

Parents Guide 2009–2010

Drake University

Calendar

Fall 2009

Aug. 24	Classes begin at 8 a.m.
Aug. 28	Last day to add a class
Sept. 5	Last day to drop a class without “W” (undergrads)
Sept. 7	Labor Day (no classes)
Oct. 2–4	Parents and Family Weekend
Oct. 9–11	Homecoming Weekend
Oct. 16	Mid-point of fall semester
Oct. 19–20	Fall Break
Oct. 21	Classes resume at 8 a.m.
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving recess begins after evening classes
Nov. 30	Classes resume at 8 a.m.
Dec. 11	Day free for study
Dec. 14–18	Final Examinations
Dec. 18	Semester ends

Spring 2010

Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no classes)
Jan. 19	Classes begin at 8 a.m.
March 12	Mid-point of spring semester
March 15–20	Spring recess
April 23	Relays (classes dismissed after 1:50 p.m.)
May 7	Day free for study
May 10–14	Final examinations
May 14	Semester ends
May 16	Commencement

Welcome to Drake

This guide is designed to act as a resource for the duration of your student’s time at Drake University. Visit the parent’s Web site frequently to access the most current information.

About Drake University

A national, coeducational, independent and private university founded in 1881, Drake offers more than 70 undergraduate majors in five colleges and schools, and graduate programs in business, journalism, pharmacy, education and law.

Your student will learn from and interact with outstanding, accessible faculty and other students. More than 3,000 full-time undergraduate students from 45 states and 56

countries attend Drake University. Total enrollment with part-time, law and graduate students is more than 5,600.

Equally important, your student will benefit from a lifelong connection to Drake: After graduating, he or she will automatically become a member of the Drake National Alumni Association, connecting him or her to the University and to a network of more than 64,000 Drake alumni worldwide.

Drake Parents Association

At Drake, we welcome and encourage parents to get involved in their students' education and invite you to make the most of your automatic membership in the Drake University Parents Association.

Parents Association Board members and University staff are ready and willing to answer your questions and listen to your ideas about your student's education. As we look forward to your student joining us on campus, we also look forward to you joining our extended campus community. Welcome!

The Drake University Parents Association provides a variety of special events for parents, such as Parents and Family Weekend, the President's Assembly and other activities designed to introduce you to the Drake faculty and administration.

As a Drake parent, you can:

- expect that your student's education needs and adjustment to college life are Drake's first priority.
- help recruit other students (and parents) for Drake.
- contribute to the Parents Annual Fund, which provides important financial support to benefit students.
- receive Drake-related offers in the mail, such as the Bank of America MasterCard, GradMed short-term health insurance for new Drake graduates and diploma frames to display your student's degree.

Making the Grade

www.drake.edu/academics

The Drake Curriculum provides your student with opportunities across the curriculum and within his/her major. This unique curriculum begins with First Year Seminars and concludes with a Senior Capstone Experience — a research project, thesis or other major work to synthesize his/her educational experience at Drake.

Grade reports are no longer printed and mailed but are made available to your student online.

To receive a Drake bachelor's degree, your student must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average. Students must complete 124 hours of class work, or about 15 hours per semester, to graduate, except in pharmacy, which requires 208 hours. The average class at Drake equals three hours of credit, although some are worth more and some less.

Breaking Down the GPA

GPA = Number of grade points earned/

number of credit hours attempted

A = 4.0 points

B = 3.0 points

C = 2.0 points

D = 1.0 point

F = 0.0 point*

*Earning an F means no credit toward graduation for that course, although the zero is figured as part of the GPA.

All Drake phone numbers begin with 515-271.

Achieving Success

Office of Academic Assistance, x3752

www.drake.edu/students

chrystal.stanley@drake.edu

Drake's Academic Assistance Office provides general academic support. Students interested in time management, study skills or test-taking strategies can contact the Office of the Provost. Students needing content-specific assistance are encouraged to work directly with their professors and academic departments.

Professional and Career Development Services, x3721

www.drake.edu/career

Drake's Professional and Career Development Services focuses on professional career development rather than job placement. This focus is a perfect fit for higher education due to its emphasis on learning a process. Career development at its best begins the student's first year and builds with each internship, research study, service project or part-time job. Ultimately, this process culminates in the student's seeking and landing a full-time job following graduation. Professional and Career Development Services offers comprehensive services for students both in and out of the classroom.

