To: The Faculty  
From: Karri Van Blarcom, Senior Associate Registrar  
Date: October 2023  
RE: Spring Pre-Registration

Please read this letter carefully to ensure that you are properly prepared to successfully assist in the upcoming Spring Pre-Registration.

TIMELINE

Planning  
Tuesday, October 31, 8:30am ET – Monday, November 13, 5:00pm ET

Scheduling  
Tuesday, November 14

Adjustment  
8am ET Wednesday, November 15 through 5pm ET Tuesday, November 21 (Start times will be listed in student’s WesPortal after Scheduling.)

GRADUATE AND BLS STUDENTS

Graduate and BLS students are eligible to participate in Adjustment, starting at Noon ET on Wednesday, November 15 and ending at 5pm ET on Tuesday, November 21. Graduate and BLS students will be handled identically to BA undergraduates in regards to the four full credit limit, electronic advisor approval and tutorial course registration during drop/add.

Graduate students are eligible to enroll in courses which are deemed appropriate for a graduate student, the graduate bin must be greater than zero or the course must be POI pre-reg. A graduate student may request to enroll in all other courses (i.e. - graduate bins of zero or ‘X’, POI drop/add, etc) by submitting it as a ranked drop/add enrollment request, which instructors can approve in January. Graduate students can only enroll in graduate seats, so unclaimed undergraduate seats are NOT available to graduate students. (Undergraduates cannot claim unused graduate seats.) Graduate bin information can be found on each course page in WesMaps.

ACCESSING PREREGISTRATION

Advisors access each student’s Pre-Registration page by navigating to the list of advisees in their WesPortal. Clicking the link in the column titled “Pre-Reg” will open the advisee’s plan. We have provided a Q&A link on the page, which can also be accessed here.

PLANNING PERIOD

Planning will open to undergraduate students and their advisors at 8:30am ET on Tuesday, October 31 and close at 5pm ET on Monday, November 13. Students use the planning period to identify courses that they have an interest in and to build a course plan, which their advisors must approve. On campus students must meet with their advisors during the planning period to discuss their course plan and to have it finalized. Students returning from study abroad and leave have been instructed to stay in contact via email with their advisor to receive finalization. Advisors are able to finalize returning student plans without the student login/password. Course plans must be finalized to be included in the scheduling program.
SCHEDULING PERIOD
During the scheduling period, the pre-registration system assigns classes based on a variety of criteria including class standing, major preference, seat availability, the number of times the student has previously requested the course, and whether the student has met the pre-requisites or has the permission of the instructor. On Tuesday, November 14, after the scheduling program has completed, students and their advisors will have the opportunity to view courses that have been scheduled. Students do not need to meet with their advisors to view their scheduled courses.

ADJUSTMENT PERIOD
The adjustment period will begin at 8am on Wednesday, November 15 and end at 5pm on Tuesday, November 21. The adjustment period allows students to alter their schedules and to submit ranked drop/add requests for those courses that they were closed out of. The adjustment period will open to students in a staggered order fashion. Students who were assigned to one or fewer credits during pre-scheduling are granted access on the first day, two or fewer credits during scheduling are granted access on the second day, students who were assigned to three credits or less are granted access on the third day, and the remaining students (who were assigned to more than three credits) are granted access on the fourth day of the adjustment period. Advisors must approve individual drops and adds during the adjustment period and will receive daily e-mail notification whenever advisees have made changes to their schedules. Students do not need to meet with their advisors during this time unless the advisor has placed a “see advisor” status on the course the student is attempting to add or drop.

SCHEDULE CONFIRMATION
Students are required to confirm their current term course schedule in order to participate in Pre-Registration Planning for the next term. Therefore, students are NOT able to build a plan until confirmation. Students who have NOT confirmed their current term schedule will only see the “You must Confirm your current classes and schedule before continuing” text in the lower frame.

CREDIT LIMIT
During pre-registration student schedules will have a maximum of four full-credit classes, and any number of partial credit classes. Private music lessons do not count towards the full credit limit. The credit limit cannot be raised until drop/add.

FIRST-YEAR PRE-REGISTRATION
Some new first year students received a spring FYS. If so, it will be listed in the “Already Registered” table. This course is an actual enrollment, so the student should NOT include it in the ranked pre-reg plan. Students are discouraged from dropping the course until advisor consultation. Once an already enrolled course is dropped, the student cannot be re-enrolled.

BACKUP ADVISING
If you will be without internet access for more than 24 hours during pre-registration, you may designate a fellow faculty member as a proxy backup to provide your advisees electronic approval. Should you be unable to log onto a computer with internet access during pre-registration you will be able to activate a backup advisor. Once you activate your backup this colleague will begin to see your advisees in his/her list of advisees, and during the adjustment period will receive the daily e-mail notifications of pre-registration activities for your advisees. At the following link WesPortal>Academics>Backup Advisor you may assign a backup advisor for major advisees and a backup advisor for non-major advisees. In addition, this page will allow you to activate these backup advisors if you become unavailable.

If an emergency arises and you are not able to personally activate your backup advisors, your department should be able to assist you.
OVERSUBSCRIPTION
Pursuant to Academic Regulations, there are limits on the number of credits students can count toward the total of 32 course credits required for the Bachelor of Arts. Students who exceed the established limits are classified as “Oversubscribed,” and subsequently the credits causing oversubscription cannot be counted towards the 32 credit requirement.

The Pre-Registration lower frame will show students their current oversubscription status. A single course can cause oversubscription in multiple subjects/categories. However, that course's credit will only count against you once. Therefore the Summary table lists the number of credits that are unusable. The Subject table lists the number of instances of oversubscribed credits.

