Tips for choosing what classes to take:

1. **Check out your options:** Review the course catalog. If you know your major, choose some courses that fulfill general requirements in that area. If you’re not sure what you want to study, pick some classes in subjects that spark your interest.

2. **Create a schedule that works:** Aim to sign up for four to six courses a semester. Try to spread them out over the week so you have time for studying and other activities each day, and note when classes meet so you don’t double book yourself.

3. **Visit your adviser:** Make sure to check with your adviser about what classes you need to be taking. Your adviser is a great resource in helping you pick classes that will keep you graduating on time and that will fit in with your schedule.

4. **Get requirements out of the way:** Core requirements range from math and history to philosophy and lab sciences. You should try to take most of these classes during your first two years so you can concentrate on your major later.

5. **Maintain balance:** You may want to jump into difficult classes, but remember that college courses require more time and effort. Start slowly and work up to harder classes. Also, choose classes that require different types of work so you don’t end up writing five papers or solving five problem sets in one week.

6. **Use college credit:** If you’ve earned college credits in high school—for example, through the AP or IB programs—find out if you can use them to fulfill any core requirements before you register.

7. **Register early:** The earlier you register, the more likely it is that you’ll get the classes you want. Also, if a problem comes up along the way, you’ll have more time to deal with it. But no matter how early you register, make sure you have a list of back-up classes in case the ones you want are already full.

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**In defense of having a schedule**

**By: Eli Hann**

As college students, our lives are often ruled by schedules: class schedule, work schedule, scheduling meetings for organizations and professors, but what about down time? Yes it’s true we all need our down time, and I’m not suggesting you mark what time to clash clans or crush candy on your daily planner, but organizing your free time is a vital tool to work efficiently. Take Friday, for example. Say you get done with your lab by noon, tell yourself you’ll grab lunch and talk with some friends until 2, work on homework just for three hours until 5, and the rest is up to you! By scheduling in three hours of work before, you can have more relaxing free time after. For instance, if you’ve already done your homework, you have the whole night to socialize and not worry about incoming deadlines. Who knows, you might even get to bed at a decent hour!
Phi Kappa Tau: A Year in Review
By: Alessandro Vazquez

The first time I heard about Phi Kappa Tau was through a close friend of mine. At this point, he was a founder of the fraternity and very adamant about my involvement. However, due to time constraints, I passed on the offer. That was until fall 2015, where my suite mate dragged me out of my room to go to an interest meeting at SLB—a meeting I had, “No choice but to go to.” Fair enough. While I was unaware at the time, the event would help solidify myself into a brotherhood stronger than any one I have been in before.

For a while, I remained a skeptic. While Phi Tau had many individuals that were close friends of mine, the idea of a fraternity still brought cynical thoughts. However, after sitting in a meeting, getting to know the brothers, and thinking about the future, all the pessimism melted away. What I was left with was a band of men who wanted to make a difference in their campus; individuals moving towards a common goal. I then became whisked away by the possibilities, thinking about the potential for both Phi Tau and Greek Life as a whole at UIS.

The year has shown the tenacity of Greek Life. As a young organization on a smaller campus, every person is affected by the decisions or events that revolve around us. We have gone through some trying times in the past year alone. What I have seen from these moments is not cowardice, but resolve. Each member creates a stronger bond than the last. My decision to join Phi Tau will remain a decision I will be proud of for years to come. I am proud of Greek Life, proud of my fraternity, and proud to be a Phi Tau.

Useful Dates:

April 4th- Priority registration for Fall and Summer classes begins

April 27th – Freshman Symposium

May 6th – CAP banquet from 5 pm in the Sangamon Auditorium Lobby

May 14th- Graduation breakfast from 8:30 am to 12pm
*For graduates and families only

May 14th- Deadline to check out of housing is at 12pm

Tutoring Times

Writing Studios: Tuesdays 6pm-8pm
Fridays 11am-1pm
***Tutoring available M-F from 2-5pm in LRH Room 111

Science tutoring/workshops: Wednesdays from 4-6pm

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