**Sound Advice**

**Important Commencement Information**

Don’t forget to attend one of the Grad Fairs in the upcoming months. Grad Fairs will be held on both campuses and are an opportunity for you to order graduation-related items such as: diploma frames, announcements, class rings, etc. You will also have an opportunity to take a photo in your cap and gown and gather up a bit more information about the graduation ceremony.

**Grad Fair Dates and Times**

Lake Shore Campus: Wednesday, March 21st from 12:00-6:00pm

Lake Shore Campus: Thursday, March 22nd from 10:00am-5:00pm

Water Tower Campus: Tuesday, April 3rd from 12:00-7:00pm

Also, keep an eye out for the Graduation Edition of Sound Advice. It will have more in-depth information about the ins and outs of the Grad Fairs, commencement day, and what you need to do ahead of time to make sure you are all set to walk across that stage in May!

**Quick Reminders:**

1) Check your Loyola email regularly for upcoming info about the commencement ceremony, reserving your tickets, etc.

2) If you're taking summer classes, remember that summer registration begins on February 13th!

**Thinking about summer classes closer to home? Here are a few things to remember:**

1) You need to get approval to take courses elsewhere before you ever take the course(s).

2) Students are allowed to take up to 12 credits at another school after they matriculate (start at) to Loyola. This includes those that start as freshmen or transfer students. Note: If you have already transferred in 60 credits or more, you are not eligible to take courses elsewhere.

3) Core courses may not be taken over the summer at another school.

4) Major/Minor course approvals need to first be approved by the appropriate academic department and then by your academic advisor. General elective courses can be approved by your academic advisor.

5) If the course is offered at Loyola in the summer, students are not eligible to take the course at another school.

**Attention Fall 2012 Graduates**

If you are planning to graduate in December of 2012, please apply for graduation through your LOCUS account.

The deadline to apply for Fall 2012 graduation is March 4th, 2012.

**Permission to Take Courses Elsewhere Form**
Ah...Winter in Chicago

*The largest snowflake on record was found in 1887 and was 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick.
*Chicago’s biggest snowstorm was during January 1967—a single snowfall of 23 inches!
*Based on official temperature records dating from 1871, the city’s highest winter temperature is 75 degrees (February 27, 1976) and the lowest is −27 (January 20, 1985); that is a range of 102 degrees.
*Chicago’s snow season: July and August are the city’s only totally snow-free months. Traces of snow have fallen as late as June 2, 1910, and as early as September 25, 1928 and 1942. Because June is considered to be a summer month, it is true that snow has occurred here in every season.

http://chicagorants.com/tag/snow-facts/ 
http://www.toptenz.net/top-10-fascinating-facts-about-snow.php

Want to see something in the next edition of Sound Advice? Email your contribution to Carly Andersen (candersen@luc.edu) or Rachel Wike (rwike@luc.edu).

Life at Loyola

Looking for Tutoring for Spring?

• Sign up for small group tutoring through the Center for Tutoring and Academic Excellence’s webpage.
• Take advantage of Study Halls: you can drop by with questions without committing to a weekly meeting.
• If you have a study group already together, take advantage of the Express Lane tutoring option.
• Most importantly: Don’t Wait! The sooner you take advantage of the CTAE resources, the more benefit you’ll get from them.

Starting to think about life after Loyola? Consider attending some of the Career Development Center’s Spring Events:

Senior Career Week: Feb 13-17
University Career Fair: Feb 21
New Grad Job Search Bootcamp: April 9

Visit their website for more information!

Research Fellowship Opportunities

Think research fellowships are just for the sciences? Not at Loyola!

The Provost Fellowship especially encourages applications from the humanities, social sciences, and professional schools. And the Research Mentoring Program has opportunities for undergrads to work with graduate students in English, history, philosophy, and sociology (as well as psychology, social work and biomedical programs) in a summer-long program.

Research opportunities are available for students in ALL disciplines. Deadlines, for the majority of the 12 fellowships, are March 1st. Applications and information are available on the LUROP website—so, check it out if you are interested!