COLLEGE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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Session Overview

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Academic Calendar
(www.bucknell.edu/4yrcalendar)

• Classes Begin August 22th
• Drop/Add period ends September 2nd
• Fall Break October 8th-11th
• Midterm Grade Reports October 13th
• Late Withdrawal from a class October 28th
• Thanksgiving Break November 19-25th
• Finals December 8-15th
• Grades due December 19th
Academic Advising

• Students will meet with their adviser Friday to review schedules and make adjustments if needed.

• Advisers are here to help your student with transition to college. Encourage your student to use them as a resource.

• Students are required to meet with their adviser prior to registering for classes for each semester, but it is up to students to register their classes.
Helpful Resources for Students

• All Students are encouraged to use the following resources:
  – Office hours
  – Departmental Help Sessions
  – Teaching and Learning Center
  – Writing Center
  – Office of Accessibility Resources
  – Counseling and Student Development Center
  – Offices of Intercultural, Equity and Advocacy
FERPA

- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
  - FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level.
  - Schools must have written permission from the eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record.

- www.bucknell.edu/Documents/Registrar/FERPAWaiver.pdf
How you can best help your student when there is an issue?

• Ask “Are you calling to just vent? Or is there a problem you want me to help you solve?”

• Listen to their concerns, and ask “What do you want to do about that?”

• Ask, “Who on campus do you think can help you with that?”

• Ask, “What resources have you used on campus so far? Who else might help you?”

• Ask, “Have you met face-to-face with your faculty? Adviser? Dean Breyfogle?”
Helpful Resources for Families

• Bucknell website parents/family section
  – www.bucknell.edu/Parents

• Associate Academic Deans
  – Dean M. Lynn Breyfogle (first/sophomore)
  – Walk-in hours daily 2:30-3:30, no appointment necessary

• Dean of Students – Residence Education
  – Dean Amy Badal

• Counseling and Student Development Center
  – www.bucknell.edu/CounselingCenter

• Public Safety (Emergency 570-577-1111)
  – www.bucknell.edu/PublicSafety
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