Registration for Fall 2011

It’s that time of the year already! Registration for the Fall 2011 semester is right around the corner.

Here are some important dates to remember.

- Summer Session Registration has begun on MyOswego and is open until May 2nd
- Monday, April 4th—Friday, April 21st—Registration for Fall 2011, for returning matriculated undergraduate and graduate students only
- Monday, May 2nd — Registration begins for non-matriculated undergraduate and graduate students; Major Restrictions are lifted for PBJ courses. You are now able to register for classes that were originally restricted for students within that particular major.

Don’t know when you are eligible to register? Find out which day and time you will be able to register by logging on to MyOswego on the Oswego website. This information is also posted on all PBJ professor office doors. Eligibility to register is determined by the number of credit hours you have completed. Registering for your classes on time is very important in allowing you to enroll in the classes that you will need to graduate.

Public Justice Peer Advisement

Peer Advisement – We are here for YOU

Attention Public Justice majors and minors! Peer Advisors are here to help you with any questions you might have about classes, registration, or graduation requirements. Remember, registration began April 4th and classes fill fast.

The Public Justice Peer Advisement office is located in 319 Mahar. Currently, we are open from 9-3:30 Monday, 9-4 Tuesday – Thursday, and 9-3 Friday. Students should see either their freshman peer advisor or departmental peer advisors before seeing their faculty advisor to discuss class registration.

Remember, if you are a junior with 51-71 credits, or a first semester transfer student, you need to see your advisor for a second PIN before you can register. All freshmen must see Dr. Kurst-Swanger for a 2nd PIN as well.

Interested in becoming a peer advisor? Stop by and see Professor Ryniker in 446 Mahar Hall or email her at: Margaret.ryniker@oswego.edu.

QUEST

In the Spotlight

What is Quest?

Quest is a group of scholarly presentations that have been put together by students, faculty, and staff here at Oswego State.

It happens on April 13th from 9am to 9pm. Classes do not convene on this day between 8am—4pm to give you the opportunity to visit and experience the interesting material in store for you. Last years’ Quest saw many presentations on culture, science, and the internet.

This year’s Quest will feature keynote speaker Josh Tickell who has worked on various projects regarding biodiesel and cooking oil as sources of alternative energy. His presentation:

The Current State of the Energy Crisis will take place at 1pm in the campus center auditorium. See you there!

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Outstanding Senior in Public Justice—Law Enforcement

Nate Horner is the recipient of the Outstanding Senior—Law Enforcement award. He is from Clay, New York and is currently a sergeant in the New York Army National Guard. His unit is the Det 1 HHC 27th BSTB. Nate is a transfer student from Onondaga Community College. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.80 GPA.

Nate’s favorite Public Justice courses were PBJ 301 Organizational Structure and Communication, and PBJ 397, Practicum. In PBJ 301 he enjoyed learning about the various theories that pertain to the criminal justice system. In PBJ 397, Nate found interning with the State Police to be a great learning opportunity for him as he was able to participate in many activities. He was able to observe specialized units such as: Cyber Crime, Bureau of Criminal Investigations, and the Forensic Investigation Unit. He also participated in four ride-alongs. Working with the State Police was his most valuable experience here at SUNY Oswego.

Nate hopes to become a member of the New York State Police after he graduates. He would even like to enlist to be an officer in the United States Army. Unfortunately, his graduation may be postponed as Nate Horner may be deployed. Thank you, Nate, for your service and we all wish you well.

Outstanding Senior in Public Justice—General

This year the Outstanding Senior in Public Justice Award—General was given to Sarah Lewis. Recipients of this award are graduating seniors with a major in Public Justice. Selection is based on academic achievements and service to the college and the community.

Sarah is from Weedsport, N.Y. She started her journey at SUNY Oswego in 2007 as a freshman studying Meteorology. Eventually, she decided that it was time for a change and wanted to focus on a major she found more interesting during her sophomore year. In the end, she chose Public Justice with a minor in Psychology and has enjoyed it ever since.

