

# *KNIGHTLY NEWS*

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## **REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2, 2009 TERM (October 12 – December 12, 2009)**

Pre-Registration for Active Duty Military **only** is scheduled for Monday, September 7 – Friday, September 11, 2009. Registration for all students will begin for Fall 2, 2009 on Monday, September 14, 2009. We have enclosed registration information for the Fall 2, 2009 term. **Be sure to use the Year-At-A-Glance Schedule, dated January 5, 2009 for the most recent class offerings.** All syllabi, book information, faculty, and classroom locations are published on our Luke web site at [www.webster.edu/lukeafb](http://www.webster.edu/lukeafb). The syllabi and book list will be posted by the first day of registration.

Once the registration form has been received, reviewed, and signed by the Academic Advisor, your classes will then be entered in our database. This will automatically generate a statement from our home campus that will be sent directly to each student. Students can return the statement with a check or credit card number for payment directly to Webster University-St. Louis. We encourage students to make payments online via Connections. We are unable to accept payments in the office. This registration form can also be used as verification of enrollment to the Education Office for students who use Tuition Assistance.

We certify VA payments online; students only need to verify their enrollment at the end of the month. TA forms must be approved and turned in prior to the first day of classes. If we have not received your TA form by the first day of classes, you may need special permission from the

Education Office to use TA. All TA forms are processed the third week of classes. Early submission of TA forms allows earlier posting of payments to student accounts. It is now mandatory that you do your TA forms online through the Air Force Portal. If you are a first time user, you can get an instruction sheet from the Education Office or from Webster on how to do your TA forms. If you have any questions, contact Sharon at 623-536-6880, [sofferdahl97@webster.edu](mailto:sofferdahl97@webster.edu).

## **REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

We can accept registrations via email, fax, U.S. mail, or in person. You have two different options in completing your registration form. To access the form go to the Luke website at [www.webster.edu/lukeafb](http://www.webster.edu/lukeafb) and click on Student Resources and then choose Student Registration Form. You can print the form in a Word document, fill it out, and send or fax it. You can either email it to [sofferdahl97@webster.edu](mailto:sofferdahl97@webster.edu) or fax it to 623-536-6882. This registration procedure will make sure that students are enrolling in the right classes for their program as well as helping to identify those who are graduating. **Please note the registration form has a front and back side that must be signed.**

**Note: All registrations for Luke AFB must come through the Webster Luke office. If you register directly online through the Webster main campus website, we will not know you are registering and will not be able to add you to our class rosters and we will not meet our State licensing procedures.**

## **C - F ALERT**

Professors submit names of students who are in a "C" or "F" classification at midterm to Dr. Knight. This allows the student the opportunity to understand their grade and how to improve it.

## **"SINGLE SIGN ON" TO THE CONNECTIONS PORTAL**

Student Services is now integrated into the Connections portal. After logging on to Connections (<http://connections.webster.edu>) with your Connections username and password, you can access your grades, degree audit, and account. We have passed out information on the changes in this procedure in classes and we do have printed information in the Webster office for your convenience, as well as in your registration packet. In the event you have problems setting up Connections, the Help Desk can assist you. The Help Desk number is 1-866-435-7270.

## **GRADUATE LEVEL ASSIGNMENTS AT WEBSTER REQUIRE APA STYLE**

Students can update their skills in using American Psychological Association (APA) by going to the following user-friendly website: <http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/>

## **SEQUENTIAL MASTER'S DEGREE**

Considering the fact that many of you will soon have a Master's degree, you now qualify to apply for a second (sequential) degree. You can choose from any of the four degree programs that we offer at Luke AFB. A sequential degree only requires the completion of the core classes in a degree program. In the case of a sequential MBA, two of the core classes (6 hours) can be substituted if those core classes were taken in your first Master's degree program. This reduces the total number of hours to 21 (7 classes) for a sequential MBA. The other M.A. programs require completion of all core classes ranging from 21-27 hours, depending upon which program you choose. For those of you who might still have entitlement left on your Montgomery G.I. Bill or are eligible for the new Post 9-11 Chapter 33 Bill, the VA will cover the cost of a second degree. Many of our Luke AFB alumni have opted to use their G.I. Bill for this purpose.

