DISABILITY RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS
ANNOUNCEMENTS
APRIL/MAY 2018

IMPORTANT!!!!

The University of Memphis Disability Resources for Students Office is implementing a new program which (we hope) will make your academic accommodation experiences easier to manage and arrange. We are moving to Accommodations Information Management System (AIM) which will assist you in getting your Semester Plan completed and memos ready for your instructors in a quicker and (we hope!) easier fashion. New students will submit documentation via this secured platform. We will also be able to use this system to notify students about specific events, and possibly connect students in similar fields for a more engaging experience at the University.

DRS Staff are still working on training and uploading information to the new system and as soon as we are trained on it, we will work on getting you trained, too! Be looking for emails about this change in the coming months. We will begin using it this Summer.

DRS RESOURCES

ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

We continue to offer academic strategies and writing support in humanities and social science-based courses, in addition to hosting our Math Lab for math classes up to pre-Calculus. If you are registered with DRS, set aside some time to come in and meet with Steve Shaver or Nelda Scruggs and check out the amazing assistance they offer. These will be offered throughout the summer. Be sure to talk with them once your schedule is finalized and get on their schedules for academic help.

SEMESTER PLAN MEETINGS AND ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS (INCLUDING TESTS)

Once you have registered for classes and know your schedule will not change, be sure and schedule your Summer and Fall 2018 Semester Plans. The purpose of the Semester Plan Meeting is to review your academic progress and determine appropriate disability-related accommodations for the classes you are taking this semester. For those who do not need accommodations, there are additional opportunities and resources Coordinators cover with students, such as planning for career and/or graduate school, study techniques, involvement on campus, etc.
Final Exams are approaching!!

Remember that tests taken in DRS for finals use the same Test Forms you use for chapter tests. Those forms are still due two business days before each exam, and two weeks before Final Exams. Finals start April 27 so come by the office to see when your Final Exam forms are due.

Never held a job? Want one (or some experience)⁈

Searching for your first, paid employment experience? DRS may be able to assist. First HIRES (Helping Individuals Recognize Employment Skills) is a jobs program for students with disabilities who have never held a paying job. Developed in collaboration with Residence Life, the First HIRES program not only provides students with disabilities with strong transferable skills and enhances their resumes, it also helps them get better connected to the UofM. Students in the First HIRES Program work as desk assistants in our on-campus residence halls. If you are interested in participating in First HIRES, contact Amanda at arodino@memphis.edu

Delta Alpha Pi

DRS is starting a chapter with the International Honor Society for Disabled Students, Delta Alpha Pi. DRS Staff have been working with Student Leadership and Involvement in the creation of this chapter at the UofM. If you are interested in taking an active role, please contact Verties Sails at vsails@memphis.edu Verties will be sending out emails soon about student organization meetings. Please consider attending and bring lots of suggestions for programming, initiatives, support, resources, etc. We want to make sure this and other DRS student orgs are focusing on the issues important to YOU. And DRS wants to support you in any way we can.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Registration for Summer and Fall 2018: April 2, 2018
Final Exam Forms (to take exams in DRS) are due: April 13-19, 2018
Last Day of Spring 2018 Classes: Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Study Day for Spring 2018: Thursday, April 26, 2018 – no student activities
Final Exams: Friday, April 27 – May 3, 2018
Pre-Summer Session classes: May 7 - 24, 2018
Pre-Summer Final Exams: May 25, 2018
Memorial Day (UofM closed): May 28, 2018
Full Summer Session classes: June 4 - August 9, 2018
1st Summer Session classes end: June 4 - July 2, 2018
1st Summer Session Final Exams: July 3, 2018
Independence Day (UofM closed): July 4, 2018
2nd Summer Session classes start: July 9 - August 9, 2018
Full and 2nd Summer Session Final Exams: August 10, 2018
Fall Summer Session classes start: August 27, 2018
OTHER RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS:

Tigers Fight Hunger:

The University of Memphis is working with our on-campus dining contractor, Aramark, to address **food insecurities on our campus**. Faculty and staff studied the challenges the UofM community faces with eating healthy, or having enough to eat. Students can donate guest meals or funds to the cause. Application for assistance can be made through the Dean of Students Office. For more information, click follow this link: [http://www.memphis.edu/studentinvolvement/communityengagement/tigers-fight-hunger.php](http://www.memphis.edu/studentinvolvement/communityengagement/tigers-fight-hunger.php)

The **Tiger Pantry** is open to all students, as well as faculty and staff. Shelf goods, toiletries, and feminine hygiene products are available to the campus community. Follow them on Twitter for more information: @UofMTigerPantry

If you would like to donate items to the Tiger Pantry, needed items are listed here: [http://www.memphis.edu/studentaffairs/dos/tigerpantrywishlist.php](http://www.memphis.edu/studentaffairs/dos/tigerpantrywishlist.php)

Counseling Center:

The Counseling Center continues to see students for **walk-in appointments** Monday through Friday from 10am-3pm.

