

Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice

Weekly Newsletter: October 5 – October 9, 2009

What type of information would you like to see in the newsletter? Please send your ideas to Prof. Millisor at millisorj1@nku.edu or 859.572.5526. You can also stop by my office located in Founders Hall (FH) 427J. If you have any program related community or campus events that you would like us to consider for the newsletter please feel free to email them to me, Prof. Millisor at millisorj1@nku.edu.

Graduation Paperwork Deadlines

All graduation paperwork must be submitted by **October 8th (Thursday)** for those who anticipate on graduating in spring 2010. All information about graduation paperwork is located at: <http://registrar.nku.edu/students/graduation.php>. At this site you will find the undergraduate checklist, undergraduate application for degree candidacy, and the program certification forms among other valuable graduation information. Here is a summary of the checklist to be completed by October 8th. If you have any questions contact Prof. Millisor at millisorj1@nku.edu

Application Checklist:

Senior questionnaire, available at:

<https://webapps.nku.edu/secureapps/SeniorSurvey/auth/login.aspx>

Application for Degree Candidacy (submit to Office of the Registrar AC 301).

Program Certification forms for each major, minor and/or area of concentration (submit to Office of the Registrar AC 301).

Application fee paid (Office of the Bursar, AC 235).

Major & Minor Fair

Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, October 14** when the Major (& Minor) Fair will take place from **10 am to 1 pm** in the **Student Union Ballroom**. All departments and academic programs from across the university setup displays and provide information about majors and minors in their departments and related student opportunities. We will have representatives from all majors and minors in the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice to answer any questions you may have about the programs. Here is a list of our current majors and minors.

Majors: Criminal Justice, Political Science, International Studies, and Organizational Leadership

Minors: Pre-law, Public Administration, Criminalistics, Computer Forensics, Japanese Studies with Teaching Certification, Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Middle Eastern & North African Studies with Teaching Certification, Political Science, Criminal Justice, and International Studies

Certificates: Civic Engagement and Organizational Leadership

Student Opportunities

Interested in the Minor in Middle Eastern & North African Studies? Consider this opportunity!

The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations Model Arab League program. Similar to a Model United Nations conference, the Model Arab League event is a highly competitive diplomatic simulation of the League of Arab States. The goal of the program is to educate students on pertinent issues facing the Arab world, issues which are increasingly impacting both the United States and global politics.

Participants in Model Arab League develop valuable skills in diplomacy, negotiation, argumentation, critical thinking, researching, writing, and public speaking. The Ohio Model Arab League will be held February 26-28, 2010 at the University of Miami in Oxford, Ohio. More detailed information can be found at www.ncusar.org/modelarableague.

If you are interested in participating in Model Arab League, please contact Prof. Jennifer Millisor (millisorj1@nku.edu) by November 1, 2009.

New Study Abroad Course for Summer 2010

GRAMEEN BANK & MICRO-CREDIT: (3 CREDITS) IN BANGLADESH

WHAT IS MICRO-CREDIT?

Extension of very small loans (microloans) to those in poverty, designed to spur entrepreneurship.

WHAT IS THE GRAMEEN BANK (GB)?

The most effective and world-renowned micro-credit institution. Recipient of 2006 Nobel Peace Prize.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONTENT OF THIS COURSE?

Combines Grameen Bank's internship program with other learning activities.

WHAT ARE THE LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THIS COURSE?

1. Exposure to Bangladeshi culture, traditions, language, and people.
2. Learn in depth, through field visits, the philosophy and operational procedures of GB.
3. Learn about and experience the impact that microcredit has on the economic, social, and cultural life of GB members and the community.
4. Engage students, through the GB international internship program, in a learning experience which includes students from educational institutions all over the world.

WHERE WILL STUDENTS STAY?

Dhaka (capital city, Bangladesh) and villages (during field trip/internship in field).

OTHER MAJOR ACTIVITIES?

