Dear Pre-Major Advisor,

We wanted to share the most current information and updates we have on a number of topics:

- **PMA Zoom Meeting:** We will be holding another general PMA Zoom meeting on Wednesday, August 5th from 3-4 PM EDT and as usual we will stay around after 4 for any additional questions or concerns. Here is the link: [Zoom Meeting](https://sasupenn.zoom.us/j/99916629934)

- **Registration open/Class of 2024 fall course schedules available TODAY:** Fall course schedules will be available in Penn In Touch for Class of 2024 and the registration system will be open for ALL students today, July 28th. Students can then add and drop courses in real time until September 15th when Course Selection ends.
  - Class of 2024: If you are advising for the Class of 2024, now would be a good time to go over your class roster, advise them that their schedules will be visible soon, and offer to discuss any adjustments to their schedules if needed. Students can now register for courses in real time. If they did not get a course they wanted and it is open, they should register for it now. If they did not get a course they wanted and it is closed, they should register for an alternative and use Penn Course Alert to notify them if their first choice opens up.
  - Notes: Please leave a note in Advisor In Touch after each conversation you have with your advisees. Let your College Contact know if you have any concerns regarding either individual students or the summer advising process.

- **The structure of fall courses:** Instructors and faculty have spent the past few months determining what the structure of their fall courses will be. We asked instructors to upload a prospectus or syllabus for their courses as of Penn In Touch by July 24th detailing how the courses will be held and what materials are required. To date instructors have met that challenge and 1,000 have been uploaded into PIT. We expect more will come in over time.
  - You can advise your students to check the course description in Penn In Touch, look at the "course syllabus" link in the description and "click to view" to see if it has either a prospectus or a full syllabus (see any RELS course as an example). If it does not or they have further questions, they can reach out to the instructor directly.

- **Reserve time for your advisees on August 31st (NSO):** Please arrange a meeting with your advisees on August 31st (NSO) for the day of New Student Orientation (NSO). This will be the culmination of a series of NSO events that the College Class of 2024 will be attending both synchronously and asynchronously from August 24th to August 31st and an opportunity to build community in a virtual world.
  - Your session will be the culmination of a series of NSO events that the College Class of 2024 will be attending both synchronously and asynchronously from August 24th to August 31st and an opportunity to build community in a virtual world. The College sessions will include a live webinar with Dean Paul Sniegowski and a panel of students on the 24th and 25th virtual visits to departmental and program sessions from the 25th to the 30th to find out more about fields of study, course offerings and majors. Advises will be asked to reflect on these sessions before meeting with you on Monday to debrief what they learned and discuss any questions or concerns they have going forward.
  - We will be in touch with more information as NSO draws closer including information about online placement exams.

- **Supporting International Advises:** ISSS is working on guidance for international first-year students given the recent ICE policy from 7.24.
  - Leave Notes: As a pre-major advisor, you should have a sense of each student's planned location for studying this fall (whether in Philadelphia or elsewhere). Please leave a note in Advisor In Touch with this information.

- **Current information:** You and your advisees can find current information on the College’s Spring-Fall 2020 resource page. We collected all the pertinent academic information there as well as links to the University’s FAQs for other support resources including Housing, Financial Aid, Informational Students, learning support and health and wellness.

Thank you again for all that you do and please reach out to your College Contact with any questions.

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