The Counseling Center is facilitating a **substance use awareness group** for students. The group is an open and revolving group that will entail 4 sessions each rotation, and will meet weekly. Students can sign up at the Counseling Center or call (901) 678-2068

GRE Prep Workshop:

**The Office of Student Success Programs (SSP)** will host a workshop on May 7-9, 2018 in Clement Hall, Room 219, for students preparing to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The cost for the workshop is $150.

This intensive, small-group seminar is designed to help test-takers brush up on their test taking skills, review materials for the verbal and quantitative sections of the exam, and practice by taking full length practice tests. **You do not have to be an SSP participant or University of Memphis student to participate.** This workshop will be offered at a very nominal cost for non-SSP participants. Refunds may be requested up to 24 hours prior to the first workshop session. No refunds will be authorized once the workshop begins. To ensure maximum effectiveness, participants should plan to complete pre-work activities, attend all group sessions, and complete post-workshop activities.

If you are an undergraduate senior, you may be eligible for the GRE fee reduction program (link: [http://www.ets.org/gre/institutions/services/fee_reduction/](http://www.ets.org/gre/institutions/services/fee_reduction/), which would
reduce the cost of taking the actual examination. Visit the UofM Financial Aid Office for additional details.

**Important note to test-takers:** The GRE repeating policy has changed. Individuals can take the GRE general test (computer and paper-based) only once every 21 days, and no more than five times within any continuous rolling 12 month period (365 days). This applies even if the test taker canceled his or her scores on a test taken previously. Individuals who take the paper-based GRE test can take the tests as often as they are offered.

**Student Leadership & Involvement:**

The **Sophomore Success Series** has multiple opportunities to prepare our second year students for their future! These programs seek to expose them to career development, academic and registration support, and networking opportunities with groups like our Young Alumni Council. Any sophomore is encouraged to attend as many events as possible. We ask that they please RSVP for each program they're interested in attending. Any questions, as well as RSVPs, can be directed to Jessie Dickert in SLI at jessie.dickert@memphis.edu

Applications are now available for the **University of Memphis LeaderShape® Institute**. The Institute will take place May 6-11, 2018. Apply at this link: https://leadershape.org/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fapplications%2fapply%2f3690

The **LeaderShape® Institute** is an intensive, energizing, integrity-based educational experience designed help students develop a vision for a just, caring, and thriving world. Much of the week's work is done in small groups called "Family Clusters," which create a safe, supportive learning environment that allows participants to work together, form close friendships, and benefit from new perspectives. Each student in the cluster works to define their personal vision - an extraordinary commitment to changing or contributing to the world in a positive way. Based on that vision, participants then develop a blueprint for the action that they will undertake when they return home - with the objective of effecting meaningful, measurable change in their organization during the next 9-12 months. With the guidance of LeaderShape® facilitators, participants complete a blueprint that identifies the goals, relationships, and action steps that are essential to the project's success. Please visit http://www.Leadershape.org for additional information about The LeaderShape® Institute.

**Campus Opportunities for Engagement:**

The **Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Coalition (SAPAC)** is a new organization on campus dedicated to programming and peer education to prevent sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. SAPAC is currently seeking applications from students interested in serving as Peer Educators during the 2018-2019 school year. The application, as well as the position description and requirements,
are available here: https://memphis.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/sapac The application is open until April 4th at 11:45pm.

As part of **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**, the University of Memphis will be hosting a series of events throughout April. Please consider attending the following:

**Healing Yoga**  
April 2 | Elma Roane Fieldhouse | 5 PM – 7 PM  
Alpha Kappa Alpha, Student Government Association & Safety Net

**Memphis Advocacy, Support & Resources (MARS)**  
April 4 | UC Atrium | 11 AM – 3 PM  
MARS Student Advocates will offer resources and information on UofM advocacy and support services offered to students who are experiencing stalking, intimate partner violence, or sexual assault and students participating in a sexual misconduct process at the University.

