SPRING 2018 ADVISING TIP SERIES

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Advising Tip of the Week - #1

Basic Biology

It's that time again! General registration for Fall classes begins on Monday, April 2nd (student-athletes, combat veterans, and some students registered with Disability Services begin registering the last week of March).

Maybe you have an advisee who *must* take a Biology course for their major. Or maybe you have an advisee who wants to take Biology to fulfill their General Education Natural Science (NS) requirement. How do you know which of the three basic biology lab courses, BIOL 100, 108, or 111, is best for your advisee? I've attached the Biology Department's handy Advising Guide to Introductory Biology Courses, but here are the basics:

BIOL 100 (Fundamental Concepts of Biology) is for non-biology majors who are not planning on continuing to study biology. It's also the best bet for the squeamish; the lab portion does NOT include a dissection. It is REQUIRED for several majors (please see guide).

BIOL 108 (Basic Principles of Biology) is for non-biology majors. It's a pre-requisite for BIOL 231, BIOL 335, AND BIOL 348, and is suitable for students planning to enter an allied health profession. Labs DO involve dissections. It's a REQUIREMENT for several programs (please see guide).

BIOL 111 (Introductory Biology 1) is for science majors and those with a strong interest in science, including those seeking pre-professional careers in medicine. It and BIOL 112 are pre-reqs for most upper level biology courses, and it's a REQUIREMENT for several programs (please see guide).

Also, be aware that some programs have minimum grade requirements in the basic biology course their students take.

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What Advisors May Say, What Students May Hear

While we'd like to think all students understand they need to complete 120 credits to graduate, we know that this is not the case. Some think that they'll be finished once they've completed their general education and major courses. An advisor who finishes an advising appointment with "You're all set!" might mean that the student:

- Is ready to register (all set with a good course selection)
- Has completed all major requirements
- Has at least a 2.0 in their major (or whatever the GPA requirement is for your school)
- Has completed all Gen Eds
- Will have completed at least 120 credits after the next semester
- Is ready to graduate

But an advisee might hear: "You're graduating in May!"

It's never a bad idea to start advising appointments with the question: "When do you want/plan to graduate?" Your advisee will have to think about and articulate their plan, and that might offer you the opportunity to correct any "magical thinking" on their part.

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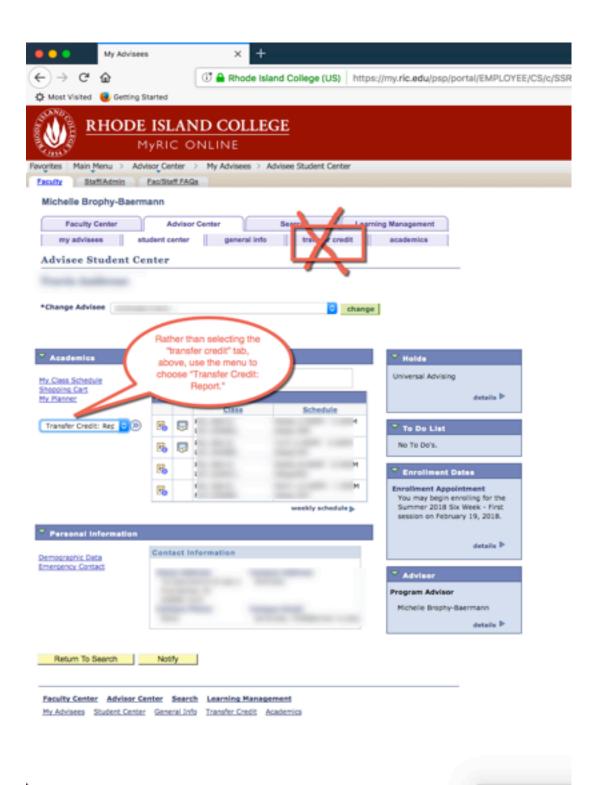
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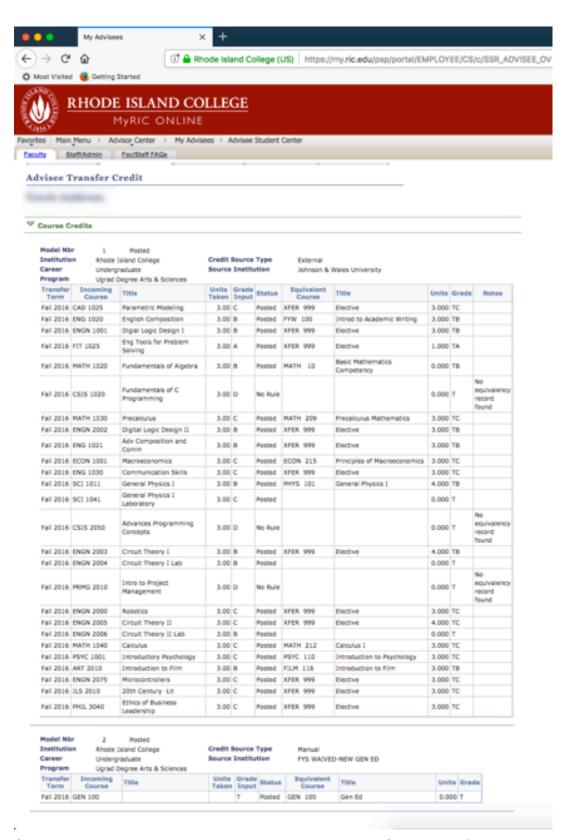


Using the New Transfer Credit Report

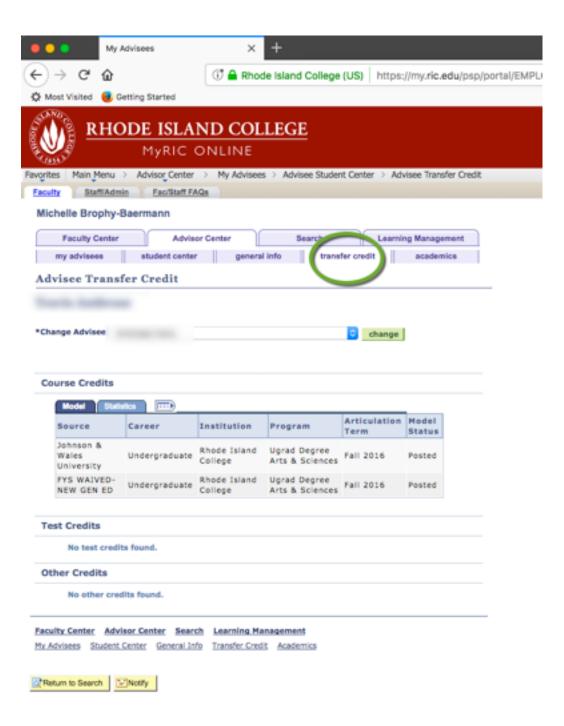
There's a new way to check how an advisee's credits have transferred from other institutions. Rather than click on the "transfer credit" tab at the top of the Advisee Student Center page, use the menu to select "Transfer Credit: Report." (continued below)



This will pull up a list or lists of all of the credits that have transferred from your advisee's previous institution(s), along with the original course titles, the equivalent RIC course, and how they transferred (i.e., as a particular course or elective credit).



If you do select the old tab, you will see limited information (i.e., institution, degree program and articulation term).



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