Preparing for Your First Semester
Academic advisor

Professional staff member who serves as a teacher and educator for students

An academic advisor can help with:

• Course planning and scheduling
• Choosing the right major, minor or career
• Finding and using helpful Ohio State resources
• Learning about Ohio State policies and procedures
Your responsibility as a student:

• Meet with your academic advisor every semester
• Learn the university rules and policies
• Make an academic plan
• Come prepared
• Take initiative
• Try new things
• Have fun
Your first semester

Today we will discuss:

• What your first semester class schedule might look like

• What you need to do **now** to be ready to enroll

• What you need to do with your transfer credit

• How you can get enrolled into some of your classes before you arrive
Bachelor’s degree components

Remaining hours needed to reach the minimum for graduation

Upper level work in the area of interest

In support of the major and taken before your major courses

Common to all degrees
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2. English writing course
3. Major course
4. Major course
5. General education course

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College survey course

• Required for all students in their first semester
• Taught by your academic advisor
• Learn about your major and Ohio State
• Make a four-year degree plan
• Discuss career paths and preparation

Buckeye Book Community
• Book should be read over the summer.
• Get your FREE copy before you leave tomorrow!
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All majors require students to take English writing.
English Writing Requirement

Edu TL 1901

Edu TL 1902

English 1110

English 2367

ESL classes
Level is based upon your ESL placement

English writing classes
Required for ALL Ohio State students in every major
Which English class do I take?

**Freshman**

Take the online ESL Composition Placement Essay

**Transfer**

Take the online ESL Composition Placement Essay

Review your transfer credit report to see if you have credit already for one of the required classes
How do I take the online ESL Composition Placement Essay?

See the directions in your program brochure.
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This class will vary depending upon your program of study.
Most students will take a math class for their major in their first semester.

All of these majors require you to take a math class in your first semester:

- Business
- Economics
- Actuarial Science
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Architecture

All science fields (Chemistry, Biology, Physics)
## Which math class do I take?

### Freshman
- Take the online Math Skills Assessment
  - or
- Use your Advanced Placement (AP) scores (need score of 3 or higher)

### Transfer
- Take the online Math Skills Assessment
  - or
- Have your math transfer credit evaluated by the math department *

*We will discuss this process later*
How do I take the Math Skills Assessment?

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All majors require general education classes.
General Education (GE) Curriculum

- Learn about a broad range of topics outside of your major
- Explore other interests beyond your major (minors)
- Build skills that will help you in your major and future career
- Develop a well-rounded, holistic education (Liberal Arts University)
Examples of GE areas

Historical study: The goal is to learn about how past events influence today’s society and to help us understand how humans view themselves.

- History of Art 2001: Western Art 1: Ancient and Medieval Worlds
- KNSISM 2210: History of Sport in 19th Century America

Natural science: The goal is to explain the principles, theories, and methods of modern science and to show the relationship between science and technology.

- Biology 1101: Introduction to Biology
- ENR 2100: Introduction to Environmental Science
Sample schedules
Sample first semester schedule
(business student)

College survey:          Bus Adm 1100 (1 credit hour)
English writing:        EduTL 1902 – Academic Writing (3)
Major:                  Math 1151 – Calculus I (5)
Major:                  Econ 2001 – Microeconomics (3)
General Education:      Biology 1102 – Human Biology (4)

Ohio State students take an average of **15-16 credit hours** each semester.
Sample first semester schedule (engineering student)

College Survey: Engineering 1100 (1 credit hour)

English Writing: EduTL 1902 – Academic Writing (3)

Major: Math 1151 – Calculus I (5)

Major: Engineering 1181 – Fundamentals (3)

Major: Science – Chemistry or Physics (5)

Engineering program takes a minimum of eight semesters (four years) at Ohio State. This is true for transfer students too.
Sample first semester schedule (economics student)

College Survey: Arts and Sci 1100 (1 credit hour)
ESL Writing: EduTL 1902 – Academic Writing (3)
Major: Math 1151 – Calculus I (5)
Major: Economics 2001 – Microeconomics (3)
General Education: Theatre 2100 – Intro to Theatre (3)

You can see a list of all majors at majors.osu.edu
Top five most asked questions!
1. How do I change my major?

**Answer:** After your first semester at Ohio State, you can apply to change your major. Each major program will have different eligibility criteria.

Your academic advisor will help you select classes that can work for both majors.
2. I am a transfer student. How do I get credit for my courses?

**Answer:** Detail instructions about the transfer credit review process will be provided by your academic advisor when you come to orientation.

*Tip: Bring a copy of class descriptions and class syllabi to campus with you.

You do NOT need to have every transfer class evaluated.
3. When will I graduate?

**Answer:**
Freshman: Eight semesters (four years) for all majors
Transfer: five–six semesters for most majors

Engineering is eight semesters (four years) minimum
4. When do I get to register for my classes?

**Answer:** When you attend your Immigration Check-in and Orientation sessions at Ohio State in August. You will meet with an academic advisor and schedule your classes during those sessions.

Reserve your seat **now**! Deadline is end of June.
5. I’m worried about getting a spot in my important classes. Can I register classes earlier?

**Answer:** Yes! By attention this PDO program today you will be registered for 3 classes (the most important classes for your major) before class registration in August.

**Class registration will happen by the week of July 11-15**
**Your advisor will notify you via email when this is complete**
Still have other questions?

See me after the program with any questions that you still have!

Reach out to your college office (contact information is in your program brochure)
Reminders: next steps

1. Activate your OSU email account my.osu.edu
2. Check your email frequently for important class registration updates!
3. Check your student account around July 15\textsuperscript{th} to see your class registration
4. Sign up now for your Ohio State Immigration Check-in and Orientation session in August
   **You will register the rest of your classes at this session**
5. Gather all of your academic materials so that you are ready to start