

Minors offered at Behrend enhance course of study

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Did you know that you can make some of your credits count twice? Adding a minor allows students to do this.

"What it really does is allow the student who is majoring in one area to take significant amount of course work usually between 18 to 21 credit hours in another area and have it appear on their transcript that they minored in another area," John D. Burke, Associate Provost and Dean said.

However, this doesn't mean that you have to add 18 to 21 credits to your course load just to get a minor. Some past or currently enrolled courses, depending on their content, can be used to form a minor.

There are several advantages to adding a minor. One advantage is that it lets you pursue an interest outside your major. It also enhances students' job opportunities upon graduation.

Behrend currently has nine minors including: communications, English, history, economics, political science, psychology, biology, mathematics, and computer studies. These and their course requirements are listed in the Blue Book.

To apply for a minor you must be a baccalaureate major and applying for something outside your major. Students can apply anytime from fifth semester until twelve weeks before graduation.

For more information talk to your advisor or the college Registrar, Robert Schenker.

Campus seductions are in the eye of the male beholder

'Misperceptions' cause much campus sex harassment, prof says

MANHATTAN, KS (CPS)—He thinks she's flirtatious and seductive, but it is all in his mind.

That's what a Kansas State University psychologist thinks. Dr. Frank Saal studied college students to see if sexual harassment is prompted by men misinterpreting women's friendly gestures as flirting.

His study found men "tend to misperceive females' behavior, and are more likely to view interactions in sexual terms."

"A lot of people wonder if sexual harassment isn't just a power play, a way of using sex to keep women in their place, but I maintained — and found — that there is a sexually-toned element to it," Saal explains.

Saal made videotapes of two "totally business-oriented" scenes: one of an assistant store manager briefing a new female cashier, and one of a female student asking her male professor for a deadline extension.

After viewing the tapes, the ma-

majority of 100 males said the cashier and the student were both trying to be "flirtatious, seductive, promiscuous, attractive and sexy."

Male viewers also interpreted the behavior of the professor and

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the store manager as "sexually-oriented."

Female viewers thought both situations were "completely asexual," and that the cashier and student were "outgoing and friendly."

"Males see their social environment in sexual terms," Saal concludes. "Because of that, they often misperceive women's actions, which might prompt them to ask a woman on a date, make an off-color joke, or commit other of the mild forms of sexual harassment."

Saal will study men's attitudes in the workplace next. He'll show the same tapes to male and female employees to see if male misperceptions contribute to harassment on the job as well as in school.

"I want to know if the same discrepancy exists (between men's and women's views of the sexual connotations of a situation) with people who've been in the workplace for a while," he says.

If it does, Saal says he faces an even bigger question: "How is it that boys and men are socialized to become that way?"

Saal says finding the answer to that question could require "some extensive research."

Behrend prof's "Ms. Faust" combines several forces

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Oregon where he earned his master of fine arts degree.

"Ms. Faust" is only his most recent published work in a long list of others. He has written over 50 short stories as well as plays and articles for literary publications and commercial magazines such as *Playboy*.

As to future projects Dubbs says he plans on another novel that deals with parapsychology in Russian-United States political intrigue. He also plans on further exploring the formula of combining a current social issue with the occult.



Chris Dubbs, English prof and author of "Ms. Faust"

Halley's Comet Series answers astronomical questions

University Relations—Where do comets come from? And where do they go when they "disappear" from sight?

The answers to these and other astronomical questions will be provided in Penn State Behrend's "Comets and Solar Systems" film and lecture presentation.

The program includes a NASA film, slide presentation and a brief lecture explaining how comets enter the solar system and how astronomers are able to trace their paths.

The program will be held Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. in Room 101 of the Otto Behrend Building as part of Behrend's 1986 Halley's Comet Series.

The series continues with "The Story of Halley's Comet," a lecture and film presentation scheduled at Penn State Behrend Feb. 23. This explains how an amateur astronomer named Halley discovered a streaking comet that has gained world-wide fame.

Participants for this event will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 101 of the Otto Behrend Building. Among the topics featured in the program are the physical traits and history of Halley's Comet, and tips on spotting the famous comet.

In March and April, the series continues with sightings of Halley's Comet.

Admission to the entire series is free and open to the public, but limited to 50 participants. Register by calling (814) 898-6159.

ROTC scholarships

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"I'm really surprised that more people don't take advantage of it, it's a really great opportunity," says junior Cadet Ralph Drayer of his three year scholarship. "It has given me time to relax and concentrate on my studies without the worry about where next semester's tuition is coming from. People think that you have to sign up for twenty years or something and they get scared off. They should look into the advantages of the scholarships in more detail."

Army ROTC scholarships pay for full tuition, books, activities, supplies required for certain majors and provide a subsistence allowance of \$100 per month up to \$1,000 per academic year.

In return, a cadet has several options for obligation to the Army. They can try for a Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty Scholarship, which has an obligation of eight years in the U.S. Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. They could also try for one of the other active duty scholarships. These entail either a two year active-four year reserve obligation or a four year active obligation. In addition, the individuals will be added to "control group" status at the end of their reserve or active duty obligation (depending on which scholarship they receive.)

This control group status means that they have fulfilled their duties to the Army and are not obligated to any other duty unless they are activated by the president in time of national emergency. The control status is of a duration such that the entire length of their obligation is eight years.

If you're wondering if it's too late to get a scholarship, then you should know a few things. First,

you need not be enrolled in ROTC to apply. As you are in a degree-seeking program, and have at least two academic years remaining, then you may be eligible. Second, you need not be academically elite. Naturally the higher your cumulative GPA the better your chances of getting a scholarship, but you need only have better than a 2.0 GPA to apply.

If you're wondering whether it's really worth it then consider a few final points: First, your commission as a Second Lieutenant is a starting position in the Army with an annual salary of \$19,000 not including housing and dependent payments. Second you will earn beneficial management skills that will be important to you regardless of whether or not you stay in the Army, or leave to enter the civilian job market. If you do decide to leave the Army, you will find that your experience of leading 30-50 men as a platoon leader, will put you a great stride ahead of your peers.

For more information on what industry leaders think of the Army ROTC program and ROTC scholarships, ask Captain Donahue in the ROTC Office to show you the pamphlet entitled "The Margin of Difference."



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