

Week 6

Upcoming events

- [Vet Med Open House](#), Sunday Oct 1, 10-4
- Campus Mental Health Fair, Monday October 16th, 12-2, Illini Union I-Rooms
- [Flu Shot Clinics](#) (various locations, also at McKinley)
- [Homecoming](#) Oct 15-21
- [Japan House Open House](#) Saturday Oct 14, 11-4-ish
 - Tickets required

City Scholars
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City Scholars

Spring 2024 Informational Webinar

Engineering City Scholars program basics

- Open to students with at least Junior credit standing majoring in:
 - Computer Science
 - CS + X
 - Computer Engineering
 - Electrical Engineering
- 3.2 GPA recommended
- Work 20 hours each week in a paid internship (\$25-45/hr)
- Participants must remain full-time students (unless graduating in May 2024 and approved for an underload)
- TE 440 (3 credits, required for all City Scholars)



International student eligibility

- Most companies are willing to hire international students for a City Scholars internship. Once you are accepted as a candidate, the list of companies willing to hire international students will be made available.
- In order to be eligible to work, you must obtain CPT. One key stipulation for obtaining CPT is that you must have been a full-time student at UIUC during the 2 semesters previous to your participation.
- You will also need a social security number. Guidance on that process will be provided once you are admitted as a candidate.

What classes can I take?

- A [list of classes](#) that are often offered for City Scholars is available on our website.
- If classes are offered online, City Scholars may enroll in any course they wish to take, as long as the course does not have a time conflict with their work schedule and any required City Scholars activities.

What companies are participating?

- Each semester's participating companies is different
- Our current list of committed companies for Spring 2024 is:
 - 4170 Trading
 - bp
 - CAT Digital
 - CCC Intelligent Solutions
 - Chicago Cubs
 - DRW
 - Fitch Group
 - HERE Technologies
 - JPMorgan Chase & Co
 - OceanComm
 - tastytrade

How will I meet and network with companies?

- Partner companies will receive all candidate resumes.
- A candidate meeting is held each semester to explain the interview process.
- Networking events will be hosted on campus and virtually
 - For Spring programs: interview in October
 - For Fall programs: interview in March and April

What is the matching process like?

- After interviews are completed, candidates and employers are asked to rank each other.
- A matching algorithm produces matches according to mutual rankings.
- Students may decide to withdraw at any point during the interview process, up until submitting rankings.
- To better understand the matching process, [watch this video](#) that describes a similar process.

When do I make my final commitment to participate?

- You do not need to make a final decision until the deadline for submitting your rankings. At that point, you agree to work for any of the companies you rank.

When will I know if I get an internship and am participating in the Spring 2023 cohort?

- November 15, 2023

Where should I live?

- If you are from the Chicagoland area and/or have family in the area, we recommend you live with them. If that is not an option, as always, UIC Housing has spaces set aside for City Scholars. This option is especially desirable considering their flexibility.
- Some companies provide corporate housing as a benefit.
- More information is available on our website.



Additional questions?

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How does the chancellor
Differ from
The university president?

Midterm grades
And
Drop Date

Freshman midterm grades

- Grades “roll” starting 2pm on Tuesday Oct 10th
 - That’s the deadline for instructors
 - Grades appear gradually later in the day
- These are **estimates** of your current grade
 - Not super accurate
 - Your mileage may vary
 - Not part of your transcript
- Visible to your advisor(s)
- Instructors are all supposed to submit them
 - But sometimes they don’t

Freshman midterm grades: this course

- Full grading formula at the end of the term
 - Drop 4 lecture attendances
 - Drop 2 homeworks
- Midterm grades
 - About halfway through the term right now
 - Drop 2 lecture attendances
 - Drop 1 homework

May I Be Excused?



My Brain Is Full

Grades not quite what you had hoped?

- **You aren't the only one**
- **Some particular course going badly?**
 - B+ is a perfectly fine grade
 - Lower grades can be ok, if it's not a key major course
- **Overloaded?**
 - Which course(s) are important for major?
 - Which courses are going best, worst?
- **Can you address the reasons for a low grade?**
 - Be realistic!

TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR

Dropping a course

- Drop date is Friday Oct 13th (how appropriate!)
- If you drop a course by drop date
 - It's as if you never registered for the course
 - Can drop the course via self-service
 - Exception: if you have a registration hold
- After drop date
 - Requires a petition to your college
 - End up with a W on your transcript
 - This is not the end of the world

Do you still have enough credit hours?

- Need to average 15-16 hours to finish on time
 - Depending on your major and AP credit
- Need to have at least 12 credit hours each term
 - Light load requires special permission (e.g. for medical reason)
 - Your scholarship may require it (check with OSFA)
 - International students typically need it (check with ISSS)
 - Check your college's web page and/or your advisor
- Half-term (8-week) courses
 - Classes start on Oct 16
 - Deadline to add: Oct 20

Do today's moodle Attendance activity