## **PROCEDURES FOR CIVILIAN PASSES**

The pass procedures will apply to anyone requiring access for more than one day—including all faculty, staff and students who do not have military or DOD access.

Basic procedural guidelines:

1. Student or faculty member receives a "Long Term Pass Application" from Webster. This form must be completed and will be used for a background check by Security.
2. Student or faculty member completes paperwork and attaches copies of two forms of ID. Acceptable IDs are listed on the application form.
3. Student delivers paperwork to Webster.
4. Webster will be notified when background investigations are completed and students can get passes made at the South Gate Visitor's Center.
  - Note that passes will only be made on weekdays between 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.
  - The background investigation is good for **one** year. **(This is a change from the two year period previously designated.)**
5. Students and Faculty will have to obtain a new pass/ID for each term. This should be done during the last weeks of the current term since students and faculty already have a pass to get on the base

The South Gate Visitor Reception Center is located just south of Glendale on Litchfield Road. Hours are Monday through Friday between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm.

## **FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS**

Maria Dominguez, instructor in the Business and Organizational Security Management program, recently received a promotion from the Bank of America. She is now the Security Regional Manager for Latin America. Congratulations, Maria!

Daniel Hughes, instructor in the Business and Organizational Security Management program and Chief of Police of Surprise, AZ, was named Chief of the Year for Crime Free International. Congratulations, Dan!

## **ALUMNI NEWS**

Al Gonzalez, a 4.0 graduate of the Master of Public Administration, is the Chief of Staff of the Arizona National Guard.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our alumni for completing all requirements in their degree program effective August 2009:

Cabrera, Steven  
 Cheatham, Deithre  
 Fiori, Tammy  
 Gresham, Rashad

Holstein, Scott  
 Lewis, Darcy \*  
 Serrill, Ryan \*

\* Denotes graduates with honors

**If you have news to share about a Webster alumni, please email it to [sofferdah197@webster.edu](mailto:sofferdah197@webster.edu). We would like to publish updates and accomplishments of our former students.**

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Drop/Add Period** – Remember that the first week of each semester is our official add period for students to enroll in a class. The first two weeks of each semester is our official drop period for students to drop a class without a payment penalty. We expect students to communicate to the Webster office if they have dropped a class. We also expect students to communicate with their instructor if they will be missing any class periods. Once the two-week drop/add period has expired, we are no longer able to allow a student to attend the class; payment penalties will be assessed beginning with the third week of class. Please refer to Page 187 of your 2009-2010 Webster Graduate Studies catalog under Refunds, as well as the back of your registration form, to see the tuition refund rates.

**Class Cancellations** – In the event you report for class and your instructor does not report to class within 30 minutes of your class start time, and the instructor has not made prior arrangements with you, your class is automatically dismissed. This situation would only happen in the event of an extreme emergency where the instructor was not able to reach anyone to advise of the class cancellation.

**Monthly Statements from Main Campus** - Each month you will receive a statement from our main campus via your Webster email address showing the fees for the courses in which you are registered. Even if you are on a deferred payment status using Tuition Assistance, Employer Reimbursement, Montgomery G.I. Bill, etc., you will still receive an invoice for your classes. It takes several weeks for TA to be processed. When you receive your invoice, be sure to pay the \$186 fee per course (difference between cost of course and what TA covers) so that your account is current. If the fees are not paid by the end of the third week after the term ends, a HOLD will be placed on your account and we will not be able to register you for the following term. This is the same procedure for Employer Reimbursement and Montgomery G.I. Bill. Be sure to make arrangements to pay your account in full by the end of the third week after the term ends.

