General Scheduling Advice

Now that you are registered for College Colloquium it’s time to line up your other courses for the fall. The typical load for a Willamette student is 4 credits and since most classes are 1 credit you’ll have 4 courses. We do have a few 0.5 credit classes, e.g., Fundamentals of Ballet [THTR 181]; and several 0.25 credit activity classes, e.g., Jazz Ensemble [MUSC 031X] or Yoga [EXSA 085X]. You will be consider a full time student if you are enrolled in 3 or more credits. You can take up to 4.5 academic credits without incurring an extra fee.

General advice for first year students on their first semester schedule:

• Begin your foreign language study or continue in the language you were studying in high school. If you are continuing a language you will need to take the placement exam in order to take the right level language course. See http://www.willamette.edu/cla/dean/firstyear_students/foreign_language_placement/index.php

• Take a required course in your major if you know the major you want to work toward, or take courses in areas you want to explore as possible majors.

• Take Mode of Inquiry (MOI) or Quantitative (QA) courses to satisfy the General Education program.

• Consider an activity class in Music or Exercise Science (these have 0.25 credit) to stay physically active or pursue an interest in music.

Please note that a course can satisfy several requirements, e.g., Topics in American Literature [ENGL 116W] satisfies both the MOI requirement Interpreting Text and is a writing-centered course.

Each student will construct a schedule based on his or her particular interests and needs. In general, you can start a major within the first two to three semester with some notable exceptions. Several of the science majors have a two semester introductory sequence that is best to begin in the fall, e.g., Introductory Physics I [PHYS 221] or Introduction to Programming [CS 141]. If you are interested in pre-health profession, biology or chemistry you should consider a first semester schedule that includes Introductory Chemistry I [CHEM 115]. If you are interested in majoring or minoring in Music you should look at the advice at http://www.willamette.edu/cla/dean/firstyear_students/music_auditions/index.php and for Theatre you should look at information at http://www.willamette.edu/cla/dean/firstyear_students/theatre_audition/index.php

Advice and Information can be found at:
First-Year Registration:
http://www.willamette.edu/cla/dean/firstyear_students/registration_overview/index.php
Catalog (Information on major and minor requirements):
http://www.willamette.edu/cla/catalog/index.php
Fall Schedule of Classes: http://www.willamette.edu/dept/registrar/schedule/fall/index.html (see note below on how to read the schedule)
You are also welcome to contact us for scheduling advice at advising@willamette.edu.
How to Read the Schedule

The courses are listed by department or interdisciplinary major. The information for the course is given in seven columns:

- spaces remaining in the course
- course number with the format— SUBJECT–Section (credit)
- abbreviated title
- instructor’s last name
- course meeting days
- course meeting time
- building and room number