

UPAC Agenda

September 14th, 2022

<https://arizona.zoom.us/j/87825743204>

8:45-10:00 AM

Welcome: UPAC Co-Chairs

8:45 am to 8:50 am: **Wrap Up Announcements:** Nicole Gonzalez - Introducing Sharon Aiken-Wisniewski, AVP, Academic Advising

- Sharon Aiken-Wisniewski AVP for academic advising
- Has been in academic advising for almost her entire professional career
 - Has experience with exploratory students,
- Director for academic advising for 2 different institutions
- Previously worked at the University of Utah as a director prior to the AVP role
- Has a goal to work on advising philosophy, missions, and learning outcomes of advising

8:50 am to 9:05 am: **Study Abroad updates:** Mariah Nunes, Lysette Davi & Jacob Eavis

- Study Abroad Timelines:
 - Start planning the year prior to when they want to attend and apply the semester before they plan to go
 - Application cycle:
 - Fall programs: application opens in December and the deadline is early/mid-April (varies by program)
 - Spring program: application opens mid-June, and the deadline is mid-September/October (varies by program)
 - Summer program: application opens mid-October and deadline is February – March (varies by program)
- Study Aboard & Advising
 - The first 3 steps are to get a passport, connect with their academic advisor and connect with Study Abroad
 - In the interest and research phase, students should connect with their advisor about programs and potential course approval
 - Official course approval form in the apply phase
 - Students are looking for opportunities to propel their experiences after study abroad for career and international opportunities
- Study Abroad is now available on Microsoft Teams for advising questions
 - Questions about application process, dates/deadlines, program exploration
 - Request to be added to the teams channel: <https://tinyurl.com/2t679ywc>
- Start your journey website
 - Recently revamped website for prospective and exploratory students who are interested in studying abroad

- <https://international.arizona.edu/study-abroad/start>
- Pack your Bags
 - New resource for students and advisor who have already applied or currently in progress with the application stage.
 - Includes information about passport/travel, budgeting, packing/prepping, res
 - <https://international.arizona.edu/study-abroad/pack-your-bags>
- Global Tracks Website
 - Document that outlines pre-approved courses for specific study abroad programs and how they apply towards degree requirements
 - An academic advising tool to help facilitate conversations
 - 21 different tracks already created
 - <https://international.arizona.edu/study-abroad/global-tracks>
 - Email Mariah Nunes for questions, mariahnunes@arizona.edu
- W.A Franke Honors Semester Global Experience Policy
 - 6-unit credit reduction for UArizona programs
 - Automatically will occur upon completion of the program (only available 1 time)
 - Replaced study away program
 - Most of the programs are scholarship based through the Fall/Spring semester
 - Honor students CAN study abroad!
 - <https://frankehonors.arizona.edu/wa-franke-semester-global-experience-policy>
- Study Abroad Fair
 - Fall 22: October 12th, 10:00am – 2:00pm on the UA Mall
- Contact:
 - Lysette Davi: lysettedavis@arizona.edu
 - Mariah Nunes: mariahnunes@arizona.edu
 - Jacob Evais: jeavis@arizona.edu

9:05 am to 9:20 am: **Peace Corps:** Chris Elsner & Stefany Calderon

- Mission: to promote world peace and friendship through 3 goals
- Requirements for peace corps: U.S Citizen and at least 18 years old to volunteer
- Concentrations: Agriculture, youth in development, education, environment, health, and community economic development
 - Education and health are the most popular concentrations
- Benefits during service: living stipend, housing, medical coverage, student loan deferment, vacation time, and career skills
- Always ensures safety during the peace corps – always have medical officers available 24/7 and security
- Benefits after service: about 10,000 dollars in transition funds, graduate school benefits, networking opportunities, potential loan forgiveness, access to health insurance, etc.
- Students typically pursue Peace Corps after graduation
- Peace Corps Prep – helps students prepare for peace corps after graduation

- 4 core competences: sector specific training/experience, foreign language skills, intercultural competence, and professional/leadership development
- Competences can be gained through study abroad experience
- List of recommended coursework for sectors on their website
- How to talk to students who are interested: allowing them to be aware of peace corps and the opportunities provided
 - Students who are interested in traveling and public service
- Contact:
 - Chris Elsner: celsner@arizona.edu

