You registered last spring for the fall semester. Now is the time to review your selections, discuss your schedule with your advisor, and make whatever changes are needed.

If you are not on campus this semester, please keep in touch with your advisor by email. Please keep in mind the requirements and other considerations given below.

Your CSS advisor for this year will normally be the same as last year, but due to sabbaticals and leaves, this person may be replaced over the summer. Please check your WesPortal in late August to see if your advisor has changed and, if so, to whom you may have been reassigned. Seek advice from her or him during preregistration in November and April.

**Choosing Courses for the Junior Year**

In the second semester, you are required to take the Junior Colloquium, CSS 371, Liberalism and Its Discontents. In addition, you will take a two-tutorial sequence that is equivalent to two course credits, choosing two of the three Junior Tutorials (Economics, Government, and History) that are offered. The preliminary syllabi for these tutorials will be emailed to you in September. Please send your tutorial preferences to Martha by e-mail. You will be pre-enrolled in your CSS classes prior to the spring semester planning period in early November.

Here are some factors to consider and to discuss with your advisor when choosing your electives:

**General Education Expectations**: If you have not done so already, please plan to fulfill Stage I Gen Ed Expectations by the end of your junior year. You must be Stage II Compliant by the end of your senior year. If you have not yet satisfied Stage I and Stage II Expectations, please submit such a plan (with the assistance of your CSS Faculty Advisor) to Martha by Wednesday, September 2nd for the approval of the CSS Co-Chairs.

**Research Papers**: Experience shows that many CSS students arrive at the senior year without having written long research papers. While the Junior Tutorials often require a research paper, you may wish to consider taking one or two outside courses that require a major research paper, e.g., an upper-level seminar.

**Preparation for the Senior Thesis and Senior Essay**: You may not know the topic of your Senior Thesis or Senior Essay a year in advance, but it is wise to be thinking about it and to consider taking any appropriate courses. Without the relevant courses in a particular discipline, you may find it difficult to find an advisor and to write a solid piece of research. If you are thinking about asking a non-CSS faculty member to be your advisor, it is especially important to contact her or him early in your junior year, well before your senior year. Many faculty members agree to advise a senior thesis only if the student has already taken a course or worked with him or her in some capacity prior to the thesis tutorial.
A Senior Thesis/ Essay Proposal will be due to the CSS Co-Chairs in the spring of your junior year.

Please pay attention to the announcement of the Davenport Grant applications in the spring semester. CSS students writing theses are often strong candidates for this grant; a well-written Davenport Proposal could earn up to $3,000 in summer research funds.

**General Notes**

**Spring Preregistration:** You will be pre-registering for the spring semester during the pre-enrollment period beginning in early November. Please note that you will be pre-enrolled in THREE credits for the CSS classes (the Colloquium and two Tutorials).

**Grades:** Unlike sophomore work, your CSS courses in the junior year are graded on the usual scale of A to F. You may take other courses either graded or CR/U if the instructor gives you this option. The grades in all courses will be recorded on your transcript by the Registrar's Office in the usual way.

**Incompletes and Late Work:** Junior Tutorials, and Junior and Senior Colloquia are graded and operate under normal University rules for the submission of all outstanding work although the tutor has the option of imposing more stringent requirements. In addition, any absence or late work from a CSS Tutorial or Colloquium will usually have an adverse impact on your final grade. Repeated violations may result in failure in the course and separation from the major.

**Double Majors:** Please discuss any plans for a Double Major with your CSS advisor and inform Martha and the CSS Co-Chairs of your intentions.