

# ACADEMIC ADVISING GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

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## Dear CCS Families,

Helicopters, Blackhawks and Stealth Fighters; these words may sound like a reference to a military invasion, but they are actually terms used by journalists to describe the extreme behavior of some parents guiding a new generation of college students referred to as the Millennials. Does it take the parenting equivalent of military hardware to help your son or daughter succeed in college? Or does arming yourself with information, to gently help steer them in the right direction, allow greater opportunity for personal growth and independence?

In their writings on the Millennials, the generation of students born since 1982, Neil Howe and William Strauss characterize this group as more likely to be close to their family. The National Survey of Student Engagement 2007 Annual Report revealed students were most likely to discuss personal issues and family matters with their mothers and academic performance with both their mothers and fathers. Close to three-fourths of the students, participating in the survey, reported they followed the advice of their parents. Being armed with information may assist you in offering advice to your son or daughter pointing them in the right direction and enhancing their ability to handle challenges in the future.

In this series of newsletters we share information on resources, services and opportunities available to CCS students. Academic Advisors not only assist students with their course selection, but are

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here to answer questions and make referrals to other campus departments.

At this point in the semester, your son or daughter may have learned about opportunities in another department and might be considering adding a minor or changing their major. They may have heard about Study Abroad Programs or Mobility, but don't know where to look for more information. Perhaps they are considering internships or have questions concerning their career path and don't know about Career Services. Some students may be struggling with time management or class assignments and haven't visited the Student Success Center. It doesn't take military hardware to pass along information on where to go and who to see, but a little push now and then from you, and the Academic Advising and Registration Office, may help.

If you have any questions regarding policies and procedures at CCS, please contact our office at (313) 664-7672.

Sincerely,  
The Academic Advising and Registration Staff

## What's New?

### Career Services Offers New Tools for Students

Career Services provides professional development opportunities and resources to help students identify and obtain their personal career goals. Two new tools have recently been launched to assist students in their career preparation.

#### **NEW!! Perfect Interview**

Real questions, real practice. This program allows students to participate in an online simulated interview. The interview, captured via web cam, can then be reviewed by the student to determine areas of strength and areas of improvement. Practice makes perfect.

#### **NEW!! The Collaborative**

Big Picture Thinking. Real World Tools. Together with Career Services students can create and execute a personal plan to assist them in obtaining the career of their dreams. To learn more about resources that Career Services provides to students please visit [www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu](http://www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu) > Parents and Families > Student Support & Services > Career Services.

In addition to our new programs in Career Services, we would like to remind you of our long standing opportunities. Career Services works closely with all the CCS departments to coordinate and administer the Internship Program. The program allows qualified students to earn academic credit while gaining first-hand experience in their chosen field. Students must have junior or senior ranking, with the completion of all freshman and sophomore studios and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.80 to be eligible to participate in the program.

If your son or daughter is interested in an internship experience, please have them contact Career Services at (313) 664-7690. It's never too early to start working with Career Services.

## Support from the SSC

### Student Success Center

If your son or daughter needs academic support, please encourage them to visit the Student Success Center, Room 405B in the Kresge-Ford Building. The Success Center is just the place for students to get a handle on what can sometimes seem like an overwhelming workload. The Student Success Center offers assistance with skill building, class assignments, proofreading and editing, and time management.

Currently, 27 peer tutors have been hired for the Winter Semester to assist students. These peer tutors are upper level students who have expertise in all CCS majors.

The Student Success Center means many things to different students. Some students retreat to the Success Center as a refuge to complete their assignments with classmates surrounding them and providing immediate feedback. Others value the host of resources from the software available (Illustrator, Alias, Maya, Photoshop and more) to a helpful hand with practical suggestions for Liberal Arts or Studio classes. In addition, CCS English faculty provides assistance during lunch hours (11:45 AM - 1:15 PM) through the Writing Studio. Of course, assistance with any writing assignment is available during regular business hours 9 AM - 5 PM as well.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the SSC staff at (313) 664-7680 or via e-mail at [alecours@collegeforcreativestudies.edu](mailto:alecours@collegeforcreativestudies.edu)

## Good to Know – Registration Dates

Class standing	Credit Hours	Registration start dates:
		Fall 08
Freshman	0 to 29.5	4/28/08
Sophomores	30 to 65.5	4/21/08
Juniors	66 to 95.5	4/14/08
Seniors	96 to 126	4/09/08

## Adventures Abroad

When I first approached my family with the idea of studying abroad, I think they liked the idea but were afraid of the costs. You may have similar feelings about the idea of your loved one studying abroad. In reality study abroad programs offer an academic revitalization, an extraordinary adventure and they're a lot more affordable than you think. Often times programs are equivalent in price to tuition at CCS and the only extra cost would be for travel. Although this isn't always the case, it is possible to go on the cheap. Student loans apply toward the costs of study abroad programs, and there are many scholarships available to students who want to broaden their horizons overseas. Currently we have 13 students enrolled in semester abroad programs in Italy, Ireland, England, France and Malaysia. Our hope is to cultivate more interest in these global opportunities through the experiences of the current semester abroad participants. Preparation is now underway for the next wave of students to go abroad.

Programs are developed for each student based on his/her individual academic, financial and personal needs. We specialize in finding a host institution that will work best for your student.

