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Hidden Parking Gems

• Did you know you can park in employee lots after 4:30 p.m. without a permit? No parking 1-6 a.m. LOT F & B1 24 hour reinforcement

• Are you a commuter? Are you tired of walking really far to get to class? Get a commuter parking pass!

• If you have a visitor to campus, they can buy a parking pass for $2 per day Monday through Friday and get one for Saturdays and Sundays!

Reminders

Meal plan conversions 9/9-9/27
Graduation application deadline for students graduating in fall 2013 9/20
Last day to drop a class without a “W” on transcript 9/24
Update emergency contact info in eSIS ASAP

Upcoming Events:  
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Top Reasons to Visit Career Services

It’s never too early to start planning your Career.
No matter if you’re a first year unsure about your major, or a graduating senior searching for your dream job, we are here to help you. Come in now to get on track and to develop an action plan for success.

Friendly and resourceful staff to help you plan and explore.
Determining your major, figuring out what you want to do with your major, along with job and internship searching can be overwhelming. Don’t fret, we have a helpful staff to guide you through each of the processes, by taking it one step at a time.

Jobs and internships posted on Hire-a-Falcon.
Employers want to hire UW-River Falls students just like you, and this database houses a wide variety of job and internship postings. Log into your Hire-a-Falcon account and begin exploring this helpful tool.

You are not alone.
Career planning and job hunting can be confusing. At Career Services you will learn tips & strategies, including steps for how to make informed career choices, how to find jobs and internships in your field of interest, and information to prepare you for graduate school applications. And we offer something for everyone - from helpful web resources, to a plethora of career related events, to one-on-one personalized career counseling sessions.

So come to Career Services, it is never too early to start planning for a successful future! Our office is located on the second floor of Hagestad Hall; stop by or call the office at 715-425-3572 to schedule your appointment today!
Papers, Papers, Papers!

It’s about that time... the deadline is approaching and you have yet to open a blank document and type your name on it. The dreaded first paper of the semester is due soon and it is breathing down your neck, right? Don’t worry, we have five great tips to get you moving and help you succeed!

1. Start Early. No one likes to cram a paper into one night. Usually professors will give you at least a week’s notice in regards to due dates for papers, so take advantage of this. If you do a little bit of your paper each night, it will not seem like so much work. Starting early also gives you time to revise and edit it.

2. Outline before writing. If you set out the structure of your paper before you start researching, it will help you write the introduction and conclusion and you’ll have a better idea of the direction of your paper. It will also help you discover where your basic knowledge of the topic is the weakest. This is where you will need to concentrate your research.

3. Cite your sources. Provide a citation for material in your paper that isn’t your own, such as a quick page reference; a few facts quoted directly from your source; or an occasional longer passage, table, or chart that you think is important enough to include in the body of your writing. Keep track of the sources as you find the information so it will be easier to compile your list when you are done researching. Ask your professor which citation style he/she prefers and use it. Remember, do not plagiarize! It’s illegal!

4. Visit the Writing Center. The Writing Center, located in 225 Kleinpell Fine Arts, is a great place that helps students improve their writing skills for FREE! After you go to the Writing Center, your tutor will send a note to your professor, letting them know you were there. What professor doesn’t want to hear his/her students are putting in extra effort? Not able to visit the Writing Center? Try the Online Writing Lab.

5. Ask for help if you need it! Professors want you to be as prepared and successful as possible. Don’t be afraid to raise your hand and ask for clarification in class or stop by your professor’s office during office hours to get your questions answered. There is nothing your professor can do to help after you have handed the paper in.

Good Luck!

Following these steps will not only increase your chances for success but they will decrease your chances of being stressed.
5 Signs You Should Change Your Major

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**You’re Bored to Tears in Your Major Courses**
Suppose you’re majoring in chemistry, and every time you go to one of your chemistry classes, you fight to stay alert. Maybe you even dread going to the classes in the first place. Sound familiar? Then give yourself one point.

**You’re Doing Poorly in Your Major Courses**
Try as you might, you just can’t seem to get a handle on the academic work within your major. You spend hours and hours studying and preparing for exams, but you’re still not getting the results you want. More and more, you’re feeling like you’re beating your head against the wall. Sound like you? Give yourself one point.

**You Chose Your Current Major Without Much Thought**
As you look back on how you picked your major, you slowly begin to realize you went with it based solely on its earning potential, because a friend or parent told you to, or because you just sort of drifted into it. Give yourself one point if your major selection process was less than sound.

**You Keep Reading/Asking About Other Majors**
Do you constantly search the UWRF website in search of another major? Have you been talking to professors and other students about their academic programs? Do you keep thinking about scheduling an appointment with Career Services to get additional information? If so, give yourself one point.

**You Just Can’t Let the Idea Go**
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How did you do? If you gave yourself three points or more, it’s time to take the plunge and change your major. If you gave yourself two points, think through the idea, and speak with your academic advisor or a campus career counselor. If you gave yourself one point or no points, you’re probably best off sitting tight — at least for now.

Even though the major you choose doesn’t necessarily predict the future career you’ll pursue, it’s important to pick a major that engages you and prepares you well for the rapidly changing world of work. So take some time to critically evaluate your reasons (or lack thereof) for choosing the major you’ve selected. If they don’t add up, don’t be afraid to make a change.

Be sure to visit the Major and Minor Fair for help choosing a major and/or minor on Monday, September 23 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Riverview Ballroom. This is the one time all the campus academic departments are accessible within the same room. It is a great way to get answers to your specific questions, meet with students and faculty within each major, and learn more detailed information about all the available majors at UWRF. Also, check out where your major might lead you at the Career Fair on Wednesday, October 16 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. in the Riverview Ballroom, UC.
Alright, so by now we have a good feeling your social network account is set-up, you’ve gone through your pictures and selected that perfect profile picture, and you’ve updated your profile so that anyone who views it can get a real sense of who you are.

If you haven’t set-up an account, we can almost guarantee that you will join or at the least feel pressure to join from your peers in the very near future. While online social communities can be a lot of fun, it is extremely important for users to be conscious of the choices they are making regarding how they choose to publicly represent themselves.

Some items to be conscious of while utilizing any social community are:

• **Postings**: Remember the “golden rule”; don’t say anything about someone else that you wouldn’t want said about yourself.
• **Pictures**: Do you really want a picture posted of you that doesn’t represent you positively?
• **Passwords**: Keep your password private and change it regularly.
• **Personal information**: Be mindful of personal information posted. Access to cell phone numbers, class schedules, and home addresses should be restricted via the privacy settings.
• **Groups and events**: Be sure to read the purpose of the groups that you join and events you agree to attend (or ‘maybe’ attend). “[Insert your name here] is attending HUGE PARTY!!!” just might be the next top story in your friends’, family members’, or co-workers’ newsfeed.
• **Making “friends”**: Ever look at someone’s Facebook and instantly decide you don’t like them? Yeah… don’t do that. Give your classmates, roommates, or wing mates the benefit of the doubt and meet them in person before judging them on Facebook. Also, don’t just “Facebook” anyone you’ve seen on campus and if you do, at least send them a message to initiate a friendship.

For more information on socializing safely on online communities, check out more social networking tips from the Division of Technology Services (DoTS).