Services include:

- Career assessments
- Networking
- Career bluePrint (Drake's online job posting board)
- Internship and service learning experiences
- Resume and cover letter development
- Mock interviews
- Portfolio development

Computers on Campus

Office of Information Technology, x3001

www.drake.edu/it

The University has a secure portal through which students can access a wide range of University information, including their accounts and grades. Drake has a course management system (Blackboard) in addition to a podcasting service for students. Both

MacOS and Windows computers are used on campus, and academic departments can make recommendations about which to choose. Students may buy Dell and Macintosh computers through the University at discount prices. Students are offered a number of software programs free (including Microsoft Office) or at a discount. Some departments have computer labs for specialized academic software. The residence halls and academic buildings have both wired and wireless network connections.

Tuition Payment and Drop Policies

Office of Student Account Services, x2151

www.drake.edu/accounts

The Office of Student Accounts offers several options for paying for your student's Drake education. You should choose a method of payment and complete a payment plan application by the time your student registers for classes. Students who have not paid or registered for a payment plan by the end of the period for dropping classes will receive a letter from the Office of Student Accounts informing them that they have an additional 10 days to make the necessary arrangements. If students have not made the necessary arrangements by the fourth week of the semester, they may be dropped from classes for the semester and will not be allowed to re-enroll or live in University housing until the following academic term.

To review payment options, visit www.drake.edu and click on the left-hand link "Current Students," then "Student Accounts" under "Campus Services."

Staying Healthy

American Republic Student Health Center, x3731

www.drake.edu/students/health

The American Republic Student Health Center provides outpatient services for students, including treatment for illnesses, injuries and routine health care needs. The center is located on campus, and health professionals are available on-site Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and by phone.

Services include:

- Health screening
- Immunizations and other injections
- Acute care for illnesses and injuries
- Annual physicals and health education

If students require emergency treatment or specialized care beyond services provided by the health center, referrals to physicians, specialists and emergency departments near Drake are made as necessary.

Drake's Counseling Center is also conveniently located at the Student Health Center and offers group and individual counseling.

A Balanced Diet

Sodexho Campus Dining Services, x3175

www.drake.edu/students/dining

Drake's dining services provider, Sodexho, offers a variety of meal plans that allows students budget how and when they use their meal plans throughout the semester.

- Hubbell Dining Hall's Ultimate Dining offers a buffet with the popular "all you can eat" concept.
- Spike's C-Store and Spike's Pizza/Sub Shoppe are perfect for students on the go.
- Terrace Court serves breakfast and a range of food options throughout the day.
- Starbucks coffees, Freshens' smoothies and a variety of to-go items are available in Olmsted Center.
- Cowles Cafe, located in Cowles Library, features Starbucks Coffee beverages, freshly baked pastries and baked goods, specialty salads and sandwiches, along with a variety of sweet and salty snacks.
- Students can use their Flex Dollars or Bulldog Bucks to get their favorite concession items at on-campus Drake sporting events at designated stands in the Knapp Center.

Shaping Up

Bell Center, x3173

www.godrakebulldogs.com

Students also have many opportunities to exercise in exceptional facilities.

Drake offers:

- Swimming
- Jogging
- Racquetball
- Tennis
- Intramural sports
- Aerobics
- Diet and exercise schedules created by trained staff

Meeting Your Needs

Student Disability Services, x1835 (voice), x2825 (TTY)

www.drake.edu/sds/

Student Disability Services, located in Old Main, offers support and accommodations for students with disabilities, enabling them to participate in all Drake programs and activities. Students who need accommodations, accessible residence hall rooms and/or wheelchair-accessible classrooms should contact Disability Services as soon as possible.

Safety First

Campus Security Services, x2222

www.drake.edu/security

While Drake is a very safe place, the University doesn't take any chances with students' welfare. Drake maintains a full security force 24 hours a day, operates a free and convenient shuttle service between campus and off-campus housing during the evenings,

and has emergency phones located around campus for students to use in case of an emergency, as well as security cameras in all student parking lots.

Students are asked to keep doors locked, and overnight guests and visitors must be checked in by their Drake host at the student's residence hall front desk. Overnight visitors receive guest passes to use as identification for admission to the residence hall after 11 p.m., when doors are locked.

