

Welcome to the January Edition of the AACD Advising Newsletter

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Please remember that registration for Spring 2026 is still ongoing. Many students are actively enrolling, including those who were enrolled this past fall but needed financial holds removed, as well as new students. This includes new international degree-seeking and exchange students, transfer students, re-admit students and a small number of first-time freshmen. Timely responses to advising questions are especially important during this period to help students move forward with their registration.

In addition, students can update their schedules through the first Friday of classes, Friday, January 16th.

Important Dates and Information

January 5	UNK Offices reopen
January 12	Spring 2026 Regular Academic Session Enrollment Day
January 16	Last day to drop a full-semester course and receive a 100% refund
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – no classes and UNK is closed
January 22	Education Opportunities Fair

ACADEMIC ADVISING

NISO – New International Student Orientation

New international students will visit our office in January, during the week before classes begin, to complete registration for the spring semester. This includes degree-seeking students, exchange students, and students who have just completed ELL and are ready to enroll in academic coursework.

Academic Suspension and Probation

Probation

New students aren't on probation unless they took dual enrollment courses at UNK while in high school.

If they earned below a 2.0 cumulative this fall, they need to earn above a 2.0 for next semester to avoid suspension.

Suspension

Suspension is for one academic year; however, students can still enroll in summer term classes.

Suspension Appeals (IMPORTANT - Time Sensitive)

Suspended students can appeal via a Qualtrics form. It then goes to a 12-member committee for review. January 8th is the deadline to submit the appeal, and the committee meets on January 8th in the afternoon.

The Registrar drops them automatically from Spring term classes.

*Advisors can see if a student is on probation/suspension in their myBlue listing, as well as in Stellaric notes.

Academic Alerts

Academic Alerts will go live the week of January 19th for the Spring semester.

Is your student thinking of dropping a class, which would put them below 12 credit hours (full-time)?

There are several reasons why a student may not be able to drop below 12 credit hours, or they may need to take additional steps:

- Financial Impact/Aid (many scholarships, grants, and loans require full-time status. Students should contact Financial Aid prior to dropping.)
- Living on campus (contact Residence Life)
- Athletic Eligibility (athletes must be full-time to remain eligible)
- International Visa Status

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Spring Education Opportunities Fair

The [Spring Education Opportunities Fair](#) will take place on Thursday, January 22, 2026, from 12:30 – 3:00pm in the Ponderosa Room. More than 60 school districts, ESUs, and other education-related organizations will be in attendance. This fair is designed for students interested in careers in PK-12 education. Students who plan to student teach in Fall 2026 or Spring 2027 are strongly encouraged to attend and wear business casual attire. Faculty members are welcome and encouraged to attend earlier in the day to connect with school administrators from 11:00 am-12:30 pm.

Looking Ahead: Spring Career and Internship Fair

The [Spring Career and Internship Fair](#) will take place on Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 12:30 – 3:00 pm in the Health and Sports Center. Employers from a wide range of industries will be in attendance, recruiting students for internships and full-time positions.

Faculty are encouraged to promote career fairs in their classes to emphasize the importance of career preparation and professional networking as part of the college experience.

Sample email to send to advisees this month

Dear Advisees,

Welcome to the spring semester! I hope your classes are off to a great start.

This is a reminder that you may make changes to your schedule for full-semester courses through Friday of the first week of classes. If you have questions about your schedule, degree progress, or are considering any adjustments, please feel free to reach out to me. If you are unable to connect with me, you can always visit Academic Advising and Career Development in the Loper Success Hub on the 2nd floor of the Calvin T. Ryan Library, where staff are available to assist you.

I encourage you to reach out as soon as possible if you need support—early adjustments can make a big difference in your semester.

Go Lopers!

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