



Undergraduate News

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Scheduling difficulties?

Be prepared when your schedule window opens! Here are the **most common issues** that students have when trying to schedule:

1. I can't schedule ANYTHING due to a lock on my account

Each semester, prior to scheduling for the next term, the University Bursar requires students to complete a **financial responsibility statement** online. A scheduling lock is placed on your account until the statement is completed. It takes mere seconds to complete the FRS, just go to your **student center** and check your "To Do List". (If you haven't completed the FRS yet, it will say so.) To complete the FRS, simply click the "details" link and follow the directions.

2. I'm being blocked from scheduling a 5000-level course

Courses at the 5000 level or above are open to both undergrads and graduate-level students. If you try to register for a 5000-level course and get an error message stating "**The class falls outside your career of study**", it means you are trying to register for the *graduate* section of the course, instead of the *undergraduate* section. To fix this, simply set the "Course Career" search filter to "Undergraduate".

3. I want to schedule a course, but it requires special permission

If you want to enroll in a course, but: (A) don't meet the prerequisites, (B) there is a time overlap with another course, (C) it is an independent study requiring permission, etc., you need a **Course Enrollment Permission Form**. You can print this form from our website [HERE](#), or pick one up from the front desk in 210. Once signed, submit the form to the front desk and you will be manually enrolled in the course.

Remember, if you run into trouble when trying to schedule—don't panic! Contact the SENR academic team and we can help! The fastest way to get in touch with us is by submitting a [Contact Us form](#) on our website, emailing senr@osu.edu, or coming into the office (210 Kottman) in person.

If you need a face-to-face meeting but don't have time to wait, you can come to **ENR Express Service Hours** on Fridays, 9am-4pm. Express hours are brief walk-in appointments appropriate for quick questions about scheduling, graduation, degree audits, etc. Traditional advising appointments are required for more in-depth issues, including: academic difficulty, academic probation, and transfer credit evaluation.

2014/2015 Course Offering Updates

ENR 3530 – Women, Environment and Development: will be offered in Autumn, 2014 (this course will NOT be offered in Spring, 2015)

ENR 5280 – Stream Ecology: will be offered in Autumn, 2014 (normally only offered in autumn of odd years)

ENR 5350.02 – Taxonomy and Behavior of Fishes: this course will NOT be offered in Spring, 2015, it will move into an autumn rotation with 5350.01. The next offering of ENR 5350.02 will be in Autumn 2015.

Earn Academic Credit for Your Internship!

Once you have landed your summer experience, don't forget to **get registered for academic credit!** Check out [THIS INFORMATION](#) on how to get registered for your experience and about the internship course. Credit must be arranged **BEFORE your work experience begins**, not after. Credit can be awarded for your experience whether it is paid or volunteer.

When you are ready to get registered, attend one of our **Internship Registration Workshops:**

Kottman Hall 333C:
Wednesday, April 2, 12pm – 1:30pm
Wednesday, April 9, 12pm – 1:30pm
Monday, April 14, 4pm – 5:30pm

Bring your employment verification letter to the workshop and we will review what is required for the ENR 2191 and ENR 4191 internship course and then get you registered on the spot.

Questions about May Session?

Wondering what May Session is all about? Check out this handy [May Session fact sheet](#), which you can find under Degree Planning Tools at <http://senr.osu.edu/undergraduate>.

Dates & Deadlines

- Friday, March 21—last day to drop a course

Check the [University Registrar's website](#) for a more detailed list of important dates and deadlines.

EEDS Students: We Want Your Feedback!

We are inviting current students in our EEDS program to join us in a **private focus group**. We want to be sure your experience in the EEDS major is meeting your expectations and your overall student experience, both in and out of the classroom, is a good one. Your honest feedback will help us identify areas that need improvement and those that we are meeting the needs of our students. No faculty or advising staff will attend this event, so your open feedback will be welcomed and appreciated. The session will be led by Dr. Jeff Sharp, Interim Director of SENR, and Dr. Tim Haab, Chair of AEDE. The focus group will be held on Wednesday, March 26 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Orton Hall, room 110. Please register to attend by clicking [here](#). (We need to know you're coming so we can plan for enough food!)

SENR Coalition of Student Organizations Electing New Officers

Do you have what it takes to be a leader? The SENR Coalition of Student Organizations is electing new officers for the 2014-2015 school year and you could be one of them! Applications and more information can be found [HERE](#). The deadline to apply is Monday, March 24th, so don't delay!

Upcoming Events

Need to touch base with your faculty mentor, or meet them for the first time? You're in luck! SENR will be holding **Faculty Advising Forums** again this semester. Attending these forums is the best—and easiest—way to get your questions about curriculum details and course substitutions answered! Stay tuned for exact dates & times to be released.

