

Campus Briefing

Dean of Studies:

Course of Study to be Published Exclusively Online

Andover's Course of Study will become fully electronic next year in an effort to make the course selection process easier for students and their advisors.

The Course of Study is revised annually during Spring Term, but, if changes are made throughout the school year, the hard copy of the Course of Study cannot be updated, making portions of the document incorrect and misleading. An exclusively electronic document can be edited whenever necessary in order to reflect the latest changes.

"Right now when I sit down to do my course selections, I like to have a hard copy sitting in front of me. I look at the hard copy almost every day now, but I am also really cognitive of the fact that what I am looking at may be wrong," said Scott Hoenig, Assistant Dean of Studies for Advising.

The electronic version will be shorter than the current print version of the Course of Study because certain policies and expectations regarding course selection will be moved to the Blue Book, said Hoenig.

Sam Cohen contributed reporting

Medicine and Psychology Clubs:

The Science of Attraction

Students cheered on Jumaane Ford '16 as he completed a quick cardio work-out before rating five pictures of girls on their "hotness" from a scale of one to ten. When compared to the ratings of Alex Rubin '14, who did not complete the cardio work-out, students discovered that a person with an elevated heart rate is more likely to find a person attractive.

The Students in Medicine club and Psychology club organized a talk on the Science of Attraction last Friday night. Felix Liu '15, Roshan Mathi '15 and Julian Otis '16 explained facts about attraction, such as that regarding an elevated heart rate. Throughout their talk, the speakers covered two main topics, the psychological side and the physiological aspect.

"High school is a hormonal roller coaster, and I hope that the event will help a few people understand what they're going through," said Mathi.

Liu, Mathi and Otis briefed the audience on topics of attraction, from perceptions of attraction to

physiological signs of attraction. A person will most likely find a mate with the same eye and hair color as the opposite sex parent. Also, a person with older parents will find signs of aging more positive than a person whose parents were younger, they said.

Facial symmetry and recognition also play an important role in attraction. The “perfect proportions” of a face depend on the Golden Ratio. The Golden Ratio is estimated to be 1.618 and the closer the proportions of a person’s face are to the Golden Ratio, the more attractive they appear, according to Liu, Mathi and Otis.

“It was interesting and fun because it was a new approach — more scientific — than the usual emotional approach to attraction. It is interesting because I get to look at the details and think about how some elements might be influencing the feelings I feel,” said Alexandria Ma ’17.

Kalina Ko contributed reporting

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