

## Registration Decision Tree for First-Year Students

(aka “How Do I Figure Out What to Take?”)

Using this decision tree and the online registration guides, you will register for **3** six-credit courses. Physical Education (P.E.) and music lessons are in addition to those three. To help you figure out your fall schedule, please work through this sheet.

<p><b><u>SPECIAL COURSES</u></b> Are you pre-registered for a special first-year course, including English 109? (You may view your course placement on The Hub at <a href="http://www.carleton.edu/campus/registrar">www.carleton.edu/campus/registrar</a> after July 23.) Remember to check times online at <a href="http://www.carleton.edu/campus/registrar/schedule.html">www.carleton.edu/campus/registrar/schedule.html</a>.</p>	<p>If yes, enter course and time on your <i>Class Schedule Selections Worksheet</i>. If no, would you like to register for one that is open? If yes, enter course and time.</p>
<p><b><u>LANGUAGE</u></b> Are you beginning a language (other than Hebrew or Latin, which offer level 1 in winter term)?</p>	<p>If yes, enter course and time. 101 language classes meet 5 days a week.</p>
<p>Did you place into French 103 or French, German, or Spanish 204?</p>	<p>If yes, enter course and time on your <i>Class Schedule Selections Worksheet</i>.</p>
<p>Do you believe you are ready for the third course in Hebrew or Latin or the fourth course in Greek, Russian, Chinese, or Japanese?</p>	<p>If yes, enter course and time on your <i>Class Schedule Selections Worksheet</i>.</p>
<p>If you have fulfilled the language requirement and would like to continue in the language, is there an available upper-level course you would like to register for?</p>	<p>If yes, enter course and time on your <i>Class Schedule Selections Worksheet</i>.</p>
<p><b>Would you like to register for a math, science, social science, humanities, arts and literature course or an interdisciplinary course?</b></p>	
<p><b><u>MATH</u></b> (see web for specific advice in math placement)</p>	
<p>Did you receive a score <math>\geq 3</math> on the Advanced Placement BC exam?</p>	<p>If yes, enter Math 211 or Math 141 (Note: 141 is a 3 credit course; an additional 3 credit course should be considered.)</p>
<p>Did you take the Carleton placement exam? Were you placed into MATH 101: <i>Calculus with Problem Solving</i> This course is offered fall term only. Do you want to register for it?</p>	<p>If yes, enter MATH 101: <i>Calculus with Problem Solving</i> (which meets 5 days a week – not more work, just more guided work).</p>
<p>If you took the placement exam and were placed into another math class, do you want to enroll in it?</p>	<p>If yes, enter course and time.</p>
<p><b><u>COMPUTER SCIENCE</u></b> Did you receive a score <math>\geq 3</math> on the Advanced Placement AB exam?</p>	
<p>Did you receive a score <math>\geq 3</math> on the Advanced Placement A exam?</p>	<p>If yes, enter CS 202: <i>Mathematics of Computer Science</i> or CS 208: <i>Computer Organization and Architecture</i> on your worksheet If yes, enter CS 201: <i>Data Structures</i> or CS 202: <i>Mathematics of Computer Science</i> on your worksheet.</p>
<p><b><u>SCIENCES</u></b> (see web for specific advice in science placement) Are you planning to take chemistry, geology, or physics/astronomy?</p>	
<p>Are you planning to take biology? Did you receive a score of <math>\geq 3</math> on the AP exam or <math>\geq 4</math> on the IB exam or have you taken honors or advanced biology?</p>	<p>If yes, enroll in BIOL 125 winter term (unless you are pre-registered in the dyad or triad). If no, enroll in BIOL 125 spring term, which meets 5 days a week. Remember to sign up for a lab!</p>
<p><b><u>SOCIAL SCIENCES</u></b> Would you like to register for a course in economics, psychology, educational studies, linguistics, poli-sci, or sociology/anthropology?</p>	
<p><b><u>HUMANITIES AND ARTS &amp; LITERATURE</u></b> Would you like to register for a course in English, art history, history, music, religion, philosophy, theater &amp; dance? Or a course in translation in Classics, Chinese, German or Russian?</p>	<p>If yes, enter course(s) and time(s) . . .</p>

<p><b><u>INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES</u></b>  Do you want to register for a course in American Studies, Cinema and Media Studies, Environmental &amp; Technology Studies, African/African American Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies or Women's &amp; Gender Studies?</p>	If yes, enter course and time. . . .
<p><b><u>MUSIC</u></b>  Have you considered music lessons? Ensembles?</p>	If yes, enter course(s) and time(s). . .
<p><b><u>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</u></b>  Have you considered physical education?</p>	If yes, enter course(s) and time(s). . .

**QUESTIONS TO PONDER . . .**

- Are your courses balanced or are all of them in one group (Social Sciences, Humanities, Arts & Lit. etc.)?
- Do the times overlap? Most languages and math courses are offered in multiple sections. Check to see if another section is available.
- Do you have the necessary pre-requisites?
- Are you excited about at least one of your courses?

**NOTE:**

Introductory language courses, and Math 101 meet five days a week. These courses are not more work, but more of the work is guided.