Planning for Course Registration – August Orientation 2017

This planning guide is for new students who will be attending our August Orientation. You will need to prepare for course registration prior to July 24th, register online for courses between July 24th and August 4th, and then meet with an advisor at orientation to complete the course registration process. Your advisor will review your course selections, discuss your potential Program of Emphasis if you've identified one, guide you through our curriculum, and then help you to finalize your schedule.

In order to prepare for and complete an online course registration, please read the following information.

Consider Your Options

Starting college is an exciting time and maybe the first time that you have the opportunity to make your own decisions about your personal academic goals. Please consider these questions:

1. What are your academic goals? Would you like to study abroad in your junior year? Any current plans for graduate or professional school?

2. What areas of study would you like to pursue? This is the perfect opportunity to be an exploratory student and to consider multiple interests in future careers. Explore our course offerings in every department as you may find something of interest to you that you never previously thought you could take in college.

3. Are you a student-athlete? A student interested in participating in concert choir or one of our theatre productions? A student who plans to be heavily involved in student government or a registered student organization? These commitments need to be factored in as you schedule your classes and determine your credit load.

Prepare for Course Registration

To prepare for your online course registration, please develop a list of potential courses that you would like to take in your first semester.

Courses for a Program of Emphasis (POE)

Whether you have decided on an area of academic interest or whether you are exploring, you will want to choose courses that reflect your potential Program of Emphasis (what we call majors) or the exploration of possible POEs.

To review a list of our POEs, please click on the Program of Emphasis tab on the Registrar's website: http://www.juniata.edu/registrar/index.php. By then clicking on the POEs listed, you will see the list of core and optional courses for each POE.

Note #1: Students who indicated an interest in biology, chemistry, biochemistry, or a career in the health professions should register for:

- Bio Diversity & Ecology (BI 105)
- Biology Lab I (BI 121)

- Integrated Chemistry Principles I (CH 142)
- Integrated Chemistry Principles Lab I (CH 143)

Note #2: Students who indicated an interest in environmental science, environmental studies, or wildlife conservation should register for:

- Bio Diversity & Ecology (BI 105)
- Biology Lab I (BI 121)
- Environmental Systems (ESS 100)

Note #3: Please be aware that we do not have POEs in pre-med, pre-law, or pre-engineering. These are vocational goals and not academic departments. For example, you may pursue a chemistry POE with the intention of applying to medical school, but you are not a pre-med POE. The same goes with pre-law and pre-engineering. You might be a sociology POE intending to become a lawyer, but you are not a pre-law POE.

General Education Curriculum

Along with choosing POE courses, please consider our general education curriculum. We offer courses that will contribute to your liberal arts education and provide opportunities to explore other disciplines. These courses are just as valuable, if not more, than the courses you select for your Program of Emphasis. Please refer to a list of "Low Enrolled, Common First Year, and 1 or 2 Credit Courses" located on our Advising and Course Selection webpage as a starting point and to the registrar's Class Schedules for a complete list of course offerings.

1. Distribution Courses: We call them FISHN.
    a. Fine Arts (F)
    b. International (I)
    c. Social Sciences (S)
    d. Humanities (H)
    e. Natural Sciences (N)
2. Communication Skills: writing-based (CW) and speech-based (CS)
3. Quantitative Skills (Q, QS, QM)

Please note that our Interdisciplinary Colloquia (IC) and Cultural Analysis (CA) courses are not recommended for first-year students. If you are a transfer student, please refer to your advisor for guidance on these courses.

Required Courses

Once you schedule your POE and other courses, please choose your section of College Writing Seminar and Information Access.

1. College Writing Seminar (CWS): This is a foundational, first-year writing course and a graduation requirement. All first-year, degree-seeking students will take CWS in their first semester in one of two ways.
    - Semester-only CWS (EN 110) is a four credit course designed to meet course objectives in one semester.