**Student ID Cards** - Webster student ID cards will be made available to you. This ID card can be used to purchase many items at reduced prices (i.e., Dell computer equipment {online only}, software programs, movie tickets, and many other items where a student discount is offered). Students have advised us that many car dealerships are offering as much as a \$500 discount on the purchase of a car if you are a current student and enrolled in class. If you do not have an ID card, stop by the office and we can make arrangements for your picture.

**Student Financial Accounts** – Please keep in mind that as an extended campus, we do not maintain student financial accounts. Any questions regarding your invoice, payments, tuition payments, etc. should be directed to our main campus in St. Louis. You can contact the main campus through their toll-free number at 800-981-9801 and ask to be directed to the appropriate department. We are unable to answer your questions here, as we do not have access to your financial records.

**Financial Aid Students** – Those students who have a student loan with Webster and who need information regarding their student loan should contact their Financial Aid Counselor at our main campus. We do not manage student loans at extended campuses thus we do not have any

information regarding your student loan. The Financial Aid office 800 number is 800-983-4623. The financial aid counselors are listed below according to the first letter of your last name:

A – E	Dee Berkey	314-246-7639	<a href="mailto:berkeyde@webster.edu">berkeyde@webster.edu</a>
F – L	Jay Cooley	314-968-6977	<a href="mailto:cooleyjt@webster.edu">cooleyjt@webster.edu</a>
M – Q	Cathi Nolde	314-968-6985	<a href="mailto:noldecc@webster.edu">noldecc@webster.edu</a>
R – Z	Sheryl Rowden	314-968-6917	<a href="mailto:soutiesr@webster.edu">soutiesr@webster.edu</a>

**Study Groups** – Students are encouraged to form study groups in order to maximize the subject matter learned in each course. Contact the office to set up a meeting room.

**Library Resources** – We have received numerous compliments from many students about the Webster library resources. Students have advised that our Eden-Webster Library online has just about anything you would need for research in your class. Be sure to check it out at our home page and just click library resources. That takes you directly to our Eden-Webster Library with several different categories to choose from. Once you select an item, the system may ask you for a password. This password is your student ID number. Once you type in your ID number, the system will give you access to the information. If your ID has not yet been activated, you may use a temporary password for the first three weeks of the term. The 2009-2010 Library password ID is: eml77.

**MBS Books** – Keep in mind that the textbook list for the current term is on our website on the first day of registration. Students have advised that in most cases MBS prices are more economical than some of the other resources available. In addition, since we order our textbooks through MBS, we know that they have the supply available to meet the demands of our classes. There should not be a long wait for a textbook. Students have reported that it may take up to two to three weeks to receive their books from some of the other resources on the Internet. Be leery of ordering used books from Amazon.com; they are generally coming from a third party and you have no control over the method of shipment. It has been reported that the books take about 2-3 weeks to arrive and some are missing chapters and/or a CD that is

necessary for the class. Students have had to drop their classes due to this situation. You cannot attend graduate school without your books and materials or expect your instructor to loan you their book for the class. This is just an FYI to be aware.

**Used Books** – We will gladly hold your books for students to purchase when registering for a class. Be sure to check the edition of your book with the current book list for the current term. We will not accept any old editions. Put your name, number, price, and form of payment (cash, check, or money order only) on the book and bring it to the Webster office. We will contact you if we are able to sell your book. The key to an early sale is to get your books to us before we begin registration! **Note: We are not responsible for the books left in the Webster office for resale.** Please pick up any unsold books after the second week of the term.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** The office will be closed for the following holidays in Fall 2, 2009 and classes will not be held:

Week 5 – Wednesday, November 11, 2009 – Veterans Day

Week 7 – Thursday, November 26, 2009 – Thanksgiving Day

Week 7 – Friday, November 27, 2009 – Thanksgiving Friday (Webster Office will be closed).

**On behalf of Webster University – Luke Air Force Base, Dr. Knight, Mike, Helen, Sharon, Billy, and Ken wish you all the best of luck next term!**