Fall 2018 Pre-Major Advising Announcements

Classics
The Classics Department cordially reminds advisors that Greek and Latin do satisfy the language requirement. First-year students regularly take Greek and/or Latin and a course in translation (CSTS or ARCH) in the same semester, as these offer quite distinct intellectual experiences. Classics courses appear under four headings in Bionic and the Course Guide: Classical Studies (CSTS), Greek (GREK), Latin (LATN), and Classical & Near Eastern Archaeology (ARCH at Bryn Mawr). CSTS and ARCH courses are taught in English and will require no knowledge of Greek or Latin. If students are interested in continuing their studies in Greek or Latin but have not taken the diagnostic before arriving on campus, they should contact Prof. Mulligan (bmulliga) as soon as possible.

Biochemistry and Biophysics Concentrations
For the Concentrations in Biochemistry and Biophysics, first and second year students should begin core coursework in affiliated departments (BIOL 200/201; CHEM 112 or 114; PHYS 105/106 or 101/102) and take one semester of MATH 118 (or higher). A full description of requirements, including options for upper level electives, is available at https://www.haverford.edu/biochemistry-biophysics and varies by major and desired concentration. Specific questions may be directed to the Concentration Coordinator, Karl Johnson (kjohnson@haverford.edu).

Chemistry
The codes for Chemistry placement results indicate the following:
0 = student does not plan to take chemistry at all
1 = should take Chem113
2 = May take either Chem113 or Chem111
3 = should take Chem111
4 = May take either Chem111 or Chem115
5 = should take Chem115
Students with placements of "2" or "4" are strongly encouraged to discuss their course selection with the chemistry department at the academic teas.

Economics
Students interested in taking introductory economics have two choices. Econ 105 is the standard introductory course, and it is taught at Haverford and Bryn Mawr both semesters. Econ 104 is an intensive section for students with less math and economics preparation. It is taught in the Spring and is 4.5 contact hours per week. If a student places below Math 118 in the math placement, the student should take Econ 104. If the student places into Math 118 but has had no economics in high school, the student should take Econ 104. Any student who places below Math 118 but is interested in majoring in economics should take Math 101 and Math 102 at Bryn Mawr during their first year. Students who place into Math 118 and have had economics in high school and students who place above Math 118 should take Econ 105.

Writing Program
1. There will be *no* empty places in the seminars, given the size of the incoming class. In order to change sections, students will need to find another student who is willing to trade places in the seminars. Debora Sherman then needs to hear from BOTH students; the instructors of the seminars cannot allow students into their seminars, though there might appear (falsely) to be openings in the seminar on Bionic. (These "open" spaces only appear so when students believe that their placement is their registration--it is not--and use their five courses to register for lotteried courses.)
2. Students who have two courses listed for their Writing Placement have agreed to take the WSI (Writing Intensive) seminar prior to taking the WS seminar which will fulfill the First Year Writing Requirement. These students have been contacted after a meeting of Writing Program faculty who identified students that we feel need the support of a WSI seminar. The numbers are, unfortunately, not sequential, depending on when the course was added and what numbers were available: a student might have as a WSI course WRPR 167 followed by a WS seminar WRPR 155B.

3. The WRPR 150 courses, taught by English department faculty, count as a credit towards the English major, but do not count as one of the two introductory courses needed to enter the major. This is a change from last year.