- Year-long CWS (EN 108 & EN 109) is taken over two semesters with a four credit course in the fall and a three credit course in the spring. Students select year-long CWS because they desire to acquire the same writing skills as in the semester-only course but at a more moderate pace over a longer period of time. You may choose year-long CWS for yourself right away or later if you are recommended for the course after faculty review your CWS Summer Intake Essay (an assignment to be completed by July 11th).
- If you are a transfer student with some first-year writing credits, your transcript will be reviewed to determine your College Writing Seminar equivalency.
  a. If your transfer credits qualify as a direct equivalent to CWS, you've met the requirement and do not need to take CWS or a CW course. This will be noted on your transcript evaluation from the Registrar's Office.
  b. If your transfer credits are not a direct equivalent, we'll ask you to either take CWS or another Juniata course with the designation of Communication Writing (CW). This will be noted on a "CWS Equivalency Form" that you will receive at orientation if we were able to review your transcript prior to orientation. Once you've passed CWS or earned a grade of B- or better in a CW course, you've earned the graduation requirement. Please contact Steve Ankney (ankneys@juniata.edu) if you're a transfer student and are unsure about your CWS equivalency.

2. Information Access (IT 100): We call this course IA, and it's a graduation requirement that all new, full-time, and degree-seeking students must take in their first semester. If you are a first-year, transfer, or international student intending to graduate from Juniata College, please register for a section of Information Access (IT 100).

Building a Schedule

To look up courses, make selections, and see how they fit in your week, please use "Class Schedules" and the "Scheduling Assistant," which is used through Class Schedules.

1. Class Schedules can also be found in a left tab on the Registrar's website: http://www.juniata.edu/registrar/index.php.
2. Once you are in the Class Schedules tool, you may look at course offerings by using the Department Search drop-down menu or by searching by Time, Type, Credit, or Advance Search. Pay careful attention to courses that have pre-requisites or are closed.
3. To use the Scheduling Assistant, choose "Add Course" underneath a specific course. That course will be added to a weekly view of your selections. Please note: You are not registering for courses in the Scheduling Assistant. It just gives you an opportunity to fit your schedule together in a singular view. You will use WebAdvisor to register for courses online.

Other Considerations

1. Please refer to our Course and Advising Selection webpage for a full listing of tools and resources that will help you in preparing for course registration.
2. Be mindful of how many credits you want to take in your first semester at Juniata College. Most new students take between 12 and 16 credits. You must enroll in at least 12 credits to be considered a full-time student for financial aid and intercollegiate athletic reasons.

3. If you are a transfer student, please make sure that Juniata College has the most recent copy of your transcripts from other institutions. This information will be necessary to determine whether you've already earned graduation requirements, pre-requisites, and equivalencies of our courses. There is more information about transfer credits in the "Transfer Credits and Juniata College" document located on the [Course and Advising Selection webpage](#).
4. If you are interested in continuing a World Language, which we highly recommend, please use our online assessment tool before registering for courses and attending orientation. This will ensure that you are accurately placed in the correct course of the sequence. Take careful note of your results and print the results page for your records. If you are starting a world language for the first time, you do not need to take the online assessment and should choose the first course in the sequence.
    *   The online assessment tool can be found here: http://webcape.byuhtrsc.org/nwcregister.php?acct=juniata. The password is WLC2017.
    *   If your assessment places you into a course beyond the first in the sequence, you will not be able to register online for a world language through WebAdvisor as it will indicate that you do not have the necessary prerequisites. To register for the course, you will need the help of your advisor at orientation to complete a Course Exception Form.

Reminders

You may feel uncertain about registering for courses online without the immediate help of an advisor, and we ask you to remember the following:

1. Registering for courses online creates a tentative schedule for you. You will have the opportunity to seek guidance at orientation from your peer leaders and a formal advisor.
2. Be open and flexible. Some courses will be closed, and you may have to make other selections. We'll do our best to assist you in completing your schedule with courses you need for your potential Program of Emphasis.
3. Develop a list of questions that you would like to have answered at orientation.

Now It's Time to Register for Courses

Once you've completed your preparations for course registration and have a tentative list of courses to take in the fall semester, you need to register those courses using WebAdvisor during the registration period: Monday, July 24th to Friday, August 4th. Please refer to the following resources and documents to assist you in course registration:

1. Watch the "Course Registration Tutorial Video" to gain insight and knowledge about how to access and use WebAdvisor. This is the system you will use to register for courses.
2. Review the "How To Register for Courses" document for a step by step guide on using WebAdvisor.
3. Utilize "Frequently Asked Questions" if you run into a problem or error message.

If you have any questions during the course registration period and/or prior to orientation, please call Academic Support at 814-641-3160 or email acadsupport@juniata.edu.