Sarah is in Alpha Delta Omega honor society for Public Justice. She has maintained a GPA of 3.37 while being a teaching assistant (TA) for PBJ 201 – Survey of Non-Criminal Law and PSY 290 – Research Methods in Psychology. She is also a Peer Adviser for the Public Justice Department during her last semester of her senior year. Sarah says her favorite class at SUNY Oswego was PBJ 397 – Practicum in Public Justice because she obtained a lot of practical experience that would aid in her future endeavors while being at the United States Marshalls Service in Syracuse.

Upon graduation this May, Sarah would like to start her career path working with the youth involved with the criminal justice system. Her main focus is juvenile probation where she would like to have an impact on people’s lives.

Outstanding Freshman in Public Justice

Alyssa Appel, a current freshman Public Justice major was chosen to be the recipient of the Outstanding Freshmen Award. This award is given to a freshman in the Public Justice Department who shows excellence in the subject and demonstrates this with exceptional achievement in academics.

Alyssa is from a small town called Chittenango. Both Alyssa’s father and uncle are alumni of SUNY Oswego. She has maintained a GPA of a 3.5 during her freshman year at SUNY Oswego. She enjoys many of her classes including HIS 202 as well as PBJ 101 with Professor Diane Brand. Alyssa says she learns easily and successfully from Professor Brand, based on her style of teaching and experiences with the material presented to the students.

In her free time Alyssa enjoys watching the Oswego hockey team and attending other athletic events. She likes to work out, run, and spend time with her friends on campus. Upon graduation, she dreams of becoming a New York State Trooper.

Alyssa has shown great dedication in maintaining phenomenal grades and is a true role model for others around campus.

Alyssa will be a First Year Peer Advisor in the fall, assisting incoming freshmen transition to Oswego.
Luciano Iorizzo Scholarship Winner—Matthew Duncan

Matt Duncan, a current junior Public major has been chosen as the recent recipient for the Luciano J. Iorizzo Scholarship Award. Professor Emeritus Luciano J. Iorizzo was the first chair of the Public Justice Department. This scholarship is awarded to a deserving junior that has maintained high academic success.

Originally, Matt is from southern California, but due to his ROTC commitments he had to relocate to the Syracuse area. During his time at Oswego, he has been able to uphold a 3.6 GPA. Duncan is set to graduate in the spring of 2012 and will then fulfill his prior obligations as a Lt. in the United States Army.

Matt has demonstrated great commitment in getting the most out of his time here in central New York. He has been able to juggle being a full-time student and U.S. soldier. Clearly, he has shown that he can make the most out of any situation. This is why he is a perfect recipient for the Iorizzo Scholarship.

Two Classes Offered at Metro Center in Syracuse

The Public Justice Department will be offering 2 elective courses at the Metro Center in Syracuse this fall.

PBJ 361—Family Law taught by Professor Cantone
Thursdays 6:00-8:45pm CRN# 95416
PBJ 345—Criminal Investigation taught by Professor Walsh
Tuesdays 5:30-8:15pm CRN# 95689

Raymond Stastny Scholarship winner—Sarah Hannon

The Raymond J. Stastny scholarship honors the memory of Raymond Joseph Stastny, who was a 1978 SUNY Oswego graduate with a degree in Public Justice. Raymond J. Stastny was an exceptional agent with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, and lost his life in the line of duty. The award is given to an outstanding student with a Public Justice Major, who is aspiring toward a profession in law enforcement.

This year’s recipient is Sarah Hannon. Sarah is from Lackawanna, NY and is a senior Public Justice Major, with minors in both Forensic Science and Athletic Coaching. Sarah is graduating in May and because of her close proximity to the Canadian border, she is very interested in finding employment in law enforcement near the border. However, next year Sarah will be attending Buffalo State for Graduate School in hopes of acquiring a federal position after her completion of her graduate work.

