

Student Academic Services Newsletter

Spring 2014

As we begin a new semester, we wanted to remind you of the administrative services that are here to help as you are busy with your classes and clinicals. We are happy to inform you that our new Office of Student Academic Services is now located in the Curtis Building, Suite 115. This new office combines the University Office of the Registrar (including Space Management and Graduation), and the University Office of Financial Aid, and its goal is to provide

you with the support that you need to fulfill the administrative requirements of your academic career. The Office of Student Academic Services is eager to serve as your source of information for anything from class registration, financing options, student organization and study room reservations, to applying for graduation and all related matters. Please visit us on the Web and at the email addresses noted below:

[University Office of Student Financial Aid](#)
[Registrar's Office](#)

Financial Aid and Registrar Contact and Walk-in Hours

Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Financial Aid

215-955-2867

financial.aid@jefferson.edu

Registrar

215-503-8734

university.registrar@jefferson.edu

Commencement/Graduation

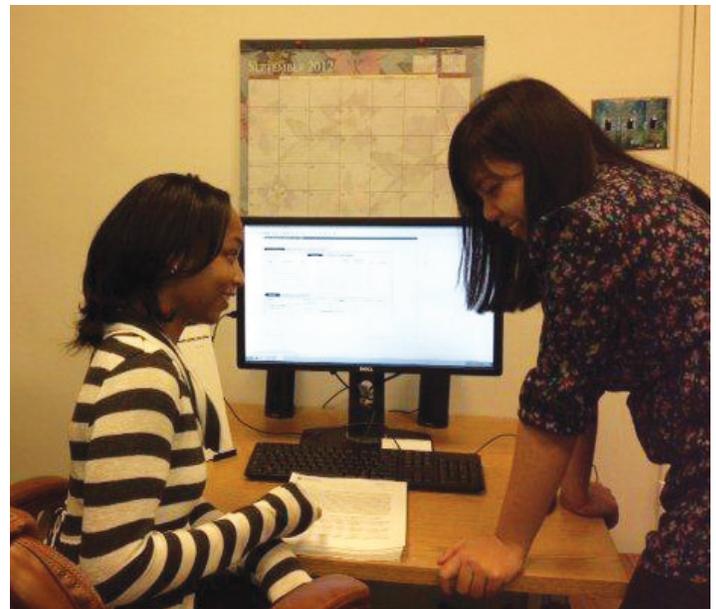
graduation@jefferson.edu

Room Reservations

roomrequest@jefferson.edu

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We're here to help!

General Announcements

We've Moved!

The University Offices of Student Financial Aid and Registrar have moved to the 1st Floor Curtis Building, Suite 115. The NEW Academic Services Office can help you with both your financial aid matters and scheduling or grade issues. Our individual phone numbers and email addresses have not changed, so contact us if you need assistance. We are here to help.

Give us your Feedback

How has your experience been with our offices? Please let us know by completing a short survey (anonymously) on Survey Monkey. Each survey consists of 5 questions and a free form section for any information you wish to include. We take your feedback seriously and appreciate your comments.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Online Registration for Summer/Pre-Fall/ Fall 2014

(Please note these are anticipated dates.)

**JGSBS (Summer & Fall)*

March 24, 2014

**JMC*

Please refer to the Class Organization site on Pulse for add/drop dates for rotations.

**JSHP/JSN/JSP (Summer, Fall, & Pre-Fall)*

March 24, 2014

**JSPH (Summer)*

February 27, 2014

**JSPH (Fall)*

June 30, 2014

*Please note that students should continue to check important dates on their College/School's academic calendar located at: http://www.jefferson.edu/registrar/academic_calendars.cfm

2014 Graduation/Commencement Ceremonies

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

The Pennsylvania Convention Center

Time: 10:00AM

Jefferson School of Health Professions

Jefferson School of Pharmacy

Time: 2:30PM

Jefferson School of Nursing

[Financial Aid Office survey](#)

[Registrar Office survey](#)

Weather Emergency Procedures

Weather emergency information is available via Pulse, the Jefferson hotline at 800-858-8806, and the TJUH Intranet.