A garments factory tour; visit to a tea garden in Sylhet City (depending on the availability of time).

WHAT IS THE DURATION OF THE COURSE?

Four weeks (2nd week of July – first week of August).

WHAT IS THE COST?

Approximately \$2,800, plus three credit hours tuition.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Dr. Shamima Ahmed (ahmed@nku.edu) or Dr. Julie Kunselman (kunselmanj1@nku.edu) in the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice.

Government Day for Leadership Cincinnati. **October 8, 2009**. Discussion about the structure and challenges of government in Greater Cincinnati with this year's class for 52 civic, business and social service leaders. There is room for 30 NKU students to attend part of this day. Confirmed closing speaker will be Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson, who led his city through a city-county merger in 2003. The Mayor will speak generally about leadership and regionalism, and tell the story of the new governance model for Louisville/Jefferson County. This will be at 3:30 p.m. on October 8 at the Carnegie Arts Center in Covington. If you are interested in attending email Dr. Kunselman as soon as possible kunselmanj1@nku.edu

Posters-at-the Capitol. Thursday, January 28, 2010 at the State Capitol in Frankfort. This is an opportunity for undergraduate students from all disciplines to display the results of their research, scholarly, and creative work in the Capitol at the time when the legislators are there to view them. Students and their faculty sponsors who have participated in this event in the past have found it to be very interesting and rewarding. While the event is restricted to a poster presentation, the students will stand at their posters to discuss their work, so work that has generally been considered appropriate for oral presentation can be presented here as well.

Registration deadline is for your project is **October 21, 2009**. Registration is on-line via <http://campus.murraystate.edu/services/URSA/>. Select the tab "Posters-at-the-Capitol." There is a limited number of spaces (~12 for each university), so a committee will review the proposals. In case there are more outstanding posters than the allotted number of slots, the committee will allocate slots in the order in which the abstracts were received. So even though the abstract deadline is October 21, it is to your advantage to register as soon as possible. **Please remember to establish a faculty sponsor for this event prior to registering.**

Internships

Excellent opportunity to network, gain experience and be part of the criminal court process. The Commonwealth Attorney's Office located in Burlington, KY is looking for interns/volunteers to assist on case work for three death penalty cases. They are extremely flexible with schedules and fairly open to the amount of hours that one is able to commit. If you are interested or have questions contact Prof. Millisor at millisorj1@nku.edu or 859.572.5526.

Future Leader Internship Program (FLIP) - Application Deadline October 23, 2009

FLIP offers the opportunity to learn more about the legislative process, strengthen your network, meet influential Kentuckians, work on policy issues facing our Commonwealth, interact with constituents, and learn about the inner workings of state government.

Open to any major, offers \$750 stipend, NKU provides transportation to and from Frankfort, intern on Tuesday and Thursday (January –April), provides 12 credits (6 credits graded & 6 credits pass/fail). For more information or to fill out an application visit <http://www.nku.edu/~psc/programs/political/flip.php>

If you have any questions please contact Dr. Jonathan McKenzie at mckenziej1@nku.edu

Student Organizations

Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society Meeting. Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in Founder's Hall 447. If you are interested in joining and meet the following requirements, come check it out.

Criminal justice major or minor
Completed 40 credit hours
3.2 overall g.p.a.

Some benefits of joining are: listing your membership on a law/graduate school application; enhancing your resume or vita; receiving an honor cord at graduation; and scholarship opportunities.

For questions or to find out your g.p.a. email the faculty advisor Dr. Danielle McDonald at mcdonaldd1@nku.edu

Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) the Pre Law Chapter is sponsoring two upcoming Law School Symposiums. At these gatherings, the law schools will have representatives from Admissions who will field any question students may have and address a variety of issues that students need to consider while applying to law schools.

The Ohio Law School Symposium

The Ohio State College of Law
Capital College of Law
University of Cincinnati College of Law
October 8, 2009 in Nunn Hall 404 at 1:00 pm