Human Evolutionary Biology
Fall 2015 Communication Packet for Seniors

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Welcome back! We hope you are enjoying the end of the summer and are looking forward to your Senior year -- time has flown! Below is some information that will help you in planning for your Fall semester in HEB.

1) New Study Card procedure

Beginning this semester, you will create your Study Card online using a "shopping cart"-style interface. Before Study Card Day (Thursday, September 10th), you must have an advising conversation with either Dr. Hooven or Dr. Frazier, and have her approve the Study Card electronically. For classes that require an instructor's signature, the instructor of record must also register his or her approval online in order to complete your course registration.

2) Meet with Dr. Hooven or Dr. Frazier during Shopping Period – September 2-10, 2015

You should meet with Dr. Hooven or Dr. Frazier for general advising on matters such as requirements, course selection, post-graduation plans, and to get your Study Card approved. Study Card day is Thursday, September 10th, 2015 -- but please don't wait until then to meet! As a Senior, it's crucial that you ensure you've met all your concentration requirements and, if pursuing honors, have carefully outlined a plan. By coming in for a meeting before Study Card Day, we can have a more relaxed, in-depth meeting, and we can have a shorter meeting when you come in to get your Study Card approved.

Dr. Hooven (hooven@fas.harvard.edu, 6-3809, Peabody Museum 52F) and Dr. Frazier (bfrazier@fas.harvard.edu, 5-5703, Peabody Museum 56G) will hold open office hours -- first come, first served – during Shopping Period. Please find directions and updates to our hours here on the Life Sciences website (we may be unavailable an hour here or there). Earlier meetings will be by appointment -- please email to schedule one.

3) Outstanding Requirements:

You should have already received an email from us detailing your remaining HEB course requirements. *Please read this carefully*, and let Dr. Hooven or Dr. Frazier know ASAP if you do not receive your email, or if your understanding of your remaining requirements differs from what is stated in the email. (Don't panic, it's possible there was a mistake!)

4) Honors

You can find more information about the University's Honors Degree requirements (including honors GPA cutoffs) at: http://www.registrar.fas.harvard.edu/registration-enrollment-degrees/graduation-diplomas

- If you are writing a Senior Thesis, be sure to meet with Dr. Hooven or Dr. Frazier to discuss your progress and the thesis requirements; if you're pursuing Non-Thesis Honors, we also should discuss your requirements.
- Check out **Funding and Opportunities for Undergraduates** (http://funding.fas.harvard.edu), a database of undergraduate research opportunities and funding for thesis work. Search on keywords, concentrations, location, purpose of activity, and much more. Rising seniors can also search for funding for post-graduate research opportunities. Also check out the Research Opportunities section of the Life Sciences Concentrations website for more funding info.

5) Forms

All forms can be found at the HEB Guides and Forms section of the Life Sciences Concentrations website. Please be sure to submit the appropriate forms to Dr. Hooven or Dr. Frazier by Study Card Day.

- If you intend to enroll in a *Supervised Reading and Research course (91r)*, we need a 91r Enrollment Form, with your research director's signature.
- If you are pursuing *Non-Thesis Honors*, we need the Statement of Intent to Pursue Honors form.
- If you are working on a *Senior Thesis*, we need the Statement of Intent to Pursue Honors form—complete with (provisional) thesis title—with your research director's signature.

Best wishes for a successful year!

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