

Registration of Incoming First Year Students: Some New General Education Guidelines

On behalf of the new General Education Implementation team, the following are some guidelines that can be used while registering incoming first year students.

1. **ENGL 090 or ENGL 103:** The English department has established the guidelines for placement in ENGL 090 or ENGL 103. In order for a student to be placed in ENGL 103 the student must have a SAT verbal section of 420 or higher, and a SAT written score of 420 or higher. If the either score falls below 420, register the student for ENGL 090. If both scores are above 420 register the student for ENGL 103. If no scores are available do not register the student for either course. The English department will administer a placement exam for all students that do not have scores. The new GE program requires that all students complete ENGL 103 within the first 45 credits.
2. **First Year Experience Course:** Half of the incoming first year students will take First Year Experience in the fall and the half will do it in the spring. Please register at least half of your students for first year experience in the fall. This fall the course number is FYE 100: University Studies and there are 22 sections available spread out across the entire schedule. When registering your students please try to spread them out across multiple sections. Remember that the FYE course must be completed within the first 30 credits. Note that transfer students transferring in at least 24 credits of coursework are exempted from the FYE requirement.
3. **Health and Wellness Course:** Students are required to satisfy the Health and Wellness course requirement within their first 60 credits. You should consider registering a portion of your students for this course. There is some flexibility, so if your particular major does not make it possible to register for this course in their first semester, make sure you determine the best semester for the student to register for the course.
4. **Breadth requirements:** Register your incoming students for appropriate breadth course as you have previously. Remember, it is 12 credits in each area (Arts and Letters, Science, and Social Science) distributed over four subject areas.

An example of a course registration for an incoming political science student might be:

In this hypothetical example the incoming student had SAT verbal and writing scores above 420 so the student was registered for ENGL 103. The student was placed in an FYE section and Health and Wellness course section. The student has one breadth course and one course within the major, which also counts as a breadth course.

CRN 94575	FYE 100 University Studies	MWF 0800-0850	Stroud Hall 401
CRN 92540	ENGL 103 English Composition	MWF 1000-1050	Stroud Hall 320
CRN 94560	EXSC 105 Hlth Promotion & Lftm Wilness	MWF 1100-1150	Koehler K-2
CRN 92380	CMST 111 Intro to Communication	MWF 1300-1350	Monroe B9
CRN 93938	POLS 111 Prin Political Sci	TR 1100-1215	Stroud 415

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