## UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Make sure to read through this entire newsletter for other important dates and deadlines.

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All of the pictures featured in this edition of The Current were taken on the University of Louisville's Belknap Campus just days before the academic semester began.

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## WELCOME

Honors students! I just wanted to put in a short note welcoming you to the University of Louisville's Honors Program, and to introduce myself as this year's editor of *The Current*.

My name is Ryan Moran, an Honors student and senior in the College of Business. Last year I had an amazing time with Honors Student Council, and this year I'm leading the Engage Lead Serve Board as Executive Director (if you have any questions about either of those RSOs, just let me know!).

I'm looking forward to working with the Honors Program to compile and publish *The Current*—a newsletter dedicated to academic, social, and volunteer Honors opportunities. The Honors Program has events all year long, so we release a new edition of *The Current* every other week.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, feel free to email the Honors service account at honors@louisville.edu, or me directly at rmmora01@louisville.edu.

In the meantime, I hope you have a great first week of classes, and GO CARDS!

Ryan

## STAFFING CHANGES

The Honors Program is proud to announce that **Josh Fletcher**, Honors Academic Advisor, has recently accepted his dream job as the Senior Coordinator for the University of Georgia's LGBT Resource Center! In his new role, he will be responsible for the daily operations of the LGBT Resource Center including the coordination, development, and implementation of a variety of programs and services that promote intercultural understanding through the lens of sexual orientation and gender identity. He will also be advising several student organizations and helping to create a more safe and inclusive environment for all



faculty, staff, and students at the University of Georgia. Josh's last day at UofL will be September 12. Upon leaving, he can be reached via email at joshualee.fletcher@gmail.com. He is thankful for the wonderful opportunity to work with the amazing students and staff/faculty in the Honors Program. He is both excited for the new opportunity and sad to leave the Honors Program, UofL, and the great city of Louisville.

Honors would also like to welcome our new graduate intern, **Lia Garofolo**! Lia is an Honors Scholars graduate with degrees in French and Humanities. She is currently working on her Master's degree in College Student Personnel. Lia will be co-teaching two sessions of HON 101, helping us out with academic advising, and assisting with student programming. Her office will be Etscorn Honors Center, room 130. If you see her, please say hello! We're excited to welcome her back to the Honors Program this fall.

### WELCOME PROGRAM-IN-REVIEW MODES OF INQUIRY

As many returning Honors students remember, Modes of Inquiry is a powerful two-day experience that provides an early opportunity for incoming first-year students to familiarize themselves with Louisville's campus, meet future classmates, and work individually with a faculty member who will serve as advisor and mentor during the semester.

Below are some of the pictures from the two-day event. More pictures can be viewed on the official University of Louisville Honors Program Facebook page, www.facebook.com/LouisvilleHonors.



Dr. Joy Hart (Communication), Dr. Joseph Steffen (Biology), Dr. Jennifer Gregg (Communication), and Dr. Karen Hadley (English) welcomed HON 101 students with an invigorating panel discussion, used to serve as the starting point for the next five weeks of classes.



Dr. Edna Ross and Josie Degler welcomed students to the first class session of section 08.



Dr. Karen Hadley began conversation in her classroom by building on what students had heard in the welcome session.



Luke "LeRoy" Buckman speaking with HON 101 before a delicious tex-mex dinner.



Even after a long first day, Kirsten Armstrong and Josh Fletcher were still having a great time!



## HONORS NEWS Honors advising signups

Attention Honors students: important advising information follows!

The Honors Advising Team in the Etscorn Honors Center hopes that Fall 2013 classes are off to a terrific start! The following is very important appointment scheduling procedural information, so please pay careful attention to the following set of instructions, as some things have changed with the advising appointment system since last semester.

#### Do I need an appointment with an Honors Advisor?

- Only the following students *must* make appointments with an Honors advisor:
- All HON 101 students.
- All incoming Fall 2013 Honors freshmen enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences with fewer than 24 hours earned (not including Fall 2013 classes).
- Any current Honors student or Honors Scholar who wishes to take an Honors class or Scholars Seminar in Spring 2014.

