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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 5, noon	Instruction ends
August 5, 1 p.m.	Reading Day
August 6-7	Final examination period
August 18-20	New Student Orientation
August 20	ACES Fall Teaching Symposium, Heritage Room, ACES LIAC, begins with refreshments at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 1 p.m.
August 23	Department Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting, 9-11 a.m., 102 ASL
August 25	Instruction begins
August 27	Department Faculty Meeting, 12-1 p.m., 292 ASL
August 31	Midwest Swine Nutrition Conference, Indianapolis, IN
September 1	Dedication of the new Beef/Sheep Unit at South Farms, corner of Race and Old Church Road, Urbana at 4:00 p.m.
September 6	Labor Day
September 7	Graduate College Information Fair for Incoming Graduate Students from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Illini Union Rooms A, B, and C
September 16-18	National Association of Animal Breeders' 58 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and 20 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Technical Conference, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Milwaukee, WI
October 24-26	<a href="#">National Poultry Waste Management Symposium</a>
November 2-5	<a href="#">Ninth DISCOVER Conference</a> on Food Animal Agriculture titled "Protecting and Managing Genetic Resources for Future Generations: The Next Steps"
November 3-4	<a href="#">Animals in the Food System Conference</a>
November 25	Thanksgiving Day
November 26	Day after Thanksgiving (designated)
December 24	Christmas Day observed
December 27	Day after Christmas (designated)
December 31	New Year's Day observed

NODAS MAY ALSO BE ACCESSED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCES WEB SITE:

<http://www.ansci.uiuc.edu>

**ACES FALL TEACHING SYMPOSIUM:** Dr. Linda C. Martin, Oklahoma State University, will be the featured speaker and workshop leader. The ACES Fall Teaching Symposium is scheduled for Friday, August 20, 2004, in the Heritage Room, ACES LIAC. The program begins with refreshments at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude by 1 p.m. Dr. Martin promotes effective student learning through the use of teamwork and group learning strategies.

**REBECCA R. ROACH, MS, RD, LDN, CDE,** will be joining the Department of FSHN as a Visiting Teaching Associate starting August 2, 2004. Since 1998, Becky has been a Health Educator, Nutrition Education Coordinator at McKinley Health Center at UI where she has been involved in the development, implementation, cholesterol and diabetes education, and disordered eating behavior. She will be teaching FSHN 120 (Contemporary Nutrition) this fall.

### ETC. ETC.:

Participants needed for study on hearing and brain function. Smokers and non-smokers who are in good health and 55 years or older or between 18-30 years are needed for a study on hearing and brain function. Contact Ishara Ramkissoon, Ph.D. student, at 244-7616 or [ramkisso@uiuc.edu](mailto:ramkisso@uiuc.edu).

IMPE renovations to cause loss of air conditioning, change in hours. An electrical conversion for the renovation project of the Intramural-Physical Education building will cause the loss of air conditioning at IMPE from Tuesday (July 27) through August 3. In addition, the building's hours will change on these days: July 27, open noon-9 p.m.; July 29, open 4-11 p.m.; and August 3, open 4-11 p.m.

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**OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO GRADUATE STUDENTS**

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**Dates to Remember:**

July 30	Last day to deposit August master's theses Last day to drop a second half-session course Last day to elect credit/no-credit option for a second half-session course or to change from credit/no-credit to a regular grade
August 5, noon	Instruction ends
August 5, 1:00	Reading Day
August 6-7	Final examination period
August 9	August degree conferral (master's only; no commencement)
August 25	Instruction begins
September 6	Labor Day (no classes)
September 7	Graduate College Information Fair for Incoming Graduate Students, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Illini Union Rooms A, B, and C
November 20-28	Thanksgiving Vacation begins at 1 p.m.

Grad Links is an e-mail bulletin from the Graduate College at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Please share it with graduate students, faculty, and staff. The electronic version of Grad Links can be found at [www.grad.uiuc.edu/pubs/GradLinks/index.html](http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/pubs/GradLinks/index.html).

**NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECK-IN AND ORIENTATION**

Message from [Keren A. Kwiatek](#), Assistant Director, Office of International Student Affairs (OISA):

Though we are still enjoying the long days of summer, new international students are already arriving to begin classes in the fall. OISA has the following information available on the web:

- Important Dates for New Students: <http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/oisa/OISAService/NewStudents/>
- New Student Orientation: <http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/oisa/OISAService/NewStudents/orientat.html>
- Logistical Details for New Students:  
<http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/oisa/OISAService/PreArrivalInfo/detailsArrival.html>
- What Happens During Check In at OISA?  
<http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/oisa/OISAService/PreArrivalInfo/checkin.html>
- Information for Incoming Graduate Assistants:  
<http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/oisa/OISAService/PreArrivalInfo/graduatesAssistants.html>

It is critical that new international students report to OISA as soon as possible. Our staff must confirm their arrival on campus to the federal government via the SEVIS system. To insure that this important step takes place (and that the student does not fall out of status), an OISA hold is placed on all new international student's registration. We will clear the hold within 24 hours of the student completing the official check-in at OISA. Please note that check-in is by appointment. Students may schedule an appointment for check-in by calling or stopping by OISA.

**ATTENTION PH.D. STUDENTS ONLY:** This is a reminder that your "Annual Ph.D. Student Review" is due to Dr. Bryan White by August 16, 2004. Forms are available in 110 ASL and 436 ASL.

**HERE ARE THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF JULY 14, 2004:**

**UPCOMING THESIS AND DISSERTATION DEPOSIT DEADLINES**

- \* July 30, 2004 / Master Deposit Deadline
- \* August 11, 2004 / August Degree Conferral

The Thesis Office is located on the second floor of Coble Hall (801 S. Wright Street, C). There will be extended hours for Master's thesis deposit on July 26-30 from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

For additional information, including the Certificate of Committee Approval Form, go to <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/thesis/thesisGC.html>.

**FELLOWSHIP OFFICE IS CHANGING WALK-IN HOURS**

To better serve our graduate students and departments, the Graduate College Fellowship Office has changed its walk-in hours. This will allow time at the beginning and end of each day to process fellowship appointments, while preserving valuable walk-in time to serve our students. The new Fellowship Office walk-in hours will be 9 am to noon and 1:00 to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, effective July 19.

**LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANTSHIP?**

The Assistantship Clearinghouse is an online listing of available assistantships and hourly positions for graduate students. To view the postings, go to <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/Gsac/clearinghouse/index.html>. If you are looking for funding, we strongly advise that you check this page regularly for updated information. Units wishing to post available assistantships and hourly positions should contact Debbie Kempfues ([dkempfue@uiuc.edu](mailto:dkempfue@uiuc.edu)).

**GRADUATE COLLEGE INFORMATION FAIR FOR INCOMING GRADUATE STUDENTS**

The Graduate College will host an information fair for incoming graduate students on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Illini Union Rooms A, B, and C. This event will formally welcome all new graduate students to the University and help orient them to services and resources available on campus and in the community. While the information fair is designed for new graduate students, returning graduate students are also invited to attend. For more information, visit <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/MasterCalendar.htm>.

**FALL WORKSHOPS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

The Graduate College will again host a variety of workshops to support graduate student professional development and career planning. Topics scheduled for fall 2004 include: Organizing Your Education for Options, Crafting a Fellowship/Grant Proposal, CV and Resume Writing, Dissertation Writing, Academic Writing and Publishing, and Interviewing Skills. Most workshops require advance registration, which will begin on Wednesday, August 25. Details are available at <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/MasterCalendar.htm>.

**MANDATORY DIRECT DEPOSIT COMING SPRING 2005**

Sign up for Direct Deposit between now and December 15, 2004 and you could win one of five \$100 bookstore vouchers. Winners will be notified via their University e-mail account. For more information on the University's new policy regarding student account refunds, visit

<https://ms2.express.cites.uiuc.edu/cgi-bin/fetch.cgi?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.oba.uiuc.edu%2Fosac%2F>.

