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1) Welcome to our new students!
   The Graduate School welcomed 148 new students this Spring. We hope you have been able to settle in to Boston and your studies in these first few challenging months. If we can be of any assistance to you in the Graduate School, please do not hesitate to visit us. We are open from 8:30am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

2) Having difficulty registering for a summer course online?
   Course registration for the summer semester(s) for continuing students began on February 21st. If you are unable to register for a course yourself online due to restrictions placed on the course, please go to http://www.coe.neu.edu/gse/students/forms/restrictions.html for new guidelines about what to do.

   Please remember to file a Petition Form with your advisor for any course that you plan to take in Summer 2012 that falls outside the list of approved courses for your degree program.

   The petition should be filed prior to registering for the course or you risk the course not counting toward your degree program.

   Fall 2012 course registration for continuing students begins on March 26th.

3) Are you planning to Graduate in May 2012?
   The deadline for applying to graduate in May is March 30, 2012. The deadline for applying if you want your name to be in the Commencement Program is March 15, 2012. These early dates are due to the large number of students graduating in May across the University, and because of the enormous effort required for the Commencement ceremony.
If you have not already done so, it is essential that you initiate the degree conferral process by registering for graduation via your myNEU account. This will place your name on the graduation list and start the graduation process. If you receive an error message when you try to Apply to Graduate, please contact Bryce Cheney in the Graduate School at b.cheney@neu.edu. More information about applying to graduate can be found here: http://www.northeastern.edu/commencement/Apply%20to%20Graduate.html.

Once you submit your application to graduate, the Graduate School will review your academic record and communicate any outstanding requirements to you via your primary email, as listed in myNEU. Please remember to check this email frequently.

If you do not “apply to graduate” in May, you will not graduate in May!

**Important Deadlines:**

Monday, April 9th: Deadline for submission of thesis/dissertation to the Graduate School for approval.

Tuesday, April 17th: “Late” deadline for submission of thesis/dissertation to the Graduate School for approval. Student must submit a petition form prior to April 9th, signed by his/her research advisor, to the Graduate School to seek approval to submit the thesis/dissertation by the late deadline.

4) **Research opportunities for recent Ph.D. graduates…**

The Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Postdoctoral Research Awards support innovative research in energy efficiency and renewable energy by offering recent Ph.D. recipients the opportunity to conduct applied research at universities, national laboratories, and other research facilities. The objective of the EERE Postdoctoral Research Awards is to create the next generation of scientific leaders in energy efficiency and renewable energy by attracting the best scientists and engineers to pursue breakthrough technologies.

More information and application materials can be found at: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/education/postdoctoral

5) **Are you looking for off-campus housing for the fall?**

The time to start is NOW! Be sure to check out Northeastern’s Off-Campus Student Services for assistance with apartment-hunting, Boston leases, etc.: http://www.northeastern.edu/offcampus/

6) **Did you know that... ?**

The internet is the fastest-growing communications tool ever. It took radio broadcasters 38 years to reach an audience of 50 million, television 13 years, and the Internet just 4 years.

*Enjoy Spring Break!*