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## FALL 2007 IS UPON US!

With Monsoon rains brings a flood of students old and new back to campus for another academic year. Before the deluge distracts us, take some time to look over your 074 courses, and let us know if there are any changes necessary. Make sure meeting times, honors status, instructor names, etc. are correct. Check SUBJ comments for up to date Department Head information. Be sure REGURL comments are up for the proper sections and COURSE/SECT comments are accurate.

Please also have instructors take a look at his/her room assignments, either in person or through Rooms on the Web at [www.uaav.web.arizona.edu](http://www.uaav.web.arizona.edu). If the technology is not appropriate, it is best to catch it now, before classes start. If he/she is teaching courses back-to-back, make sure he/she is not trekking from McClelland to Optical Sciences in 10 minutes, unless he/she has bionic legs!

## INDEX NOW HAS LINKS

The RCS Chronicles Index is now linked by topic to the article itself. This was Richard's original vision, but it took a little more time to complete. It's now much easier to look back over previous issues. Many thanks must go to Patricia Baldewicz in Entomology for the idea. Thanks Patricia and Richard!

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## WHAT IS A SEGMENT? By Richard Mathews

For those of you who are still unfamiliar with what a segment is, hopefully I can help explain. Segments are always associated with meeting times, so I will call it a meeting segment. In SIS, we are allowed up to **three different meeting segments**. Let's take a look at one of my favorite screens – SIS screen 134.

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134 COURSE MEETING PATTERNS                                FIRST-YEAR COMPOSITION 074
INST: UA
SCREEN:  ___  SID:  _____  CRS: ENGL101 001 TERM: 074

                                SCHEDULE - 25          FAC-LOAD
MTG  DAYS      START  STOP   BLDG  ROOM  P/A RM-CAP ATT  ACT COMB UNITS
1ST: TR        0800AM 0915AM EDUC  502   X   22   ___  L   -   03
2ND: F         0800AM 0915AM M LNG  313   X   12   ___  L   -   00
3RD: _____

START/END: 08-20-07 12-05-07  SESSION:      CALL NUMBER: 19717
MIN/MAX/HRS: 3.00 3.00  INSTRUCTOR NAME: WERNER
OFFERING DEPT : _____

*--COURSE SECTION INFORMATION-----* *-----COMBINED SECTIONS-----*
ACTIVITY TYPE:      LEC          COMBINED SECTION STATUS:  E
COURSE STATUS:      0           COMBINED SECTION:
ENROLLMENT MAXIMUM: 10         COMBINED ENROLL:
FORMALLY ENROLLED:  9
VRR AVAILABILITY:   N
DEPT OF RECORD:     ENGL
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In this example, ENGL 101 001 for the fall semester has **two meeting segments**. The first is highlighted and meets TR 8am – 9:15am in EDUC 502. The second meeting segment meets F 8am – 9:15am in M LNG 313. So, as we can see, this is **one** section with **two segments**. I have often talked to people who get the words “section” and “segment” confused. Don't let this happen to you!!

So, basically a segment is a meeting pattern. A section can have up to three different meeting times, but these meeting times are all still the same section. So there can only be one instructor, one max enrollment, etc. due to the structure of SIS.

Hope this helps, and of course you can always call us up and ask us for help if you need any assistance.



Questions? Comments? We welcome your feedback!

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## **TIER ONE VRR AVAILABILITY** By Anne Marie Jones

For non-Tier One courses, departments can control registration by placing an "N" in the VRR Availability field on screen 131. On WebReg and the Schedule of Classes, a default message appears saying "Contact department (DEPT) for Registration. "DEPT" in this example stands in for any of the department abbreviations. The department page is hyperlinked to the word "DEPT." This will direct students to the offering department with any questions related to registration for this course.

For Tier One courses the VRR Availability field is used by the Office of the Vice Provost for Instruction to manage the Tier One course availability. The default message is the same as it is for non-Tier One courses. Questions from departments or from students regarding Tier One course availability should be referred to Anne Marie Jones at amjones@u.arizona.edu. The VRR Availability field for Tier One courses should not be changed by departments.

## **SCREEN 131 TRAINING:**

**Friday, August 10, 2007  
10-11:00am**

**Thursday, August 16, 2007  
2-3:00pm**

**Seating is limited.  
Call us at 621-3313 to sign up!**

### **REMEMBER THE STUPID MOTORIST LAW !**

Passed in 1995, the Stupid Motorist Law requires motorists who ignore barricades to reimburse the state for the cost of their rescues. BUT don't choose death over the cost of a ticket. If you are stranded in a flooded wash, call for help!



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**August 8, 2007**  
Last day of classes for 073

**August 16, 2007**  
Residence Halls open.

**August 20, 2007**  
Fall Semester begins.

## **CARRY OVER COURSE SECTIONS**

**By Richard Mathews**

### **What is a Carry Over section?**

A Carry Over section is a course section that starts in one semester and ends in another. For example, the dates for summer two are July 9, 2007 to August 8, 2007. If a class starts July 9, 2007 and ends Nov 13, 2007 then this is a carry over from 073 to 074. If a class begins July 24, 2007 and ends January 20, 2008 then this is also a carry over course spanning 073 to 074 to 081. If a class starts July 10, 2007 and ends August 8, 2007, this is only residing in the 073 semester and is not a carry over course section.

### **How should I inform Room & Course scheduling about my department's course sections with atypical semester dates?**

As you may have noticed, the summer greenbars have columns for start and end dates while the spring and fall greenbars do not. So the way to inform us of these abnormal dates is either by Greenbar (if available) or by sending us an email outlining all the information needed. We will keep you updated with future improvements on how to submit to us your information.

### **How do Carry Over sections affect the University at large?**

There are several departments involved with Carry Over sections; Room and Course Scheduling, Curriculum & Registration, Financial Aid, Graduate College and the Bursar's Office to name a few. Creating new semester dates can be a tedious process. The summer semesters contain many more atypical semester dates than fall and spring. Since this is the case, we are given deadlines to create session codes for summer atypical dates each year.

### **What is the best way to be sure my atypical semester dates are correct in the system?**

Okay, so I know you already know the answer to this, but it doesn't hurt to get a reminder. It is very important that you monitor your department's schedule of classes to be sure the information there is accurate. For the summer semesters, for example, you need to meet one week for each unit of credit. When dealing with Carry Over Course Sections and atypical dates, the sooner a problem can be fixed the better.

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