#### The following students are *not required* to see an Honors advisor:

- Students not currently on Good Standing (or Probation) within Honors or Honors Scholars.
- Honors students (excluding HON 101 students and incoming Fall 2013 A&S freshmen) who do not wish to take an Honors class or Scholars Seminar in Spring 2014.
- Honors students and Honors Scholars planning to graduate by December 2013.

#### **Advising Appointment Dates**

The Honors Priority Advising Period is rapidly approaching. **Appointment sign-ups will begin the week of** *September 2* (the second week of classes!).

- Honors Scholars sign-ups will begin at 7:45 AM on Thursday, September 5.
- All other Honors students will begin sign-ups on Friday, September 6 at 7:45 AM.

Appointments will begin Monday, September 9 and continue until Wednesday, October 30. Priority registration begins Friday, November 1 at 8:00 AM. Appointment sign-ups will be handled online via the GradesFirst system. **Instructions, including screen captures, for how to sign up using GradesFirst are included at the end of this issue of** *The Current*. An email describing the procedure for this semester will be sent through our Blackboard Organization shell as well, so please keep an eye on your Louisville email account for more detailed information.

## HONORS SCHOLARS

All Honors Scholars are encouraged to RSVP for the Honors Scholars Dessert Reception no later than *11:45 PM on August 29!* The Reception provides students the opportunity to hear Honors faculty describe the seminars to be offered next spring (2014), as well as enjoy desserts and fellowship with the Scholars community.

The Reception is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Email invitations have been sent to all Scholars. If you did not receive an invitation and think you're a member of the Honors Scholars Program, please contact Josh Fletcher (joshua.fletcher@louisville.edu). For those Scholars who are unable to attend or for students interested in taking a seminar in the spring, the seminar list will be posted on the Honors website on the evening of September 4.

### HONORSINEWS SENIOR HONORS THESES

Are you an A&S major and hoping to graduate with Highest Honors (*summa cum laude*)? Are you interested in or already pursuing undergraduate research in your field of interest? If so, and if you meet some minimum GPA and credit hours qualifications, you may be a good candidate to write a Senior Honors Thesis.

It's never too early to start brainstorming about a topic or start talking to your faculty mentors about your research interests! You can view more information about the Senior Honors Thesis process at http://louisville.edu/honors/Enrichmentopportunities/senior-honors-theses.

We will also be holding an information session from 5:00 to 6:00 PM in SRB 139 on September 5 for qualifying A&S majors who wish to know more about the Senior Honors Thesis Process. Please watch your email for an invitation to this event.

## KENTUCKY HONORS Roundtable

Call for Proposals!

All Honors students are invited to consider submitting a proposal for the upcoming Kentucky Honors Roundtable (KHR) conference. This state-level conference, hosted by Northern Kentucky University, will be held Friday and Saturday, October 4-5. If you have something you'd like to present at this conference, now is the time to begin considering your proposal.



Conference presentations can focus on a variety of topics, including: research you've conducted at the undergraduate level, papers you may have written or presentations you've developed for an Honors or non-Honors class, or your role in an Honors organization. Note that presentation topics are not limited to these areas.

If you have another idea outside the scope of that outlined here, please be sure to contact our conference coordinator, Luke Buckman (luke.buckman@louisville.edu). Additionally, contact Luke if you are interested in finding out what sort of papers UofL Honors students have presented in previous years.

If you submit a conference proposal and it is accepted, you will be required to attend conference activities beginning at 5:00 PM on Friday, October 4 with a dinner and running through the afternoon of Saturday, October 5. If you would like to submit a proposal for this fall's KHR at NKU, please email the following information to Luke:

- Names of Presenters
- Title of Proposal
- Type of Proposal:
  - Podium Presentation (15 minutes)
  - Panel Presentation, must include at least two presenters (50 minutes)
  - Poster Presentation (part of a general poster session)
- **Presentation Description**: Limited to 100 words, this is just a brief description of your session to be published in the conference program
- Equipment needs based on presentation type. Will you need A/V for: Powerpoint or Prezi, Short clips or films, Sound, DVD or Blu-ray?

Proposals must be submitted to Luke by Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at midnight.

## HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

Honors Students The University of Louisville Honors Student Council (HSC) exists to create a variety of academic, social, and volunteer events to enhance and engage the Honors community and interact with each other. The Council also functions as a channel of communication through which Honors students can express their thoughts about the Honors Program and contribute their ideas for its improvement.