The Social Side

Student Life Center, x3711

www.drake.edu/life/studentlife/

The Student Activities Board offers a number of all-University events throughout the year, as do the residence halls and fraternity and sorority organizations. Students can join one or more of the 160-plus campus organizations at Drake or take advantage of opportunities to volunteer in the community. Professional fraternities and other major-related organizations combine academic and social worlds and let students learn more about various fields and professions.

Culture, Arts and Other Entertainment

Drake Arts, x2018

www.drake.edu/arts

Artistic expression abounds on Drake's campus, and most fine arts events are free to students.

- The Drake Theatre Arts Department sponsors productions ranging from musicals and contemporary plays to one-act and student-directed performances.
- Campus choral ensembles, symphony and band performances are open to all Drake students.
- The Art Department sponsors art exhibitions of guest artists, faculty and students.

Heading Home

Office of Alumni and Parent Programs, x2500

www.drake.edu/alumni

A number of Drake students head home to Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City and other areas, so they can often catch a ride with each other. A ride board is posted in Olmsted Center so students can find someone with whom to share the road.

With the help of parent volunteers, the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs also arranges chartered buses for students from the Chicago and Milwaukee areas at fall, Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks. Contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs for more information.

Support from Afar

Whether you're five miles or 500 miles from Drake, you can still give your student the comforts of home.

- Sodexo Campus Dining Services offers theme packages ("Happy Birthday," "Cold Buster," "Thinking of You," and many seasonal themes) for parents to send to their

students from home on a big day. Call Sodexo Campus Dining Services at x3175 for more information or to place an order.

- Visit Gift University on the Drake Dining Web site for true gourmet, floral, plant and gift experts. Powered by 1-800-FLOWERS.COM®, Gift University was founded in partnership with Sodexo as a way to send great gifts for any occasion, from birthdays and anniversaries to exams and special holidays. Both parents and students can use the Web site to send and receive care packages, tasty snacks, “just because” surprises and much more.

Local florists, chocolatiers and bakeries also offer a full selection of goodies to surprise your student. See the list below for ideas.

FLORISTS

Boesen the Florist

515-274-4761

Irene’s Flowers and Exotic Plants

515-274-3859

Plaza Florist and Gifts

515-276-4951

SWEETS

Cookies by Design

515-252-7757

Dressing for Drake

Now that you’re a Drake parent, you’ll want to look the part. The D-Shoppe and University Book Store offer a wide variety of college paraphernalia.

Money Matters

If you or your student needs money while on campus, Olmsted Center has an ATM, and the Cashier’s Office in Old Main will cash checks up to \$50.

Breathe Easy

Effective July 1, 2008, Iowa law prohibits smoking anywhere on the Drake campus. This includes all University buildings and outdoor areas, as well as parking lots and University-owned vehicles. Smoking will also be prohibited within personal vehicles parked on Drake property. The regulations can be viewed at www.IowaSmokefreeAir.gov. In addition, a map outlining the Drake University campus is available at www.drake.edu/about/campusmap-bw-8x11.pdf.

“You Auto Know”

Student Handbook

www.drake.edu/dos/handbook/

All students may have cars on campus.

- Students must purchase a parking sticker or hangtag park in Drake-owned lots.
- Parking passes can be purchased during registration or from Student Account Services. (See cost structure below.)
- The Olmsted lot, near the Olmsted Center, is a pay lot. You can pay cash or buy a pay-lot pass in the Olmsted Center D-Shoppe.
- Drake University's parking policy is posted on the campus Web site, or individuals can request a hard copy from Campus Security. This policy contains the rules regarding parking on the Drake campus as well as the appeal process should a vehicle receive an illegal parking citation.

Drake University Parking Permit Structure for 2008–09

Commuter Day	\$160.00 annual
Residence Hall/Overnight	\$250.00 annual
Commuter Day	\$100.00 fall only
Commuter Day	\$100.00 spring only
Residence Hall/Overnight	\$165.00 fall only
Residence Hall/Overnight	\$165.00 spring only

Phone Numbers and E-mail Addresses

All Drake phone numbers begin with 515-271.

If you have questions or comments, contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs, 1-800-44-DRAKE, x2500, www.drake.edu/alumni.

