What? Thinking of next semester already? But we just got done with Midterms!

That’s right! In this newsletter, we’ll cover everything you need to know about perfecting your schedule for next semester.

That means:
- A look at the LSA Course Guide
- LSA Syllabus Archive
- How to Use “My LSA Degree Audit”
- How to find ‘Open’ classes

Writing the Newsletter This Month!

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Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience
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You can find the LSA Course Guide on the LSA homepage (lsa.umich.edu)

I find that the best way to find this page is by manually typing the URL. A Google search may not always directly pull-up the Course Guide.

Once you click on link, you will be redirected to the page you already know and love. Clicking on the ‘Class Search’ tab will just bring you to a new window with ALL LSA classes offered for next semester. If your looking for a specific class/ requirement/distribution, read on!

Meet your new best friend! The Advance Search! Through this option you can search for classes by:
- Class level: 100's, 200’s, etc.
- Department
- Credit Hours
- Instructor name
And
- Distribution: humanities, natural science, etc.
- Requirements (LSA): ULWR, QR 1 + 2
Search for Syllabus

To get started:
1- **Pick your department** (in the image I picked History)
2- once you choose a department **pick the term**
   This option isn’t very relevant, except if you are looking for a class only offered a specific semester.
3- **Subject**, is also redundant, but that depends on the class you are looking for.
4- Now, for these next two next steps, I choose the option ‘**Show All**’, then when I click **‘Search’** I can scroll through the options when they come up. 
5- Click ‘search’ and the page will refresh to show you options. As you scroll down, you’ll be able to see the Instructor, Class, as well as a PDF version.

This is a new feature, brought by students at LSA SG.
Basically, it is a syllabi archive for past classes in many departments.

Because it is still new, you may find that your class is not listed yet.
If that is the case, you can always contact a specific department and request for either 1.) a hard copy of the syllabus 2.) request for them to upload it to the ‘Search for Syllabus’
The LSA Open class service is also a fairly new initiative. You can find the LSA Open Class feature on the course guide page, left hand side (as marked in red in the picture).

Once you click on the link, a new page will take you to a list of all departments/course by name, alphabetically.

In this case, I choose an AAPTIS class because we are currently in the middle of the semester and this feature works on ‘real time’ all the classes are full.

But if you take a look at the circle and the underline, using this information can make it a lot easier to schedule classes.

The circled # is the course/class # that you need for Wolverine access. The underlined info is class type (lec, dis, rec, etc), # of seats (which wolverine access doesn’t let you know until you enroll into a class), and meeting dates.
A little known feature about LSA, is the (degree) Audit checklist! To learn more about this great program I suggest you contact your LSA-Newnan Advisor for more information.

If you want to just take a look, it can be found on [http://www.lsa.umich.edu/cg/](http://www.lsa.umich.edu/cg/) On the left hand tag under “My LSA Audit Checklist” Clicking on that link will bring you to a page like the one shown on the left.

If your still a little unsure, or in need of a second opinion, don’t hesitate to contact your mentor or Martha Kirpes an LSA Newnan Advisor( mpkirpes@umich.edu)

Also, these youtube links may be useful if these tutorials did not do the job! [http://www.youtube.com/user/cluebbe/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/cluebbe/videos) These tutorials span from how to use an Audit Checklist to how to swap classes on WolverineAccess

Click on the next page for a surprise!
Check out our NEW EVENT
Open to ALL TRANSFER STUDENTS!

The popular TRANSFER CONNECTIONS COFFEE SOCIAL is back! NOV 14, 10am-12pm

This time, we’re serving breakfast along with delicious beverage and pastry selections!

HOSTED BY TRANSFER CONNECTIONS and OPEN TO ALL LSA TRANSFER STUDENTS

This is a great opportunity to get to know other transfer students at UM and relax from your busy day.

RSVP survey coming with your November Transfer Connections newsletter!
Transfer Connections Public Speaking Workshop

Conquer your fear of public speaking and sharpen your skills. Get useful tips to help you nail interviews, presentations, and facilitation in a fun and humorous 1-hour workshop.

Snacks and beverages provided.

Learn from the dynamic and masterful CALLIE MC KEE!
University of Michigan Educational Theater Director

Wednesday, November 13th 5-6 pm
Michigan Union Kuenzel Room. RSVP TODAY!
http://umichadmin.qualtrics.com/SV/?SID=SV_5h8RCreiMMFis79h
Tips From Mentors!

Karen Mastie says,
“Take advantage of what makes Michigan one of the top institutions in the Country. Something I did to make the most of my second to last semester and the already limited time I get at Michigan was choosing courses that exemplify “the Michigan Difference”. The Golden Apple Awards are given to students nominated professors from all departments and schools at Michigan. I went to the award ceremony last year and the last lecture of Shelly Schreier. It was inspiring, encouraging, and one of the most impactful moments I’ve experienced here.”

“Go to the website http://goldenapple-umich.com/ and look at the past recipients. My strategy in fulfilling my credit requirements was to choose a subject (english) and search the professor in the course guide for the upcoming semester. I am taking classes with two past recipients of the award and my already high expectations have been exceeded. Take advantage of where you are and who you can study under and learn from while you are here!! Michigan is an amazing place so don’t miss the opportunity that is here.”

Here’s what Michelle Jacobs, has to say:
I think the most helpful tool to take advantage of while choosing classes is your academic advisor. They can help you map out the rest of your year and even maybe next year if you know what you want to do. They will also give you tips on which classes can be taken towards your major but also count as some of your gen eds. My second piece of advice is while choosing classes to make sure that you choose a second and third back up schedule in case some of your classes become full before you can register. This is really important because a lot of classes fill up very quickly and if you are not prepared to choose a second class then you might not get into any of your top picks or will be stuck taking super early or super late classes. One last piece of advice is to look at ratemyprofessor.com while choosing which classes or sections to take. A professor makes a lot of difference, especially at U of M, so it is a good idea to see what other students that have taken them have to say.

Lauren Kiryakoza, check out what she says:
“Before my registration date and time opens I sketch out a schedule that would be ideal. I place all of my extracurricular commitments in my agenda and then start to choose class times from there. As for courses, I make sure to keep a nice balance between “hard” classes and classes I think will be a little more manageable. Remember to choose classes you genuinely think you will enjoy by reading the descriptions on course guide, this makes the term a lot more stress free!”
Meet our new TC Mentor

Lauren Kiryakoza

My major is International Studies- Global Health and Environment. I am a junior, class of 2015. I am involved in Spanish Club as a tutor, I also am a research assistant in a craniofacial lab at the medical campus. My biggest time commitment is my executive board position in a student organization called Timmy Global Health, as the Recruitment Chair.

Some fun facts: I absolutely love Spanish and lived in Spain last summer for almost two months through a U of M study abroad program, my hometown is Farmington Hills, MI where my parents, younger brother and sister, and dog Pluto live, and I can understand and speak Chaldean (an Aramaic language).