Students or family members with questions regarding requirements of study abroad programs may contact me in the International Student Services office at (313) 664-7433 or [mdaffinee@collegeforcreativestudies.edu](mailto:mdaffinee@collegeforcreativestudies.edu)

*Marc A. Daffinee*

Asst. Director International Student Services

### CCS Faculty Lead Summer Abroad Courses

#### Art History

*London as Canvas: A Contemporary Art & Design Study Course* May 14-24

*Rome, Venice, Florence & Paris: Renaissance Through Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art* May 25-June 15

#### Graphic Design

*Design Studies in Europe - de program* July 6-26



*The Academic Advising & Registration Office is located on the first floor of the Yamasaki Building*

*View from the back courtyard*

## Mobility

Just as students can explore overseas opportunities, a program exists to allow students to attend another college of art and design in the U.S. or Canada. The Association of Colleges of Art and Design (AICAD) offers a program with 33 member schools. Students are eligible to apply as a second semester sophomore, with 51 credit hours up to first semester of the senior year. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher and have received departmental approval. Application to the AICAD member school requires a portfolio, statement of purpose and a letter of recommendation. The deadline for application is:  
Fall semester – apply by March 26  
Winter semester – apply by October 20

CCS students recently attended California College of the Arts in Oakland/San Francisco, Ringling School of Art & Design in Sarasota and School of the Art Institute of Chicago. A complete list of participating schools and the application is located on the Academic Advising and Registration section of Blackboard.

## New York Studio

The AICAD run New York Studio Program offers another opportunity for off-campus experience. The program offers both a studio option, most frequently used by Fine Arts students, and an internship option. Students seeking internships will need to research opportunities on their own. Students participating in either option also attend seminar courses.

## GPA Scoreboard

### Cumulative GPA Requirements

For Mobility or NY Studio application 2.7\*

For Internship (for credit) application 2.8\*

For Study Abroad application 3.0\*

For Independent Study application 3.0\*

For Graduation Honors 3.5

For Graduation High Honors 3.8

Students who fall below a 2.00 cumulative GPA for one semester are placed on probation. If their GPA remains below a 2.00 for a second semester, they will be suspended. SAP must also be met to avoid probation or suspension.

\*Other qualifications must be met.

### Semester GPA Requirements

12 completed credit hours

For Dean's List 3.5

For Dean's List certificate 3.5 for two consecutive semesters

### *The top ten reasons for taking summer courses at CCS:*

1. The semester is only eight weeks long (June 16, 2008 – August 9, 2008)
2. Tuition is discounted
3. Students can get their Business Practices class out of the way
4. Okay, how about getting Culture Semiotics out of the way?
5. Students can re-take the Foundation Drawing Class they failed (it happens)
6. We have interesting faculty teaching this summer (but aren't they always interesting?)
7. Students won't have to load up on 18 credit hours in the Fall semester
8. Students won't have to trudge through the snow in the summer to get to class
9. A senior just might qualify for August graduation
10. Students can register NOW for SUMMER

## MAY 2008 COMMENCEMENT

Congratulations to our Seniors who have worked long and hard to get to this point and have endured many sleepless nights! While we applaud your efforts, please keep in mind the qualifications for commencement.

To participate in commencement students must:

1. Fulfill all departmental and academic course requirements.
2. Receive departmental permission to graduate based on a final review and exhibition of their work.
3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0
4. Have all official transcripts from other schools on file in the Academic Advising and Registration Office.
5. Be enrolled at CCS at the time their degree is awarded.
6. File an Application for Graduation with the Academic Advising and Registration Office.

The commencement ceremony is graciously conducted by the Office of Student Life. If you have questions regarding the Commencement Ceremony please contact them at: (313) 664-7879 or view specific details on the website:

[www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/current/finishing](http://www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/current/finishing)

*Date:* May 15, 2008

*Location:* Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit

*Time:* The ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. Doors will open at 4:45 p.m. for ticketed guests of graduates. The ceremony generally concludes at 7:30 p.m. All graduates are to be at the Detroit Opera House by 1:00 p.m. for rehearsal.

*"My family has been so supportive throughout my college career. Emotionally and financially, I don't know what I'd do without them."*

*Eric*

*Industrial Design*

Resources used: National survey of Student Engagement 2007 Retrieved February 15, 2008 from the NSSE website

[http://nsse.iub.edu/NSSE\\_2007\\_Annual\\_Report/docs/withhold/NSSE\\_2007\\_Annual\\_Report.pdf](http://nsse.iub.edu/NSSE_2007_Annual_Report/docs/withhold/NSSE_2007_Annual_Report.pdf)

Howe, Neil and Strauss, William. (2007) *Millennials Go to College*. LifeCourse Associates.

## In the Good Old Summertime

Students have the option of attending classes at CCS during the Summer semester to gain an advantage in their academic program. The Summer Schedule of Classes may be found on Blackboard at [www.bb.collegeforcreativestudies.edu](http://www.bb.collegeforcreativestudies.edu), click on the Campus tab > Academic Advising and Registration > Download.

## 2008 Summer Calendar

June 16	Summer Classes Begin
June 16–30	Grade of W applied to dropped classes
June 23	Last day to make additions or section changes to Summer schedule
	Last day for 100% refund for Summer 2008
June 30	Last day for 50% refund for Summer 2008 Tuition/Fees Due – (50% of remaining balance)
July 1–14	Grade of WN applied to dropped classes
July 4	No Classes – Independence Day
July 14	Last day to withdraw from Summer classes
July 18	Late/Final deadline – Summer 2008 Application for Graduation (\$105.00)
July 31	Tuition/Fees – Final Payment Due Late payment assessed \$25.00 late fee
August 9	Last day of Summer classes
August 13	Final grades available through WebAdvisor

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### Winter 2008 Semester

April 11 Last day to withdraw from Winter classes

May 5–10 Review Week

May 10 Last day of Winter 2008 semester

May 14 Final grades available through WebAdvisor

May 15 Commencement

May 16 Student Exhibition Opening

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*Have a question for Advising?*

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*“Even when I’m away from home,  
I’ve made so many close friends here  
that they have become my family  
away from home.”*

*Alaina  
Fine Arts*

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