

Freshmen: Scheduling Your First Semester

- Some departments require class attendance by a certain date in the semester to ensure your seat in the class or your place on the waitlist. Check the UW Class Schedule for each department's policy.
- Most freshmen enroll in 12 to 16 credit hours a semester (4 to 5 classes).
- Most students will enroll only in freshman-level courses (1000 level).
- A 0900-level course is not a college level class and no college credit will be given. However, it does count toward being a full-time student unless you have a Hathaway Scholarship or you are an athlete (sophomore-senior years).

An appropriate semester program may be selected from the following categories. Use the *University Catalog* to read the course descriptions and prerequisites.

- 1-3 credits **Intellectual Community (I)** is required of all first semester freshmen to develop critical thinking skills and explore an area of interest. There may be one in your major or choose one to learn about a possible major. This course is required even if you have taken college courses for credit while in high school.
- 3 credits **Oral Communication (O)**
- 3 credits **Writing (A)** If you cannot enroll in English 1010 the first semester due to limited seating, you will be assured a seat for the spring semester.
- 3 credits **Quantitative Reasoning (QA)** Appropriate scores on the Mathematics Placement Exam or Math ACT and your intended major will determine enrollment in specific courses. If the appropriate prerequisite is not in place at least two weeks prior to the start of classes, students will be dropped from the quantitative class.
- 4 credits **Foreign language**
- 4 credits 4-credit-hour science course with a laboratory (**SB, SE, SP, or Integrated S**)
- 3 credits **US and Wyoming Constitutions requirement (V)** If you have taken a college-level course in just U.S. government, you may choose to take an exam on the Wyoming Constitution (see the Political Science department or their web page for test schedules and required textbook).
- 3-6 credits **Cultural Context Course(s) at the 1000-level (CA, CH, CS)**
- 1 credit **Physical Education-** lecture & activity (PEAC 1001) If you are currently on a UW Varsity Athletic team, a UW Club Sport team, or enrolled in fall semester marching band, PEAC 1272 (ROTC Cardiovascular Conditioning) or PEAC 1275 (ROTC Circuit Training), or the following Dance courses: THEA 3410, 3430, 3480, 4010, and 4030, you may substitute this experience for the activity component of PEAC 1001. You MUST contact the staff in the Corbett Bldg #106; 766-5449. With documentation from you, the staff will enroll you in the appropriate PEAC 1001 lecture section. Do not enroll yourself.
- 3-6 credits Introductory course(s) in your major program at the 1000 level. See the *University Catalog* entries under specific departments and consult with your advisor for appropriate courses.

Pre-professional advising: Students who already know they are interested in going on to medical (or other health sciences), law, or veterinary medicine schools will need to take pre-professional prerequisites and consult with a pre-professional advisor for these areas. There are no majors in pre-professional areas (e.g., there is no pre-med degree).

The pre-professional advising office for health sciences can assist students interested in pursuing advanced degrees in medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy, optometry, dentistry, as well as WICHE, WYDENT, and WWAMI certification. Visit the Health Sciences Center, room 110/112, <http://www.uwyo.edu/preprof>, or call 766-6704/3499.

Pre-law advising is available from several designated advisors on campus. Pre-law advisors will help students select beneficial courses and other suggestions to assist in the pre-law application process. For information and a list of advisors, visit <http://www.uwyo.edu/as/current-students/pre-law.html>.

Pre-veterinary medicine advising is available for students interested in applying to veterinary medical school. They should contact the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at 766-4135.