HSC invites students current and prospective Honors Program to attend our events during the fall and spring academic semesters. Make sure to check *The Current* regularly for HSC's upcoming events! Below is Honors Student Council's first event of the academic year!

<u>Honors Freshmen</u>: there are open positions on Council! Watch your email this week for information about applications and how to get involved. In addition, there will be two information sessions held for Freshmen interested in joining the Council.

## HSC WELCOMES YOU: PICNIC AND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Honors Student Council enjoyed helping students move into Threlkeld Hall on Wednesday, August 21 (they were the cool kids with the moustache shirts).

In order to continue welcoming Honors students to the University of Louisville Honors community, Honors Student Council is excited to announce their **Welcome Back Picnic and Volleyball Tournament.** 

Students of all ages are invited to come to the volleyball court outside Threlkeld Hall on *Thursday, September 5 at 5:00 PM* to catch a free dinner, followed by a fun volleyball tournament. Bring your friends for a chance at fame and glory!



Last year's tournament was a rip-roaring success with almost a hundred students—but we're hoping it'll be even bigger this year!

If you have any questions about this or future social events sponsored by Honors Student Council, feel free to contact Mak Kroger, HSC Social Vice President, at makrog01@louisville.edu.

*In case of rain, the volleyball tournament will be postponed and the picnic will be relocated indoors to the Etscorn Honors Center.* 

# NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

#### Welcome back Students, Faculty, and Staff!

The Office of National and International Scholarship Opportunities is preparing for another great year of scholarship and fellowship advising. We cannot do this without the help and dedication of UofL's amazing students, faculty, and staff! We are excited to start a new application season and we look forward to working with you all again in the coming weeks and months.

Below is a snapshot of some of the opportunities for students taking place this fall semester. As many of you know, the biggest scholarship we tackle, with the largest and most diverse pool of applicants, is the Fulbright. We are already working with a pool of applicants and we are always looking for more motivated scholars interested in exploring this amazing opportunity. Apart from Fulbright, in September we also nominate a select group of candidates for the Big Brit scholarships including the Marshall, Mitchell, Rhodes, and Gates-Cambridge. Deadlines and website links are provided for all these scholarships.

As always, if you have any questions about any of the prestigious external scholarship opportunities, or if you would like to recommend a candidate, please contact us:

Dr. Patricia Condon, Director 502-852-0024 patricia.condon@louisville.edu Like us on Facebook at Office of National and International Scholarship Opportunities!

**Emily Maiden, Assistant** 502-852-1515 emily.maiden@louisville.edu





Each Fall we host a series of Workshops, culminating in a week of Campus Interviews that prepare our applicants to submit highly competitive applications for Academic Grants and English Teaching Assistantships (ETAs) to countries around the world. We are looking for graduating seniors, graduate students, and recent graduates and alumni (up to 5 years out) who intend to apply for the Fulbright for 2014-2015. Below is our full schedule of events for the Fulbright fall competition cycle. Experience tells us that students who attend all events end up doing significantly better. You will note the deadlines will come fast and furious once the action starts!

August 30:	<i>Fulbright Workshop I: The World of Fulbright</i> Choose ONE SESSION 1:00-3:00 PM OR 3:30-5:30 PM Shumaker Research Building, Room 139
September 6:	<i>Fulbright Workshop II: Brainstorming</i> Choose ONE SESSION 1:00-3:00 PM OR 3:30-5:30 PM Etscorn Honors Center Classroom

(Fulbright calendar continued on next page)



#### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

September 9-11:	Schedule a 20-30 min follow-up meeting after Workshops I & II with Dr. Condon ( <b>Academic grants</b> ) or Emily ( <b>ETAs</b> ) to solidify your plans and polish your preliminary application materials
September 13:	<i>Fulbright Workshop III: Speed-Dating</i> One-on-one meetings with Campus Committee members, 1:00-5:00 PM Etscorn Honors Center Classroom and Honors House, schedule TBA
September 18:	<i>FIRST Campus Deadline</i> , 5:00 PM All transcripts and applications need to be submitted to our office
September 20:	<i>Recommendation Deadline for All Applicants (Academic and ETA)</i> , 5:00 PM For research/full grant applicants, you should be finalizing your Affiliation arrangements and shortly be ready to submit your Letter of Affiliation
Sept 25 – Oct 1:	<i>Campus Interviews</i> (location TBA) Candidates will have a rolling FINAL deadline based on their interview date
October 8:	ALL Applications will be submitted by October 8; <i>keep in mind Fall Break is October 7-8</i>
October 15:	<i>National Deadline</i> (this is the Fulbright Program Advisor's deadline, NOT THE CANDIDATE'S)