**ONLINE BILLING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE BEGINNING JULY 2004**

In addition to the online student payment system, you can now view Student Account billing statement online. The online billing and payment system is accessible through the UI-Integrate Web Self-Service using an Enterprise ID and password at <https://apps.uillinois.edu/selfservice/>.

For more information, visit our website at <http://www.oba.uiuc.edu/osac>.

**TENTATIVE DEADLINES FOR FALL 2004 GRADUATION**

If you are planning to graduate in the upcoming fall semester, please visit <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/thesis/deadlines.html>.

For additional information, contact the Graduate College at (217) 333-0035 or visit the Web at <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/index.htm>.

For Latest News and Upcoming Deadlines from the Graduate College, see <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/latestnews/latestnews.html>.

For the Graduate College's Calendar of Events for Graduate Student Professional Development, see <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/MasterCalendar.htm>.

For past Grad Links bulletins, see <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/pubs/GradLinks/index.html>.

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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS:** *Additional information and job descriptions may be obtained in 436 ASL. Job Opportunities Bulletin from UIUC Biotechnology Center Placement Office is posted on Graduate Student Bulletin Board on 4<sup>th</sup> floor South, ASL. Application deadlines, if known, are in parenthesis.*

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON, KY; teach introductory livestock evaluation in the fall semester and the advanced livestock judging course during the spring semester. Responsible for training the intercollegiate livestock team and soliciting financial support for the program under the direction of a faculty advisor; M.S. and/or Ph.D. Applicants may apply for graduate studies by contacting: The Graduate School, 351 Patterson Office Tower, University of KY, Lexington, KY 40506-0027 or e-mail [gradapp@uky.edu](mailto:gradapp@uky.edu). Starting date 01/03/05.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP, DEPARTMENT OF POULTRY SCIENCE, NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, RALEIGH, NC; study the functional genomics of viral immunity. Work will focus on avian species and evaluate the impact of dietary probiotics on host/pathogen interactions at the molecular and cellular level. Recent graduates in poultry science, animal science, immunology, zoology, molecular genetics, microbiology, virology, with interests in functional genomics of immune response, should contact either Dr. Chris Ashwell (Genomics) [cmashwel@ncsu.edu](mailto:cmashwel@ncsu.edu) or Dr. Matt Koci (Immunology) [mdkoci@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:mdkoci@unity.ncsu.edu) for additional information.

LECTURER/SENIOR LECTURER IN ANIMAL BREEDING, DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE, FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN, IRELAND; involves undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and research in animal breeding at both U.C.D. and Teagasc Research Centres. Research will focus on genetic parameters of economic importance in beef cattle and the development of optimum strategies for the genetic improvement of beef cattle in Ireland; honours degree in agricultural science or other related discipline together with a Ph.D. in animal breeding. <http://www.ucd.ie/vacancies>. (08/31/04)

PROFESSOR AND HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF CROP SCIENCES, UIUC; responsible for the administration of the research, teaching, and extension programs of the department; Ph.D. in crop sciences, plant pathology, or another discipline complementary with departmental programs is required. [http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/Announcements/items/position\\_CropSci\\_Head.cfm](http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/Announcements/items/position_CropSci_Head.cfm) (10/01/04)

STATISTICAL GENETICIST, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, ANIMAL AGRICULTURE GROUP, CHESTERFIELD, MO; responsible for making improvements and enhancements to existing Swine Genetic Evaluation Program; Ph.D. in animal breeding, genetics, or statistics is required. <http://monsanto.com/monsanto/content/careers/job3.htm>.

PROGRAM SPECIALIST IN ANIMAL SCIENCE, COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS UNIT AT USDA-CSREES; review proposals for appropriateness to program requirements, provide technical assistance and/or produce reports, statistical analyses, and correspondence regarding the program; keep databases updated; monitor progress of funded projects; B.S. or higher degree in agriculture, animal science, veterinary medicine, biological sciences, or a related discipline appropriate to animal production/protection. <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/announcements/s4m-0061.html>. (08/30/04)