

Undergraduate Degree Course Scheduling Tips

TRIED-AND-TRUE TIPS FOR PLANNING AND SCHEDULING YOUR COURSES

BEFORE REGISTERING

Get a strong start. Review your entire program and determine classes that require prerequisites.

Find out how often courses in your programs are offered and their length. Then, plan your schedule accordingly. You can also reach out to your academic advising team for a personalized course progression tailored to your transfer credit, registration status, and ideal graduation date!

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ABOUT TRANSFER CREDITS

If your transfer credit has not yet been awarded, avoid registering for similar classes so you don't duplicate transfer credit.

If you're playing with Veterans Benefits and plan to take classes at another university to apply to your APUS degree, take general education courses and electives at the outside institution. These classes will be the easiest to apply as transfer credit.

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EARLY IN YOUR PROGRAM

Take ENGL110 early on to ensure your writing skills meet or exceed the level needed for success.

Start with general education requirements. Mix in 100- and 200-level major courses to gradually immerse yourself in the degree requirements. You'll be enrolling in classes you're excited to take and they'll help you learn if the discipline is a good fit for you.

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THROUGHOUT YOUR PROGRAM

Always register early to avoid full sections and funding issues. Register for prerequisites early to avoid end-of-program scheduling concerns.

Take electives you believe will complement your program and consider pairing them with your upper-level courses.

Focus on lower-level courses if you will be deployed or have an extenuating circumstance.

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SCHEDULE YOUR MAJOR COURSES

If your program requires a research method course, take this course early in your major section, after you complete all communication general education courses.

The senior seminar can be challenging and time consuming, save an elective to pair with it.

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AVOID THESE PAIRINGS

Plan carefully. Taking these classes in the same registrations period could be quite challenging:

Science and Math | History and English - both are writing intensive! | Two lab science courses.

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PRO TIP

Reach out to your academic advising team. They are ready and eager to make recommendations based on your academic plan and goals. Use the contact information on your academic plan to get in touch with your team or email advising@apus.edu