9:20 am to 9:35 am: **Emergency Medical Services Major/ Minor:** Steve Morrison & Shannon Scott

- EMS – BS
 - Offered to main campus & AZ online
 - Moderate math strand (Math 112)
 - All courses are online and 7-week terms
 - 11 units of science requirements: common courses, Bio and 2 semesters of physiology
 - Student profile
 - Must be certified paramedic (typically transfer students)
 - Majority of students are on the online campus
 - Receive credit for their paramedic certification
 - 40 units towards their degree
 - Most choose this major as they are aiming to grow their career/promotion and health care professions
- EMS – Minor
 - Main campus only (goal to offer this minor to AZ online)
 - Must be EMT certified
 - If they are not certified, they can take the certification course
 - 7-week online course modality
 - Student profile:
 - Majority of students are physiology students who are looking to build their resume
 - Typically, traditional students
 - Interested in direct patient care and health related career
- EMT Course
 - Main campus only (Fall/Spring/Summer)
 - Fall/Spring is a 16-week course (full semester)
 - To get the NRMET certification after the UA course, there is an extra fee associated
 - This course does not count towards minor requirements
- Offering preceptorship program for students who have completed EMS courses for leadership opportunities
- Contact:
 - Steve Morrison: smorriso@arizona.edu
 - Shannon Scott: sms8@arizona.edu

9:35 am to 9:50 am: **International Student Services:** Stacey Coulthard

- International Student Responsibilities for F-1 Visa Holders
 - Enroll full-time every semester, report U.S address, report academic changes (i.e.: change of major/degree).
- Full time enrollment
 - 12 units minimum for undergraduate students
 - 9 units must be in-person/hybrid
 - Remaining units can be online or in-person
 - Enrollment block placed after refund deadline
 - This prevents them from dropping below full time standing
 - Retroactive withdrawal
 - This will not affect immigration student status, but students must connect with ISS advisor to discuss this
 - Exemptions
 - Medical issues and or final semester (students who may not need to be full-time standing to complete degree during their final semester)
 - Must be authorized through ISS
- Off Campus Work Authorization
 - Student working on campus is applicable, but students must wait at least 1 year for off campus enrollment
 - 2 types:
 - CPT - internship during studies
 - OPT - typically used following graduation
 - Academic Advisors and CPT:
 - Explain the correlation between internship and the degree program
- MyGlobal
 - Students can make request through MyGlobal
 - Change of major, program extension of I20, work authorization, full-time work authorization,
 - Department input is required
- Common Reasons for falling out of status
 - Negative reasons:
 - Enrolled less than full time, failure to extend 120, unauthorized withdrawal, ineligible status
 - Ineligible status – ISS waits until approval from appeal has been approved or denied
 - Neutral reason: Authorized early withdrawal of F1 Status
 - How to remain immigration status
 - Requires time and money
 - Leave and reenter the U.S with a new I-20
 - Apply for reinstatement
- ISS Advising/counseling
 - Advising offered Monday – Friday (virtual/in person) for quick advising and scheduled appointments

- ISS Counselor: Denise Contreras
 - No cost to ISS students to use this counseling service
- International Student Programs:
 - Global Ambassador Program
 - Friendship Program
 - International Friends
 - Buddy program – connect current international students to other international students
 - International student advisory council (ISAC)
- Contact:
 - Stacey Coulthard, sbuchman@arizona.edu

9:50 am to 9:55 am: **Quick Annual Curricular Update:** Melanie Madden

- Curricular update will be open 09/19 and will close 10/31
- When making a change to a degree program - at least 25% has changed/adjusted
- Will be available at the next UPAC meeting
- Contact: [Curricular affairs@list.arizona.edu](mailto:Curricular_affairs@list.arizona.edu)

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Link to join via ZOOM: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/87825743204>

- Please virtually log in with your first and last name so we can track your attendance :)

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*To request to present at a future UPAC meeting, please email the UPAC Co-Chairs

**To get added to the UPAC listserv and receive UPAC emails, email the [Advising Resource Center](#) (ARC) at advising@arizona.edu

***UA Advisors can send relevant emails to the UPAC listserv by emailing: UPAC@list.arizona.edu

Do you have a new elective course to announce? Use our new [Elective Course Announcement Form](#)! See the results [here](#). **REMEMBER:** This is only an advising tool and should not be shared directly with students. The schedule of classes remains the official listed of course information.