Adopt-a-Family Update

We would like to extend a warm thank you to everyone who helped with the Adopt-a-Family Gift Drive! This year's drive, coordinated for the seventh consecutive year by the Office of Academic Services, Committee of Student Advisors (CSA) and the TJUH Volunteer Office, collected more than 700 gifts for 66 families at My Sister's Place, Interim House and the Juvenile Justice Center.

Thursday, May 29, 2014

The Kimmel Center

Time: 10:30AM

Jefferson Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Jefferson Medical College

Jefferson School of Population Health

Priority Deadline to Apply for Financial Aid 2014-2015

*Rising third- and fourth-year JMC students

March 3, 2014

*Returning JSHP, JSN, JSP students

March 17, 2014

*Incoming and rising second-year JMC students

April 1, 2014

*Incoming JSHP, JSN, JSP students

April 1, 2014

*Returning and new JGSBS and JSPH students

May 1, 2014



Financial Aid Announcements

Financial Planning Series

For the 30th consecutive year, the University Office of Student Financial Aid is sponsoring a series titled "Building a Financial Plan for School and the Future." A Q&A session will follow each presentation. These are free sessions, so please take advantage of the opportunity. Short bios on each speaker can be found at http://www.jefferson.edu/financial_aid/presentations/publications/SeminarSeriesBrochure2014.pdf.

First Session: February 3, 2014

"Managing Educational Debt"

Susan McFadden, University Director of Financial Aid
Room 101 Bluemle Building

Second Session: February 5, 2014

"What You Should Know about Insurance"

Richard D. Scott, CLU, Insurance Planning Group, Inc.
Room 218 Curtis Building

Third Session: February 12, 2014

"Taking Control of Credit—Building a Foundation"

David Wheeler, Credit Plus, Inc.
Room 101 Bluemle Building

Fourth Session: February 18, 2014

"What You Should Know about Mortgages"

Joan Kofsky, Sr. Loan Officer, Gateway Funding
Room 101 Bluemle Building

Fifth Session: February 24, 2014

"What Everyone Should Know about Personal and Professional Financial Planning"

Timothy Valente, Sr. Vice President, Financial Advisor, Accredited Wealth Manager, RBC Wealth Management
Room 101 Bluemle Building

Sixth Session: February 25, 2014

"Practical and Legal Considerations of Planning Your Professional Future"

Joseph R. Pozzuolo, ESQ., Pozzuolo Rodden, P.C.
Room 101 Bluemle Building

Refreshments will be served starting 15 minutes before the start of each presentation. Registration emails will be sent to all students and hospital residents two weeks prior to each presentation.

Graduating Students- Exit Interview Update

All students who have borrowed through the Federal Stafford, Federal Perkins, NSL, PCL, Grad PLUS, institutional and/or private alternative loan programs while enrolled at Jefferson are required to complete an Exit Interview prior to graduation. Through the Exit Interview, students are provided a comprehensive view of their educational debt

and repayment responsibilities. Note that you may not be cleared for graduation and will not receive your diploma until this requirement has been met.

JMC Graduates

All JMC students must complete the online Exit Interview at www.nsls.ed.gov and attend a small group in-person Exit session. The dates for the in-person small group sessions are:

January 23, 2014, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Herbut Lecture Hall

February 5, 2014, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Herbut Lecture Hall

March 4, 2014, 3:00–5:00 p.m., Herbut Lecture Hall

March 18, 2014, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Herbut Lecture Hall

JGSBS, JSHP, JSN, JSPH, JSP Graduates

Students graduating from the above schools in May or August must complete an online Exit Interview. The process is expected to be available no later than March 15. Emails will be sent to all students when the process is available.

