

Office of  
Graduate Studies

## Upcoming Events

September 10, 11  
AM: Health Insurance  
Information Session  
Webb, Virginia Beach Room

September 15,  
Last day to enroll  
in **Graduate Health  
Insurance.**

September 18, 11  
AM: GSO Meeting  
Perry Library  
Hot Topic: Navigating  
Research via Perry Library

September 19,  
GSO Friday @ 5  
La Herradura

October 10, 11 AM:  
CV Writing Workshop  
Webb, Chesapeake & Portsmouth  
rooms

October 16, 11 AM:  
GSO Meeting  
Webb, Suffolk Room  
Hot Topic:  
Health Insurance

## Meet our New Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Studies

Innovative and dynamic ideas are brewing in the Office of Graduate Studies with this past July's appointment of Dr. Robert Wojtowicz as Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Studies. Wojtowicz is no stranger to the diverse graduate community at Old Dominion University. He has enthusiastically served ODU since 1990; initially as professor of Art History in the College of Arts and Letters and later as department chair. Passion for his teaching, graduate students, and research landed him the position of Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Arts and Letters in 2006.

In his new role, Wojtowicz is motivated to strengthen graduate education at ODU. He understands the necessity of involving all graduate community stakeholders. He aspires to increase recruitment by gaining insight on the needs of potential graduate students. By investigating new degree offerings and modalities of delivery, Wojtowicz anticipates increasing graduate enrollment across all six Colleges. Dr. Wojtowicz will collaborate closely with our Provost and Vice Provost for Graduate and Undergraduate programs to de-



*Dr. Robert Wojtowicz*

sign a potential new administrative structure for graduate studies. He will continue to advocate and facilitate improvements to policies and practices impacting graduate education.

Wojtowicz is an ardent reader, world traveler, and self-proclaimed gym rat! He is working to achieve his goals for graduate studies at ODU. He encourages graduate student to focus on a major goal and to complete at least one task a day to achieve that goal. Dr. Wojtowicz firmly believes as you "learn to manage your time wisely" you will improve your ability to succeed.

## The Graduate Student Organization @ ODU

For nearly 12 years, the Graduate Student Organization at ODU has worked to serve as the voice of graduate students in University affairs. GSO's mission is to identify and protect the rights of graduate students, to advance their interests through professional development, and to promote graduate student participation in Old Dominion University affairs. We place particular emphasis ... (Continue to p. 3)

## Health Insurance Now Available for Graduate Students!

Old Dominion University values the health and well-being of its graduate students. Following the diligent efforts of a campus-wide committee, the University has selected UnitedHealthcare to provide insurance for all international and domestic graduate students enrolled in courses at the University's main campus or higher education centers.

UnitedHealthcare's policy meets the requirements of the Affordable Care Act, and it carries a "gold" rating. The University encourages all graduate students to review the certificate of coverage located at [www.uhcsr.com/odu](http://www.uhcsr.com/odu). This document provides coverage details, including qualifications, costs, benefits, exclusions, reductions, and limitations.

If the plan meets your needs, please consider enrolling. Insurance is available on a semester-by-semester basis. To enroll for the fall semester (August through December), the deadline is **September 15, 2014**. The deadline for the spring 2015 semester (January through July) will be **February 15, 2015**. The total premium must be paid upon enrollment.

F-1 and J-1 international students are automatically enrolled in the plan. Students who wish to be waived from enrollment may do so only with the approval of the Office of International Programs.

Qualifying degree-seeking, domestic graduate students must enroll online at [www.uhcsr.com/odu](http://www.uhcsr.com/odu).

Qualifying degree-seeking graduate students holding an assistantship and earning a minimum of \$5,000 a semester are eligible for a special subsidy. Students in this category must enroll at: <https://requestcoverage.uhcsr.com/odu>.

If you have additional questions, please contact UnitedHealthcare's customer service center at 1-800-767-0700 or at [www.uhcsr.com/odu](http://www.uhcsr.com/odu) or the Office of Graduate Studies' health insurance address [gradhealth@odu.edu](mailto:gradhealth@odu.edu).

### Insurance Enrollment Highlights

Graduate Student Type	Rates: Entire policy must be purchased at once for each semester.	To Enroll
Domestic, degree-seeking: Enrolled at ODU's main campus or a higher education center	<b>\$860 (fall)/ \$1,204 (spring &amp; summer)</b> equates to \$172/month	<a href="http://www.uhcsr.com/odu">www.uhcsr.com/odu</a>
Domestic, degree-seeking graduate assistant earning at least \$5,000/semester & enrolled at ODU's main campus or a higher education center	<b>\$720 (fall) &amp; \$1,008 (spring &amp; summer)</b> equates to \$144/month. \$450 taxable subsidy will be provided.	<a href="https://requestcoverage.uhcsr.com/odu">https://requestcoverage.uhcsr.com/odu</a>
International students with F-1 and J-1 visas	<b>\$720 (fall) &amp; \$1,008 (spring &amp; summer)</b> equates to \$144/month.	Enrollment is automatic.

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**October 17, GSO  
Friday @ 5  
O'Conner Brewing**

**November 20,  
11 AM: GSO  
Meeting Webb,  
Portsmouth Room  
Hot Topic: Study  
abroad & Ful-  
bright  
opportunities**

**November 21: GSO  
Friday @ 5  
Color Me Mine**

## Why Join GSO?

- GSO is recognized by SGA
- Networking
- Volunteering
- Professional Development
- Updates on Campus Issues Important to Graduate Students
- Leadership Opportunities

**It's FREE!**

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(continued from p. 1) on fostering opportunities for graduate students to connect, network, and build an interdisciplinary campus community. GSO is also dedicated to spreading awareness of resources available to graduate students and organizations. Our motto is "Empowering Graduate Students for Professional Success." GSO is eager to Connect with ALL graduate students. If you have any questions, please contact any officer of the GSO executive board or write to us at [MonarchGSO@gmail.com](mailto:MonarchGSO@gmail.com).

## Meet GSO's 2014-2015 Executive Board



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