**STUDENTS**, to start your Fulbright process, we encourage you to contact Emily Maiden to set up an initial appointment with her or Dr. Condon; and we hope you will attend the first Workshop on August 30. We have Fulbright booklets available in our office at all times and the PDF version can be emailed upon request. Contact Emily with any basic application start-up questions at emily.maiden@louisville.edu or 502-852-1515.

FACULTY, you are encouraged to attend the first workshop, especially if you are new to the World of Fulbright. You are also encouraged to look through the booklet for 2014-2015; we have Fulbright booklets available in our office at all times and the PDF version can be emailed upon request. Each year there are changes to existing grants and new countries become available, so even if you're a veteran on our Fulbright campus team, it's worth a fresh look!

We look forward to working with all of you this Fall! In the meantime, don't forget to fully explore the U.S. Student Fulbright website: http://us.fulbrightonline.org/

#### Good Luck!

### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS BIG BRIT/ IRISH SCHOLARSHIPS FALL 2013 APPLICATION CYCLE

Given the nature of these prestigious scholarships, we probably are already working with the students intending to apply for the following opportunities. However, if you know of a particularly strong candidate for any of these programs—or if you ARE that candidate— CONTACT our office as soon as possible. Call Emily Maiden at 502-852-1515 or email emily.maiden@louisville.edu to schedule an immediate appointment with Dr. Condon.

Campus Deadline for Nomination (with all application materials submitted for screening by the campus nominating committee) is September 16.

#### RHODES SCHOLAR PROGRAM



One to three years of study leading to a degree at Oxford University, England. Rhodes Scholars are chosen not only for their outstanding scholarly achievements, but for their character, commitment to others and to the common good, and for their potential for leadership in whatever domains their careers may lead. Seniors, alumni, graduate or professional students are eligible to apply. Candidates must be no older than 23 when applying and be U.S. citizens.

For more info see: http://www.rhodesscholar.org/ National Deadline: October 2, 2013

#### MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP



One to three years of study leading to a degree at any British university. Seniors, graduate and professional students, and alumni are eligible to apply within two years of their undergraduate graduation. Candidates must be U.S. citizens with an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.7. Up to 40 scholars are selected each year to study at the graduate level at a UK institution in any field of study. The benefit of this award is that it opens up the possibility of all top universities in Great Britain, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

For more info see: http://www.marshallscholarship.org/ National Deadline: October 1, 2013

#### GEORGE J. MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP



One year of graduate study in any discipline in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland, with extensive programming to connect young leaders from the U.S. to the island of Ireland, while recognizing intellectual achievement, leadership, and a commitment to public service. Seniors, graduate and professional students, and alumni are eligible to apply. Must be under the age of 30 and a U.S. citizen.

For more info see: http://www.us-irelandalliance.org National Deadline: October 1, 2013

#### GATES-CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP



One to four years of study leading to a degree at Cambridge University, England. Seniors, graduate and professional students, and alumni are eligible to apply. U.S. and non-U.S. citizens are eligible. One thing that sets the Gates-Cambridge is that all applicants must initiate the process by applying directly to their intended department at Cambridge and filling out a supplemental portion of the Cambridge application form to be considered for the fellowship. This award does not require institutional nomination as the others above do.