The annual [Alleviating Poverty Through Entrepreneurship \(APTE\) Summit](#) will be held **Saturday March 22**, at the Wex. This OSU Signature Event is free and the largest of its kind in the Midwest. More information about the APTE Summit and its speakers can be found on the APTE [website](#) where you can also register to attend the Summit.

Spring Career Day will be held next **Tuesday, March 25**, from 10am-3pm in the Ohio Union Archie Griffin Grand Ballroom. Spring Career Day is an annual job and internship fair open to all current Ohio State University students and recent graduates and provides an opportunity for students to network with employers and learn about internship and career opportunities. Click [HERE](#) for more info!

Just as Buildings can be LEED certified, people in the sustainable construction industry can become LEED Professionals. The American Society of Civil Engineers is partnering up with Leading Green to bring **LEED Training** to our school! **LEED Green Associate (GA) Exam Prep: March 29** 2014, 12:00 PM to 5:00PM, in Hitchcock room HI031. Register at <http://leadinggreen.ca/ohio-state-university/> (cost is \$200 for full time students).

Join your peers and colleagues in the environmental and natural resources community for a special **Environmental Professionals Network (EPN) Breakfast event featuring Jack Hanna**, Director Emeritus of the Columbus Zoo, and his wildlife friends. The event will be hosted in the Archie Griffin Grand Ballroom of the Ohio Union on Thursday, April 10th, 2014 from 8:30-10:30am. The event is FREE for OSU graduate and undergraduate students who **register by April 7th** at 5pm. You must register to attend at <http://epn.osu.edu/events/epn-breakfast-students-april-2014>. Sign up now, space is limited!

Research Grants and Opportunities

Do you need help funding your research? Apply for the **2014 Sipp Undergraduate Research Grant!** More information and the application can be found online [HERE](#).

An outstanding undergraduate student in earth/environmental sciences (or related fields, including engineering) is sought to carry out research as part of the **Baltimore Ecosystem Study** in Baltimore, MD this summer. The experience is 9 weeks long (June 2- August 1, 2014). The student will be given a stipend of \$500/week. Check out the [website](#) for more details.

Scholarships

The Asian Pacific Islander Organization (APIO) is now accepting applications for their 2014 scholarship competition! The APIO is a Professional Society of Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement, career goals, personal strengths, leadership abilities, and work

experiences. Find more info and the application at:
<http://www.apio.org/scholarship.htm>. Applications are due by **April 30, 2014**.

The Ohio Academy of Science awards merit-based scholarships, sponsored by the Ohio Environmental Education Fund of the Ohio EPA, to students entering their final year of environmental sciences or environmental engineering programs. Students enrolled in 4 year programs are eligible for \$2,500. The deadline for completed applications for the 2014-2015 school year is **May 1st**. The application & more details are available [here](#).

For a full listing of scholarship opportunities, check out the [Money Matters page](#) of the SENR website!

Job/Volunteer Opportunities

The **Energy Information Administration (EIA)** is looking for summer 2014 interns! Internships at EIA provide an excellent opportunity for college students to gain professional work experience and make key contacts in the energy field and the Federal government. Learn more at <http://www.eia.gov/about/careers/internships.cfm>.

The **USDA Forest Service**, Pacific Southwest is actively seeking student applicants for the Pathways Program. This hiring cycle will recruit Pathways Interns Not-to-Exceed (NTE) for spring/summer 2014. NTE Interns may be hired on a temporary basis for up to one year. Applicants must access the vacancy announcements & apply through USAJobs – <http://usajobs.gov/>

The **Ottawa National Forest** in Michigan (a part of the U.S. Forest Service) is seeking qualified applicants to fill a variety of temporary full-time positions for the 2014 summer season. Positions are available in many programs including: customer service, recreation, watershed, engineering, wilderness, timber, reforestation, silviculture, wildlife, fisheries, plants, and nursery management. Find the applications and more info online at [USA Jobs](#).

The **Environmental Sciences Network** at Ohio State (esn.osu.edu) is looking for a **part-time student employee** (15-20 hrs/wk). Compensation is \$8-10 per hour and candidates must be eligible for federal work-study employment. The student would provide support for ESN communications efforts by: updating the website, researching and writing news stories, assisting with preparation of newsletters and reports including basic graphic design, coordinate communications logistics, request photos, etc. To apply, please contact Maureen Langlois, Program Manager, at langlois.8@osu.edu or (614) 292-5383.

The **Ohio Wildlife Center** (OWC) is looking for summer interns and seasonal employees! OWC is a leader in wildlife rehabilitation. OWC's Conservation Education internships are designed to foster and encourage individual growth as well as teach participants curriculum and program development, wildlife natural history, animal husbandry, land stewardship, and non-profit administration skills. Interested students can learn more by visiting:

<http://www.ohiowildlifecenter.org/dnn/GetInvolved/Internships> and/or
<http://www.ohiowildlifecenter.org/dnn/GetInvolved/Employment.aspx>.