In her four years at Oswego, Sarah has been a member of the SUNY Oswego Women’s Ice Hockey team. Sarah is a Forward and helped the team to its best overall record in four years. Sarah is also active in the “Public Justice Club”, the “Women’s Hockey 3.0 Club”, she is the secretary of the “Student Athletic Advisory Committee”, and was a Peer Advisor for the Public Justice Department last semester. Sarah is a deserving winner of the Raymond J. Stastny Scholarship and will certainly make SUNY Oswego proud.

Graduation Filing Dates

1. Apply for graduation online at http://www.oswego.edu/myoswego (If you miss the application deadlines, you must file in person in 307 Culkin, so do it now.)
2. Complete a senior check form with your advisor the semester before you graduate.
3. Senior Check forms are mandatory in order to graduate

Important Dates

May Graduation: May 14, 2011
Deadline for senior check form is December 1, 2010.
Deadline for August graduation is April 1, 2011.

December Graduation: December 17, 2011
Deadline for senior check form is May 1, 2011.

Be sure to meet with your advisor prior to your last semester to complete your senior check-list.
Civil Service Exam
Announcements

Anyone interested in job openings, upcoming exam dates, or taking civil service exams should visit www.cs.state.ny.us. Click on the “Employees” and then on “Job Seekers”. This will provide links to state, local and municipal civil service agencies. Clicking the “Examination Announcements for Positions in Local Government” will provide you with a map link to municipal civil service agencies according to a particular county and or region. You might find an exam for an agency you had never considered before!

Medical and physical fitness standards can be found at: www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/ops/docs/registry/policeappptsmed.pdf

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So You Have Picked Your Major...Now What?

Picking a major can sometimes be a very intense and long process that can sometimes overwhelms students. When students finally decide on a major and get all the proper paperwork and course schedules set up after declaring Public Justice as their major, they often do not think about choosing a minor. Oswego offers many different minors that will go great with a Public Justice degree, and offers many different career paths that go well with these major/minor combinations.

One of the most commonly picked minors for someone pursuing a Public Justice degree is either the Psychology or Sociology minor. These minors help to explore the human mind and the reasoning behind the decisions and choices that individuals make in day to day life. The course work involved would not be overbearing since many electives in the Psychology and Sociology departments overlap with fitting electives for the major; so it’s the proverbial “Two Birds with One Stone” technique. However, this is not the only reason to select this course work. These minors would be vital to anyone that is interested in the social work aspect of the many careers in Public Justice. These career paths would include such jobs as a social worker, child welfare and family services, crisis intervention and working within group homes.

Another commonly picked minor for Public Justice Students includes a Political Science minor. Political Science helps to explore the how and whys of the government as well as political behavior. This minor would be a good choice for students since like the Psychology and Sociology minors, there are classes within the Political Science minor that overlap with the electives for a Public Justice major. Also, Political Science as a whole is an area of study that is very much related to anyone in the Public Justice career that is thinking about pursuing careers within the courts, law, or any kind of government administration. Some of these jobs include paralegals, judges, lawyers, campaign aides, and legislative aides. All of these jobs incorporate a variety of skills and lessons that can be found with someone with a Public Justice major and a Political Science minor.

One last commonly picked minor for someone that is a Public Justice major is the Forensic Science minor. This minor helps to combine Chemistry with Public Justice. These two fields of study are very closely related to each other in the aspect of collecting evidence from a crime. The purpose of the Forensic Science minor is to be able to give the dual learning experience of science and applying it to how it would relate within the realm of law. This minor would be an excellent choice for someone wanting to become a laboratory technician for a police department, like those found on popular shows such as CSI or NCIS. This would also be good for anyone thinking about pursuing a career in private investigation or detective work.

Declaring a minor is simple, if you have ever changed your major during your time here at Oswego, then it’s very similar to that process. The first step is to talk to your advisor and they will be able to help you with the declaring of a minor process. However, there are many other minors here at Oswego that can be beneficial to your specific career plans, so don’t limit yourself to the ones mentioned here. Get out there, explore and ask questions from different professors, advisors and departments about what minor might be the right fit for you!