

UAC Update: February 2014

Important Dates & Deadlines

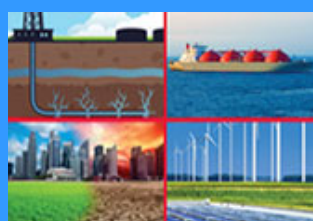


- **February 4** - 2nd Payment Installment Due
- **February 21** - End of regular filing period to apply for Spring 2013 graduation
**Apply through your myUH account; Non-refundable \$25 fee
- **February 22** - Beginning of regular filing period to apply for Spring 2013 graduation
**Apply through your myUH account; Non-refundable \$50 fee
- **February 26** - Short Term Deferred Pay Plan (45 Day) Due
- Please see complete [Academic Calendar](#) for other important dates.

FYI from the UAC: NSM Capstone

The NSM Capstone is one of the unique features of an NSM degree: although all our NSM majors are required to fill the Capstone requirement, most majors get to pick which option they want to complete. The options to fill the NSM Capstone are a double major, double degree, senior research project, senior honors thesis, completion of the teachHOUSTON program, Field Camp (required for Geology majors) or completion of a specified 6 hour MIS sequence (required for Computer Science- Business Option majors.) The NSM Capstone gives students the opportunity to gain knowledge in an area that's as related or unrelated to their major as they want it to be, which helps them become well-rounded college graduates and well-rounded applicants for professional programs and jobs. For more information on the NSM Capstone, please visit the Undergraduate Advising Center or meet with your advisor.

Spotlight: Energy Symposium Series



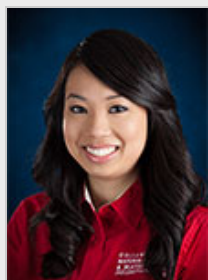
There's only two more Energy Series Symposium events this Spring, sponsored by UH's College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Be sure to check out the February 11 discussion on climate change and the March 4 discussion on renewable energy resources! [Click here](#) for more information.

Campus Connection: UH Writing Center

Are lab reports and essays already starting to create some issues in your spring semester? Make an appointment with the University of Houston Writing Center to take the first step to improving your writing and your grades! Located on the second floor of the new Classroom and Business Building, the WC provides support to help you make sense of your material and improve your writing for a more cohesive, well-structured final product. The WC also offers extensive services to ESL and international students. Visit their office to find out what they can do to help you achieve an A on your next writing assignment!

University of Houston Writing Center
234 Classroom and Business Building (Building 499, near Melcher Hall)
(713) 743-3016
<http://www.uh.edu/writecen/>

Meet your Advisor: Vilinh Nguyen



Name: Vilinh Nguyen (Pronounced: Vee-Lynn Win)
Majors I Advise: Biology + Biochemistry + Chemistry + Earth Science + Environmental Science + Geology + Geophysics + Mathematics + Mathematical Biology + Physics = Almost all of NSM!
Educational Background: I received both my Bachelors and Masters in Mathematics at UH! #GoCoogs
Likes: High fives, french fries, glazed donuts, red velvet cupcakes, and strawberry black tea with egg pudding.
Dislikes: Receiving emails that start off as, "Mr. Nguyen..."
Favorite thing about UH: How much it is evolving! We have so much culture and diversity built in this campus... it's amazing!

You May Not Know: I am the 2013 Fantasy Football Champion, I'm allergic to cats, I love Britney Spears, and my birthday (month & day) consists of two consecutive prime numbers - guess which one it is (there's only 5 possible dates).

Accomplishment I'm most proud of: I have been a part of UH for a VERY long time (10 years to be exact - shout out to 2004). I am proud to share what I learned and my past mistakes that I endured as a student to all the students I see. You should always try to come and see us at least once a semester... we don't bite! :)