Academic Affairs, x3751

Michael Renner, provost, michael.renner@drake.edu

Admission and Financial Aid, x2092

Tom Delahunt, vice president for admission and financial aid, tom.delahunt@drake.edu

Susan Ladd, director of financial aid, x3048, susan.ladd@drake.edu

Laura Linn, director of admissions, x3182, laura.linn@drake.edu

Alumni and Parent Programs, x2500

Blake Campbell, director of Alumni and Parent Programs, x3077, blake.campbell@drake.edu

American Republic Student Health Center, x3731

Athletic Office, x2889

Athletic Ticket Office, x3791

Student Accounts, x2151

Fine Arts Box Office, x3841

President's Office, x2191

David E. Maxwell, president, david.maxwell@drake.edu

Security, x2222

Student Life Center, x3711

Student Records, x3901

Colleges and Schools

Arts and Sciences, x3939

Joseph Lenz, dean

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Business and Public Administration, x2871

Charles Edwards Jr., dean

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Education, x3726

Jan McMahonill, dean

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Charles Edwards Jr., dean

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Law, x3865

Alan W. Vestal, dean

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Pharmacy and Health Sciences, x1814

Raylene Rospond, dean

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Residence Halls

Carpenter — 2900 Forest Ave.; x1878

Crawford — 1333 30th St.; x2207

Drake West Village — 1315 31st St., x4840

Goodwin-Kirk — 1215 30th St.; x3511

Herriott — 2842 Forest Ave.; x2488

Jewett — 2717 Carpenter Ave.; x3236

Morehouse — 1202 28th St.; x3367

Ross Hall — 1214 31st St.; x1953

Stalnaker — 1319 30th St.; x3274

Fraternity and sorority life

Fraternities

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Olmsted, x2078

Phi Delta Theta — 1245 34th St., x2078

Phi Gamma Delta — 1236 34th St., x2078

Pi Kappa Alpha — 1219 34th St., x2078

Pi Kappa Phi — Olmsted, x2078

Sigma Alpha Epsilon — 1235 34th St., x2078

Sigma Chi — 3212 Forest Ave., x2078

Sigma Phi Epsilon — 1243 34th St., x2078

Tau Kappa Epsilon — 1316 34th St., 971-6840

Theta Chi — 1320 34th St., x2078

Sororities

Alpha Delta Pi — Olmsted, x2078

Alpha Phi — 1240 34th St., 221-0024

Delta Gamma — 1227 34th St., 274-1664
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Olmsted, x2078
Kappa Alpha Theta — 1335 34th St., x2078
Kappa Kappa Gamma — 1305 34th St., 277-6361

Visiting Campus

www.drake.edu/stuff2do.html

Experience Drake with your student. Participate in Homecoming and Parents and Family Weekend, Drake Relays and Summer Orientation. Or explore the variety of events and activities going on around campus and in Des Moines anytime.

Accommodations

Des Moines and its suburbs have many different lodging options. Several local hotels offer special rates for the parents of Drake students; just identify yourself as such when you call. For more information on lodging as well as addresses for hotels, see visit the Convention and Visitor's Bureau Web site at www.seedesmoines.com.

Dining

Join your son or daughter for meals in the Drake dining halls during your visit. Or try one of the eateries in the Des Moines area. The Drake Diner, just a block from campus, the Court Avenue district in downtown Des Moines, and neighboring suburbs offer a variety of culinary delights for any taste.

And More ...

Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau,
515-286-4960; www.seedesmoines.com

Des Moines provides a plethora of sporting, cultural and recreational activities. Contact the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau for more information.

Grocery Stores

Dahl's Food Marts
3425 Ingersoll Ave.
515-255-3118
1819 Beaver Ave.
515-255-3151

Walgreens

3030 University Ave.
515-279-3074

Hospitals

Iowa Lutheran Hospital
700 East University Ave.
515-263-5612

Iowa Methodist Medical Center
1200 Pleasant St.
515-241-6212

Mercy Franklin Center
Behavioral Management Facility
48th and Franklin Avenue
515-271-6111

Mercy Hospital Medical Center
1111 6th Ave.
515-247-3121

Shopping Malls
Jordan Creek Town Center
101 Jordan Creek Parkway
515-224-5000

Merle Hay Mall
Merle Hay Road and
Douglas Avenue
515-276-8551

Southridge Mall
SE 14th Street and Army Post Road
515-287-3889

Valley West Mall
1551 Valley West Drive
515-225-3631

How to reach DRAKE
Drake University
2507 University Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa 50311-4505
Call: 1-800-44-DRAKE, then dial any extension listed

Call locally and from outside
the United States: 1-515-271-2011

Surf: www.drake.edu
www.drake.edu/parents

