

NEW TERM AND EARLIER REGISTRATION

Change is in the air at Alvin Community College. This fall a new 12-week second start term was introduced and a number of students were able to enroll in 12-week classes without having to delay their enrollment until the second 8-week mini.

In addition to the new term, students should be noting the earlier registration dates for all terms. Students registering for the 2nd 8-week mini can register now through October 8. Spring registration will open on October 23, 2015.

Prior to registering for classes, students should log into their **click** WebAccess accounts and on the **'Program Evaluation'** link to make sure that they are registering for the correct courses on their degree plan.

Advisors are available to assist students with program information and course information.

REGISTER EARLY

for the
best selection of courses.

Welcome Students



Fall Mini 2 (8 weeks)

Registration now thru Oct. 8
Late Registration Oct. 9 - 15 (\$50 late fee)
Classes begin Oct. 15

Fall Mini 3 (4 week online courses)

Registration Oct. 29 - Dec. 10
Late Registration Dec. 11 - 14 (\$50 late fee)
Classes begin Dec. 14

University Day -

November 17, 2015 11am - 1pm

Outside of Bldg. E

(look for directional signs)

Drawing for \$100 Gift Card

for the ACC Bookstore

10 Tips for Managing College

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1. **Be open-minded.**

Don't rush to criticize. Just because your friend doesn't like a professor doesn't mean you won't. Make your own opinions based on experience.

2. **Understand expectations.**

Familiarize yourself with the attendance policy. Recognize course-load expectations.

3. **Get to know your instructors.**

Introduce yourself and learn your instructors' names. Visit them during office hours. Ask questions in class and clarify information when needed. Communicate regularly.

4. **Be prepared.**

Read your textbook and do your homework. Pay attention and stay focused in class. Leave all distractions at the door.

5. **Don't procrastinate.**

Manage your time well. Create a schedule that works for you and stick to it. Review course material immediately; reflect and repeat.

6. **Utilize effective study strategies.**

Take notes. Don't count on your memory to remember details. Use effective note-taking techniques such as outlining, bullet points, headings, and highlighting. Form a study group, and share notes.

7. **Get organized.**

Determine your priorities. Use a planner and create to-do lists.

8. **Use your resources.**

Get help when you need it. Visit the Learning Lab for free tutoring and study skills.

Advising Services is available to assist with academic advising, career and personal counseling, and anything else you may need.

9. **Get involved.**

Join a student organization. Participate in campus events and activities. Don't be afraid to meet new people. Put yourself out there!

10. **Take a break.**

Go for a run; hit the gym. Getting active will help you focus in class and when studying.

Making New Friends

Being involved in activities is one of the most important experiences a student can have while at college. However, there are a lot of things about starting college that might make a student a little uneasy, such as making new friends.

It's easy to feel left out when you start at a new school, especially if you aren't from the local area or you are a little "more experienced" than the rest of the students. The important thing to remember is that everyone here has the same goal, to be educated and

to do well in college. Challenge yourself to muster up a little extra courage and introduce yourself to fellow students in your classes or ask to join a study group. Better yet, start a study group!

Another option is to get to know the Student Activities office personnel. They are very friendly and you might meet someone there who turns out to be your new friend.

Make sure you mark your calendar and attend all of the Student Activities events because there's always students around, not to mention food!

FRIENDSHIP



Transferring to a University

Did you know that ACC advisors can not only provide you with information about ACC programs but they can also provide assistance in transferring to a university?

Students who know what their major will be at the university can benefit from advising so that the best major can be selected at ACC, as well as the best choice of core classes. For example, a student majoring in General Studies at ACC who wishes to transfer to Texas A&M and major in Psychology may not know that Texas A&M has unique math requirements unlike most other Texas universities. They also have an International and Cultural Diversity requirement that can be met with core courses at ACC. Knowing this information prevents students from taking extra courses which saves time and money. This is just one example of a university's unique transfer requirements that our advisors can discuss with you.

Please check out the transfer student page on our website by clicking on the link below:

www.alvincollege.edu/College-Transfer-Students

You will find an extensive list of Texas colleges and universities with links to their websites.

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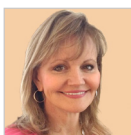


Advising Service is proud to announce the creation of our own Twitter account. Now you can follow Advising Services @ACCAdvising!

Be on the lookout for important announcements and deadlines throughout the semester. Advisors will use this account to inform students about upcoming events for students, including international students and veterans.

So, make sure you follow us @ACCAdvising.

#FinsUp #ACCAdvising



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