credit courses at either institution.

The Ryerson-York Exchange provides students with a diverse list of about 40 courses that have been pre-approved for credit transfer, so eligible York students can earn credits toward their degrees at Ryerson and vice versa. The online platform is now open and can be found at ryersonyorkexchange.ca.

The courses offered are among the most popular at both universities and range from astronomy, economics and psychology to calculus and epidemiology.

Prior to the launch of the initiative, students had to obtain letters of permission and complete a number of steps before being able to cross-register for courses at the other institution. Under the exchange program, students pay all fees to their home university and courses taken at the partner institution are included on transcripts.

“This new process supports our ongoing efforts to enhance credit transfer for students and is a new phase in our collaborative efforts with York University,” said Mohamed Lachemi, provost and vice-president academic at Ryerson University. “We are thrilled to be launching this initiative and pleased to be adding to the many ways in which we offer students the ability to earn credit for work at our colleague institutions.”

The Ryerson-York Exchange program is open to undergraduate students in second year or higher. The initial course offering is for classes this fall, with additional courses to be available in winter 2014 and subsequent terms.

More information is available at ryersonyorkexchange.ca.