

## MEET YOUR ADVISOR REGULARLY!

### LIST OF ADVISORS AND OFFICE HOURS

<http://www.phys.ufl.edu/academics/undergraduate/>  
OR SNED AN E-MAIL TO ADVISING@PHYS.UFL.EDU

**SPS REU Meeting**  
**January 26 (Thursday)**  
**6 pm in #2205**

## GRADUATING SENIORS!

If you intend to graduate this semester, you need to apply to graduate on ISIS by **Friday, February 3**. You can find links and more information on graduation at <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/gradhub.html>. Additional information is located at <http://www.advising.ufl.edu/faq/seniorgradfaq.html>. After you apply, the Academic Advising Center will then make sure you have satisfied the requirements to graduate. Your transcript will be forwarded to the Physics department to make sure that you have satisfied all the Physics requirements to graduate. At that time I will make any remaining course substitutions, etc. so that the computer recognizes that you have completed all the requirements to graduate. This is, of course, assuming that you have met them. It is a good idea for all students - not just graduating seniors - to look at the degree requirements for Physics degrees at

[http://www.phys.ufl.edu/undergrad\\_program/reqBS.html](http://www.phys.ufl.edu/undergrad_program/reqBS.html) (BS)

[http://www.phys.ufl.edu/undergrad\\_program/reqBA.html](http://www.phys.ufl.edu/undergrad_program/reqBA.html) (BA)

[http://www.phys.ufl.edu/undergrad\\_program/minor.html](http://www.phys.ufl.edu/undergrad_program/minor.html) (Minor)

### Honors degree

Students who have a **3.5 or higher upper division GPA** will graduate with honors. Your ISIS audit should tell you whether or not you will receive honors. To receive high or highest honors you must hand in a **senior thesis** based on research you have done with a faculty member in this department in addition to meeting the GPA requirement. **Senior theses are due several weeks before the end of the semester** so it is a good idea to start writing now. I will be contacting all students who have honors status based on GPA to see if you are doing a senior thesis. **See Page 2 for more details on Senior Thesis.**

## NEED MORE PHYSICS TEACHERS TO HAVE MORE LIKE YOU!

High School Physics Teachers  
in Short Supply!

 **UF Teach**  
Developing the Next Generation of Florida's Math and Science Teachers

<http://www.aps.org/publications/apsnews/200003/teachers.cfm>

<http://ufteach.clas.ufl.edu/courses.html>

## Become a UG Physics Ambassador!

Are you planning to go home during the Spring break? Physics Department will support your travel back home as a Physics Ambassador to your alma mater. During the break visit your high school and share your experience in our program. Yes, it is a recruiting visit! **Support \$150 for one, \$250 for a group of two.** How do I become an ambassador? Submit one page application to Dr. Lee ([yoonslee@phys.ufl.edu](mailto:yoonslee@phys.ufl.edu)) by February 10 (Friday).

The application should include (1) Names of the Applicants (2) Name of the School and Contact Teacher (3) Date of Visit (4) Plan of Recruiting. It is your responsibility to arrange your visit and plan. You will be provided with a PPT slide show for our program.

## YOUR CAREER

**SPRING CAREER SHOWCASE: January 24 – 25, 2012, O'Connell Center**

<http://www.crc.ufl.edu/Students/studentCareerShowcase.html>

**If you are either looking for a job after graduation or an internship/co-op experience, this is the place to start.**

For those planning to attend the career showcase, we offer **the following advice:**

- 1. You will need a *resume***, which lists your skills and job objectives. Get help from the Career Center. They can review your resume. Their web site is <http://www.crc.ufl.edu>.
- 2. To do any on-campus interviewing *you must register*** at the Career Resource Center with Gator CareerLink. You may register on-line from the CRC home page listed above.
- 3. *Research the companies*** on the web by first going to the Career Resource Center website to see who is attending. Companies may not be specifically looking for Physics majors, but they will be looking for your skills.
- 4. *Go to the fair***. The typical dress is a *conservative suit or dress*. The top three traits employers say they are looking for are *motivation/attitude, communication skills, and ability to work in groups*. Make sure to get a business card from the recruiter or a contact person.
- 5. After the fair, do not wait to be called. *Be pro-active and contact the companies*** you are interested in. Remember you only need one good job offer. It may take several tries before you get it.

## Senior Thesis = Honors Thesis

Preliminary Honors designation will be informed in a month based on your GPA up to Fall 2011. In the mean time, you can talk to your research mentor about thesis topic and plan.

The Honors program has information about Honors Theses at:

<http://www.honors.ufl.edu/upperdivisionhonors.html>.

Approximate Timeline for Senior Thesis:

- First week of April: submit the Honors Thesis Submission Form with thesis advisor
- Last week of Spring class: 15 - 20 min presentation on your thesis work to the Committee.
- Within a few days of presentation: Committee decides final Honors designation for either *magna* or *suma cum laude*, and selects the winner for the Outstanding Undergraduate Senior Thesis Award (with cash prize).
- Upload your thesis in PDF or MS Word format.