For further information, students should review their WesPortal>Academics>Credit Analysis Report for more detailed information. Also, they should contact their Class Dean, as they will be able to provide information and assistance. The Class Deans can be contacted at x2600.

PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR
When necessary please follow these steps to take action on Permission of the Instructor courses with the electronic POI submission process:

1. Students will request a POI through WesPortal, which will display a text box above student of instructor information detailing approval process (dates, times, locations, contacts, etc). This information pulls from the Additional Requirements and/or Comments section of WesMaps. If you need to update this text, please work with your department to submit a change via CourseLeaf.
2. If a POI has been requested for your course, the nightly process will send you a nightly notification email.
3. The students’ requests can be viewed and approved/disapproved in WesPortal. Under Courses, click on Course Management. Please make sure that you select the correct term in the drop-down menu on the upper left. Then click on the POI Requests link on the page.
4. Use the scroll down box to select your action and then click submit & confirm. You also have the option to click ‘email student’ to request a meeting and/or information.
5. Please note that a student can only be enrolled if the request is approved.
6. Reminder: a Permission of Instructor Approval guarantees enrollment in the course.
7. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate contact with the instructor and fulfill all approval processes.

PREREQUISITE OVERRIDE
When necessary please follow these steps to take action on Prerequisite Override requests with the electronic pre-requisite override submission process:

1. Students will request a Prerequisite Override and submit a typed justification note thru WesPortal.
2. If a PreReq has been requested for your course, the nightly process will send you a nightly notification email.
3. The students’ requests can be viewed and approved/disapproved in WesPortal. Click "View" within the Justification column to access student submissions. Under Courses, click on Course Management. Please make sure that you select the correct term in the drop-down menu on the upper left. Then click on the Pre-requisite Requests link on the page.
4. Use the scroll down box to select your action and then click submit & confirm. You also have the option to click ‘email student’ to request a meeting and/or information.
5. Please note that a student can only be enrolled if the request is approved.
6. Reminder: a Prerequisite Override does NOT guarantee enrollment in the course.
7. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate contact with the instructor and fulfill all approval processes.
# Course Registration Calendar

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<td>Students submit ranked requests for Spring 2024 pre-registration. Students and their advisors discuss course selections and finalize plans electronically.</td>
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<td>Pre-Registration: Adjustment</td>
<td>Students will access the system, staggered in order by the number of credit reserved. During this period students can add courses with seats available or drop courses reserved during the scheduling period. Students also submit ranked Drop/Add Enrollment Requests. Advisors approve changes electronically.</td>
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<td>New students and those returning from leave who were not eligible to participate in November Pre-Reg</td>
<td>Pre-Registration: January</td>
<td>New students and those not eligible in November and pre-register for courses.</td>
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<td>January 18 –</td>
<td>All Enrolled Undergraduate &amp; Graduate Students</td>
<td>Drop/Add</td>
<td>Students can submit enrollment requests, drop courses and register for tutorial courses. Instructors and then advisors will approve enrollments.</td>
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PRE-REGISTRATION: IMPORTANT TIPS FOR STUDENTS

You can access the Pre-Registration system from anywhere you can access WesPortal. A link will appear in the “Courses” dropdown. During pre-registration your schedule will have a maximum of four full-credit classes, and any number of partial credit classes. Private music lessons do not count towards the full credit limit. Your credit limit cannot be raised until drop/add.

PLANNING

- **Between Tuesday, October 31 at 8:30am and Monday, November 13 at 5pm you should set up your plan, a ranked list of your course choices for Spring 2022.**
- Your faculty advisor **must** finalize your plan during this time through an electronic sign off in WesPortal.

SCHEDULING

- On Tuesday, November 14 the Pre-Registration system will schedule students into courses based on class standing, major preference, seat availability, the number of times you have previously requested the course and, when appropriate, whether you have met the pre-requisites or have the permission of the instructor.
- The Pre-Registration system will attempt to schedule you into each of your seven ranked choices three times.
- You can preview your preliminary schedule after 3pm.
- You will be assigned a date and time when the adjustment period will open for you.

ADJUSTMENT

- Starting on Wednesday, November 15 at 8am the adjustment period will open in a staggered order fashion, based on the number of courses you have in your preliminary schedule and your class year.
- Once the adjustment period opens for you:
  - You can add courses that still have seats available;
  - You can delete courses which you no longer wish to take;
  - You can submit ranked enrollment requests for drop/add in January;
  - You can adjust the grading mode and crosslisting of a course.
- Your advisor must electronically approve changes you make to your preliminary schedule.
- Adjustment will end on Tuesday, November 21 at 5pm.

IMPORTANT STRATEGIES FOR PLANNING PERIOD:

- **Do not assign a course to your first rank if it has zero seats set aside for your class year/major.** The scheduling program will not consider it. These courses are identified in WesMaps with “0” in the seat designation.
- **Do not add courses which exclude your class year/major.** The system does not allow this. Class year/major exclusions are identified in WesMaps with an “X” in the seat designation.
- **Do not rank the same course and section twice,** it will not increase your chance of being scheduled in the course.
- **Do not forget to select the section(s) of a course you rank.** Click “Section” and identify sections you would like the scheduling program to consider. You can choose one, multiple, or any section.
- **You can rank courses which have overlapping meeting times in your plan.** The pre-registration program will not, however, schedule you into two courses with time conflicts.
- **You can finalize your plan with pending requests;** since the instructor action will update the student request.
- **POI/PreReq approvals can be done completely electronically; however,** the instructor may request additional information via email or through a face-to-face meeting.