

Frequently Asked Questions from Faculty/Advisors

What will be the exam schedule in a future term?

Standard Fall Exam

Schedule: <https://www.eiu.edu/registra/files/FallExamSchedule.pdf>

Standard Spring Exam

Schedule: <https://www.eiu.edu/registra/files/SpringExamSchedule.pdf>

Why are the grade choices in the grade roster unusual?

Most courses use the Standard grading scheme of A, B, C, D, F with the course counting toward the students GPA and hours earned counting toward graduation. But sometimes a course does not count in GPA or toward graduation (for example a pre-college level math class taken in preparation for college level work.) A few other courses have special rules that allow the grade to count in GPA but not in hours toward graduation. In order to have Banner process these grades correctly, a different grading scheme is used with an X preceding the grade (XA, XB, etc) when the course does not count in GPA or hours, and an R preceding the grade (RA, RB, etc) when the course does count in GPA but not in hours. Those grades are what faculty will see in the drop down options for grades in the roster.

I forgot to submit my midterm grades! What should I do?

Unfortunately, we don't have a mechanism to submit late midterm grades because they are processed differently than final grades. Midterms never move to the transcript so to "capture" that information ITS runs the "midterm freeze" and freezes those grades to a table. The reports run by the student success center to notify students with poor grades are run from the frozen data. Since that freeze occurs at the close of the day grades are due we can't change the data after the fact. We normally suggest the instructor email the student directly with the grade information. That makes sure the student still gets the warning the midterm grade is intended to convey.

I forgot to submit my final grades! What should I do?

If grades were not submitted by the deadline you should submit grade changes from the current "X" (indicating a missing grade) to the correct grade. Please do so as quickly as possible so the "X" grade doesn't create a hardship for the student. To submit a grade change use the Grade Change link under the Faculty Services tab in PAWS.

Where can I find a list of the available Parts of Term for a semester?

Those can be found [here](#).

I am unable to view course descriptions in the online catalog when using Google Chrome! What should I do?

You will need to clear the browser's cache. Press [Ctrl] + [Shift] + [Del] and change "Clear the following items from" to "the beginning of time" and click "Clear browsing data".

How does an advisor send an e-mail to all of their advisees at once?

Use the existing advisee distribution list created for each advisor. Details [here](#).

Are you having trouble using the filter button on an administrative page?

Try this. Click Tools/ Click About Banner/ Click the X on the left to close that/ Try filtering again. We can't explain why it works, but we've found it does!