For more info see: http://www.gatescambridge.org/ National Deadline: October 15, 2013



#### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

### FOR JUNIORS INTERESTED IN STUDYING R THE ENG IN THE UK

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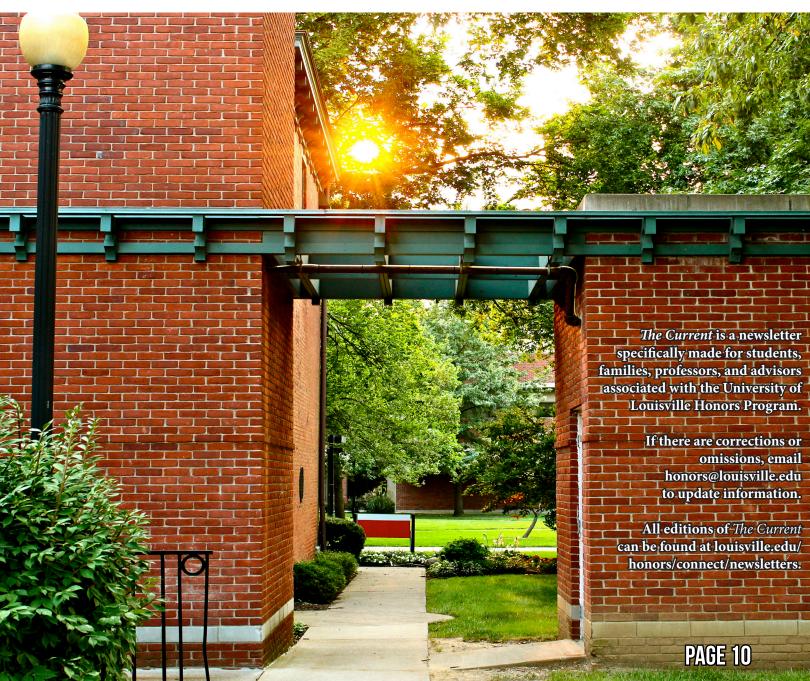
You may want to take advantage of this upcoming opportunity to study in the UK for the summer of 2014. We will not be meeting with potential ESU candidates until after the Fulbright season, which ends October 15th, but keep this on your radar!

#### ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION (ESU) SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship, open to juniors only, provides tuition and room and board for one week in London followed by a three-week summer school program for studies in English literature, art history, creative writing, medieval studies, Shakespeare, history, politics, and society at the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, or Edinburgh.

For more info see: http://www.esuus.org/kentucky/

KY Deadline: November 20, 2013 (UofL Campus deadline with interviews in early November)



## FROM OUR FRIENDS

## FIRST YEAR INITIATIVES

The Office of First Year Initiatives (FYI) is part of the great network of people here to help make sure you have a successful and fun first year! FYI is especially interested in engaging students with the University of Louisville's **Book-in-Common (BinC)**. Every year the University selects a book for the incoming class that relates to the experiences you'll have making the transition to college. For the 2013-2014 school year, that book is *This I Believe*. Make sure to check *The Current* regularly to see "I believe" statements from your peers at the University of Louisville!

Upcoming events from First Year Initiatives:

August 28:	50th Anniversary Celebration of the March on Washington 2:00 PM, Various Locations Join the campus march from the Red Barn to the steps of Ekstrom, followed by music, a keynote speaker and a reenactment of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. More details: louisville.edu/codre.
August 29:	<i>Bible Study Interest Meeting</i> 4:00 – 5:00 PM, Interfaith Center Open to anyone! Discuss tonight's topics – <i>This I Believe</i> ; Caring for Victims of Abuse – and propose ideas for future topics.

## PEACC

PEACC (Prevention, Education and Advocacy on Campus and in the Community) works to end power-based personal violence by utilizing a prevention model that decreases victimization and builds capacity for positive relationships and social interactions.

August 27:	<i>Urban Living 101</i> Kurz Hall, 7:30 PM "Um, It's A Small Town Thing" People fear what they do not understand and prejudice will continue to exist if we never learn to walk in the shoes of others.
August 28:	<i>The Gray Area</i> The Avenue at CardTowne, 7:30 PM Answers to questions you'd never ask. A chance to come together in a judgment free environment and really just put it all out there.
September 3-4:	<i>Volunteer Training</i> PEACC Center; 5:00-6:00 PM September 3, 12:00-1:00 PM September 4 Become a PEACC volunteer! As a member of our team you can attend events to discuss current topics, meet new people, and pass it forward.