If you have any questions regarding the Exit Interview, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

File IRS Tax Return Before Completing Your FAFSA for 2014-2015 Year

For the 2014-15 financial aid application process, applicants and parents of dependent applicants will be required to complete the FAFSA after their Federal Income Tax Returns have been filed. This is to allow students and parents to transfer their IRS tax data directly into their FAFSA. The IRS Data Retrieval Tool will be available to use 1-2 weeks after the federal income tax return is filed if the return is filed electronically and 6-8 weeks after filing a paper return.

If the applicant allows the data to be transferred from the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to the FAFSA without modification, the transferred data will not be subject to verification. This will reduce the likelihood that the applicant's FAFSA will be selected for verification, potentially saving the applicant time.

In rare instances, some students and/or parents may not be eligible to utilize the IRS Data Retrieval Tool process. In these cases, an IRS Tax Transcript must be submitted. The Financial Aid Office will work with students individually when special circumstances arise. Please note that your financial aid award cannot be finalized (processed or disbursed) until the Verification Process is complete.

We highly recommend you file your Federal taxes first, wait 10 days and then use this IRS Data Retrieval tool for reasons listed below:

- It's the easiest way to provide your tax data.
- It's the best way of ensuring that your FAFSA has accurate tax information.
- You may not need to provide a copy of your or your parents' tax returns.

- If you do not use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to provide tax information, you will be required to obtain an official tax transcript from the IRS which can add 4-6 weeks to the processing of your application.

For more information about the FAFSA IRS Data Retrieval process or the method to request a Tax Transcript from the IRS, please see check out our webpage at www.jefferson.edu/financial_aid, and review the "Featured Questions" box.

Legislative Update

Interest Rate Change on Federal Loans

On August 9, 2013, President Obama signed into law The Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act of 2013, which puts into effect a new interest rate calculation for federal loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2013 and going forward.

The new interest rates are based on the final auction of the 10-year Treasury Note rate prior to June 1st of a given year plus a statutory defined "add-on" percentage. The add-on percentage differs depending on the type of loan and the student's grade level/dependency status. Each loan also has an interest rate ceiling or cap. The interest rate for a loan (established upon disbursement) will apply for the life of that loan, thus becoming a fixed interest rate loan.

As a result of this new interest rate calculation structure, it is likely that many borrowers will have a set of fixed-rate loans, each with a different interest rate, including the 3.4%, 6.8%, and/or 7.9% interest rates for federal student loans issued prior to July 1, 2013.

The Financial Aid Office is here to assist you with creating repayment strategies that best suits your needs in light of these recent changes.

The interest rates for loans made on or after July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 are indicated below:

Formula for calculating interest rate for future academic years - Add 10-year Treasury Note rate prior to June 1st of a given year plus a statutory defined "add-on" percentage. Sum equals the new interest rate for the loans being issued, never to exceed the stated interest rate ceiling.

LOAN TYPE	LEVEL	fixed interest rate for loans issued 7/1/13 to 6/30/14	INDEX	"ADD-ON" PERCENTAGE	LOAN CEILING
Federal Direct Stafford Loan	Undergraduate	3.86%	10-year Treasury note average auction price (e.g., 1.810% for the 7/1/13 to 6/30/14 period)	2.05%	8.25%
Federal Direct Stafford Loan	Graduate	5.41%	10-year Treasury note average auction price (e.g., 1.810% for the 7/1/13 to 6/30/14 period)	3.60%	9.50%
Federal Direct PLUS Loan	parents and graduate students	6.41%	10-year Treasury note average auction price (e.g., 1.810% for the 7/1/13 to 6/30/14 period)	4.60%	10.50%

Student Organization Room Reservations

1. Submit completed event request to the Activities Office: kim.graham@jefferson.edu (or kad145@jefferson.edu), for EVENT APPROVAL. If your event will include non-Jefferson participants, please request a Non-Jefferson Event Approval Form prior to submitting your request. Otherwise your request must include: Student Organization Name; Name of Event (This appears on the Master Calendar, be brief, but specific); Category: Academic, Community Service or Social; Event Date; Exact Start and End Times; Set-Up and Breakdown Time; 3 Space Preferences (Hamilton Building rooms should NOT be included); Expected # of Attendees; Requestor's/contact's Name, Phone # and Jefferson e-mail address; Organization Affiliation (Entire Jefferson Community, or, All Jefferson Students, or School Specific (i.e. JGSBS, JMC, JSN, PT, etc.).

