

Drake Advising

Class Schedule FAQ

Let us answer a few commonly asked schedule questions.

Q: Where can I find information about transfer credits?

A: Visit drake.edu/registrar/transfercreditinformation to learn more about the transfer credit process.

Q: What if I want to request a change to my schedule?

A: There will be a process for schedule change requests shared with you during your academic program overview during your orientation.

Q: How do I know what the classes on my schedule are about?

A: Simply click on the course in question to view the course title and additional details. Pay special attention to the start and end times listed within each course. They will display on your schedule when they start, but may not necessarily block out the time until they end. Many students want to see First Year Seminar descriptions. [Follow me](#), I can take you to the Fall 2024 FYS course descriptions!

Q: How will I know what textbook/course materials I need?

A: You can view textbooks and course materials for any given course by clicking on the blue "Textbooks and Course Materials" button at the bottom of the page.

Q: What is Course Ready?

A: We are excited to introduce Course Ready. It allows students to obtain all required course materials for a flat fee - \$255! Students are automatically "enrolled" in this program.

Q: How do I opt-out of Course Ready?

A: If you would like to opt of Course Ready to purchase course materials by other means, you will log into your account: drake.ecampus.com. The opt-out process **doesn't begin until 45 days prior to the start of the semester**. At that time, the website will display a widget that allows students to opt-out. [Follow Me](#), I will take you to the Course Ready Student FAQ for more details.

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Q: I was placed in a language that is either 002 or 004, and I don't see that on my schedule.

A: Those courses are only offered in the spring semester, so you can look forward to taking your language course next term.

Q: My schedule shows supplemental instruction (SI) or peer learning (PL). What is that?

A: SI and PL are a non-traditional form of tutoring that focuses on collaboration, group study, and interaction for assisting students in grasping concepts in more rigorous courses. You will learn during the lecture whether attendance at SI/PL is required or optional, but regardless, we highly encourage you to take advantage of this resource!

Q: Why does it look like I have two chemistry labs?

A: The first hour is dedicated to instructions and the remaining time is the application of the instructions.

Q: I'm planning to be in choir, but I don't see it listed on my schedule.

A: Choir auditions will take place at the beginning of the fall semester and will be added to your schedule at that time.

Q: I have a music lesson, but it's listed at the bottom of my schedule, as a "course without a meeting time?"

A: You and your instructor will determine a time which works for the two of you in the first weeks of the fall semester.

Q: How many credits should I be taking?

A: We usually recommend about 15 credits to start. Some majors require that students enroll in more credits their first semester. 12 credits is the minimum to be a full-time student.

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Q: I am a student athlete, why do I have time blocked out for so many things?

A: Athletic practice times are scheduled as "classes" to block that time for you and avoid conflicts with classes.

Q: Why are there "courses with time conflict" listed at the bottom of my schedule?

A: On the rare occasion that two of your required courses slightly overlap, we have obtained pre-approval of the time conflict from your course instructors. Please plan to work out logistics with your instructors during the first week of classes.