## RESEARCH AND SERVICE-LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Are you an undergraduate student interested in gaining research and service learning experience? Thinking of a short-term study abroad in May/June 2014? Why not do both? **PSYC408: International Service Learning & Research Program Northern Ireland or Bosnia-Herzegovina/Croatia are A&S IDOP short-term study abroad courses offered through the Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences.** 

Both ISL&R Programs focus on Peace Psychology, transitional justice, intergroup contact, and international travel. Based on the pedagogical model of learning-through-doing, 8-12 students will gain practical research/service-learning experience working directly on a faculty member's on-going research project in Northern Ireland or Bosnia-Herzegovina/Croatia.

Students will develop knowledge of the impact that intergroup contact has in assisting conflict resolution, behavioral and mental health, and multicultural psychology.

Mark your calendar: an information meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4 from 12:20 to 12:45 PM in LF133. If you are unable to attend, please email melinda.leonard@louisville.edu.

## **GRE WORKSHOP**

Psychology Honor Society is sponsoring a GRE workshop (Kaplan conducted), lunch, and practice exam on Saturday, September 7 from 9:30 to 3:30 in Humanities 205, Belknap Campus.

Registration is open to anyone interested in attending graduate school (this includes students, staff, faculty, family, and friends). Preregistration and payment are due no later than August 31. Forward check (payable to Psi Chi) to Psi Chi, 317 Life Sciences, Belknap Campus. Include "GRE Workshop", your name and email address, along with your sandwich selection: ham, turkey, roast beef, or veggie. Additional details will be emailed to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Leonard, PhD (Psi Chi Faculty Director) at maleon04@louisville.edu.

## NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

Need a change of scenery? Want to meet new people? Looking for courses not offered at the University of Louisville? Scouting out graduate or professional schools? National Student Exchange (NSE) will let you do all these things and more at one of nearly 200 schools in the U.S. and Canada while still paying University of Louisville tuition.

Applications for exchange in 2014 and 2015 will be due in the spring, but it's never too early to start planning. Contact Andrew Grubb at abgrub02@louisville.edu or 852-1482 for more information.

#### APPENDIX: GRADESFIRST INSTRUCTIONS

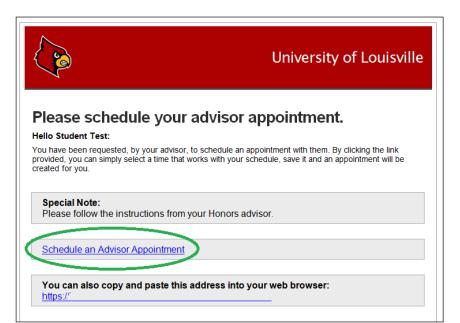


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#### Step-by-Step

## How to Schedule an Appointment with your Honors Advisor in GradesFirst

1. The morning of your sign-up start date you will receive an email from your Honors advisor asking you to create an advising appointment. When you open the email, read any special instructions your advisor has included. Click on the link provided to begin scheduling your advising appointment, or copy and paste the address provided.





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2. After clicking the email link, GradesFirst should open in your browser window. On the left side of the page, you will see some appointment details and any special instructions. On the calendar, choose your desired appointment date from the available dates. A list of available times for that date will appear below the calendar for each advisor.

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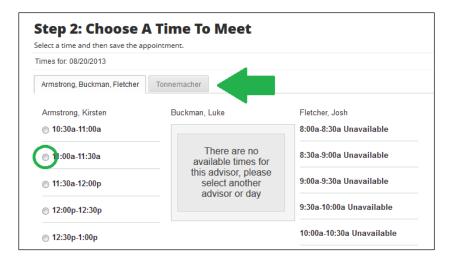


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- 3. Advisors' last names will appear on tabs, and you can click these tabs to check for their availabilities. Simply choose an available time that fits your schedule. \*Please note that any classes you have will block your available times to schedule the appointment.







4. Verify your date and time choices are correct. On the left, make sure the "Send an email reminder" box is checked. This will send you a reminder email the morning of your appointment date. It is highly recommended that you <u>uncheck</u> the "Send a text reminder" box. Please do not plan to rely on text reminders. Click "Create This Appointment" to save.

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5. After creating your appointment, you will see an Appointment Confirmation page. Please note the date and time of your appointment, and be sure to mark it on your personal calendar. Do not rely solely on GradesFirst notifications to remind you of your appointment.

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5. Finally, you will also receive a confirmation email from GradesFirst with the details of your appointment.

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