2. The Activities Office will respond to the requestor and the Registrar's Office with EVENT APPROVAL.

3. Allow 2-4 business days for processing by the Registrar's Office.

Study Space Reservations at TJU

Four classrooms in Hamilton (depending on classes and other events) are available as study space between 8 am and 2 am. Of these four, two classrooms are available for specific reservations of up to four hours during the day and up to six hours after 5 pm if the study group includes at least five people. The other two rooms will be designated as quiet "open study" rooms that are available to all students without requiring an advanced reservation. Students using classrooms as study space must show their Jefferson ID, sign in at the Security Desk, indicate in which room they will be studying and sign-out when they leave. Students who do not sign-out maintain responsibility for that room. Smaller groups may use the two quiet open study spaces that will be posted at the Hamilton Security Desk.

Students using general areas such as the lobby areas on the first or second floors as study space must show their Jefferson ID, sign in at the Security Desk with their name and Campus Key, indicate in what area they will be studying and sign-out when they leave.

To Reserve a Hamilton Building study space, submit requests to roomrequest@jefferson.edu. Requests must include the following information (incomplete requests cannot be processed and will delay scheduling): Desired study dates for one week only thru the next Sunday, start and end times, number of attendees with names of at least five participants, requestor's/contact's name, Campus Key, phone number, Jefferson email and College/School (JGSBS, JMC, JSHP, JSN, JSP or JSPH).

The following spaces are available for student organization events:

- Bluemle Life Sciences Building (BLSB): Rooms 101 & Lobby, 105, 107
- Jefferson Alumni Hall (JAH): Rooms 139, 207, 307, 407, Eakins Lounge, The Courtyard
- Solis-Cohen Auditorium, Brent Auditorium, Rooms M-21, M-23, M-24, M-25.
- The JAH Cafeteria and Mezzanine areas are under renovation and currently not available for events.

Important Notes

Last minute requests are subject to available resources and may not be processed.

- Incomplete and walk-in requests without approval from the Activities Office cannot be processed.
- If the time of your event needs to be extended, your organization representative can work directly with the Registrar's Office.
- If the date of the event needs to be changed, a new room request must be submitted to the Activities Office – please do not communicate with the Registrar's Office directly.

To facilitate accommodating all requests, requests for study space for groups of five or more must be submitted via email not more than one week and not less than 48-hours prior to your study period.

As spaces are taken off-line when reserved for your study period, you are asked to provide, at least a 24-hour notice of cancellation, if you no longer need your space. As lack of space cancellation results in lack of space availability for others, non-adherence to the cancellation policy may result in denial of future requests for study space.

Visit V-EMS for space availability <https://emscal.jefferson.edu/VirtualEms/BrowseForSpace.aspx>.

A complete listing and the reservation request form for the Scott Collaborative Study Rooms may be found <http://jef-fline.jefferson.edu/Services/study.html>.

Please remember: Students are expected to courteously leave all classrooms when asked to do so to allow cleaning of those rooms. Students are then allowed back in and are responsible for the room being ready for classes the next day. This includes but is not limited to erasing boards, replacing tables and chairs to the proper order, and disposing of all trash in the containers in the balcony area. No trash should be left in the classrooms. If there are three or more complaints about rooms being left in disarray and not ready for classes the next day, then providing Hamilton classrooms as study space cannot be continued.