

Helpful Course Selection Guidelines 2020

You will have a chance to discuss your questions and concerns with your advisor during Orientation.

- Do double-check your AP credits to be certain that you don't enroll in a course you've already gotten credit for; you can't get credit for the same class twice, and you can't get credit for taking a course that is earlier in sequence than the one you've already gotten test credit for. For example, if you get test credit for the second quarter of first-year Spanish (Spanish 101-2), you can't get credit for Spanish 101-1 or Spanish 101-2. You have to sign up for Spanish 101-3 instead. See your advisor for assistance with this circumstance.
- Do choose between 5-8 classes that you're interested in as possibilities for enrollment, because you may not get your first pick for classes.
- **Very Important Reassurance:** Sometimes classes that you want will close before you can get into them - it happens. You'll be here for four years, and there will be time in subsequent quarters to take the classes you want. No matter what, you'll get four classes for the fall. We'll work with you to help you graduate on time. You won't fall behind in your first quarter because a class closes. Have back-up selections, and talk with an advisor about options you may not have considered.
- Do try to choose classes in different subject areas to balance out your schedule. Remember, classes in different disciplines fulfill different distribution requirements!
- Do consider selecting a language to study. **RTVF and COMM_ST Majors** have a language requirement for graduation. It's better to complete your language as soon as possible, whether you've taken it in high school or you're starting it for the first time. *Don't procrastinate!* If you're considering studying abroad on certain programs, you are required to have language proficiency and it's important to plan ahead in order to complete your coursework in time.
- Don't take too many courses with labs during the same quarter.
- Do check on whether or not a lecture class has an accompanying discussion section- some do, some don't - and remember to register for both parts of the class.
- Do balance your schedule by avoiding taking too many classes on one or two days of the week.
- Do look through the catalog to see course descriptions, and consider making up a sample schedule before you actually register. Then, discuss your interests with your advisor before registering. They can give you more information about certain classes and offer suggestions for a successful quarter.
- Do check the date and time of final exams for each class; make sure they don't conflict.