**Condom Carnival**  
April 5 | UC Lawn Alumni Mall | 4 PM – 5 PM  
Presented by the Department of Psychology & Stonewall Tigers. The condom carnival is a community sexual risk reduction intervention which will have participants actively engaged in how to teach others and in having safe sex practices.

**Detox Masculinity**  
April 9 | UC Beale Room | Time TBA  
Safety Net and guest speakers will facilitate a discussion on how to address and eliminate toxic masculinity.

**Volunteer with Planned Parenthood**  
April 11 | 2430 Poplar Ave Suite 100 | 6 PM – 8 PM  
Planned Parenthood Generation Action

**Critical Conversations: Faculty & Staff**  
April 12 | FIT Zone | 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM  
Presented by the Critical Conversations Committee in collaboration with the Office for Institutional Equity. Staff & Faculty are invited to participate in a campus-wide discussion focused on fostering a campus culture committed to addressing and eliminating all forms of sexual misconduct.

**Healthy Relationships Fair**  
April 17 | Student Activity Plaza | 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Presented by the Office for Institutional Equity and sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs & Aramark, the Healthy Relationships Fair will include over 20 community and campus partners offering resources and services for survivors and will feature faculty & student speakers. Live art, game show, free HIV screenings, FREE LUNCH, giveaways & more!

**Object (n) vs. Object (v) Exhibit**  
April 17 | Michael D. Rose Theatre | All Day
Natalie Eddings, Abby Meyers, and Annalee Elmore are local artists and students attending the University of Memphis. Early last year, Eddings, Meyers and Elmore got together with the intent of making a video that depicted the process of healing from trauma, specifically trauma caused by sexual assault. What started as a short film exploded into a full gallery exhibition in which they experimented with various means of sculpture, photography, videography, installation, and performance techniques.

**Say My Name**  
April 17 | UC Beale Room | 6 PM – 9 PM  
Safety Net presents an "Open Mic" event in honor of SAAM. Counseling Center professionals will be available and present at this event.

**#MeToo**  
April 18 | UC Atrium | 9 AM – 2 PM  
Sponsored by Student Leadership & Involvement.

**#ShelbyCountyStandsWithSurvivors**  
April 19 | 807 Walker Avenue | 9 AM – 3 PM  
Shelby County Rape Crisis Center & Lemoyne-Owen College HBCU Wellness Project presents “Stand With Survivors”, a community event that will include a panel discussion, an empowerment march with a live band, free health screenings, lunch on the lawn, balloon release and special giveaways.

**Take Back the Night**  
April 23 | Student Activity Plaza | 7:45 PM  
UofM students, faculty, and staff as we seek to end sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, sexual abuse, and all other forms of sexual violence. March begins at 8pm. This event is sponsored by Student Leadership & Involvement and the Sexual Assault Prevention & Awareness Coalition.

**Denim Day**  
April 25 | UofM Campus | All Day  
The Student Government Association & UofM Students invite the entire campus community to wear jeans on April 25, 2018 to help communicate the message that there is "no excuse and never an invitation to rape." For more information, please visit [http://www.denimdayinfo.org](http://www.denimdayinfo.org)

**Intimate Partner Violence Awareness**  
April 25 | UC Atrium | 9 AM – 3 PM  
Office for Institutional Equity information table.

**Green Dot Bystander Intervention**  
April 26 | UC Shelby Room | 10 AM – 3 PM  
All University of Memphis faculty are invited to sign-up for one of three 60-minute training sessions. The trainings will be facilitated by U of M staff certified in the Green Dot College Prevention Strategy. Registration is required at the following link: [https://memphis.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5hl6Pf2vXkeDpbL](https://memphis.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5hl6Pf2vXkeDpbL)
The Green Dot training for faculty will introduce the basic elements of bystander intervention and sexual violence prevention, focusing specifically on the vital role faculty play in establishing and reinforcing the culture within which students exist. The training is designed to expose faculty to an expanded definition of “bystander” and to help them integrate these key behaviors within their current job functions. If you have any questions, please feel free to submit inquiries via e-mail to greendot@memphis.edu

Many thanks to all the University of Memphis staff who contributed to our DRS Announcements this month – JLM

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