

Class Schedule FAQs

Read the frequently asked questions (FAQs) below to help understand your class schedule.

Q: How many credits should I be taking?

A: We recommend taking 14-16 credits each semester. Some majors require that students enroll in more credits their first semester. A minimum of 12 credits is required to be a full-time student. Students can view an example of a first-year, fall semester class list and recommended credits for their major on the [New Student Programs website](#).

Q: What are the classes on my schedule about?

A: Click on the course to view the full title and details. Read the course description to gain a better understanding of the content and topics you will learn about in class.

Q: My schedule shows Peer Learning (PL), Discussion, or Recitation. What is that?

A: PL, Discussions, and Recitations are an additional class activity that focuses on collaboration and group study to support student learning in more rigorous courses. You will learn during the class lecture whether attendance for PL/Discussions/Recitations is required or optional. Regardless, we highly encourage you to take advantage of this resource!

Q: How long are my classes?

A: Class, labs, studios, and other course meeting times vary. Pay attention to the class meeting start and end times listed for each course. Classes will be listed on your weekly schedule when they start, but the weekly layout may not block out the full class meeting time.

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.

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Q: I tested into a language class that is either 002 or 004, and I don't see that on my schedule.

A: Language courses with 002 and 004 numbers are only offered in the spring semester, so you can look forward to taking your language course next term.

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: 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. If you wish to participate in the Drake University Community Chorus, you can request it be added to your schedule without an audition.

Q: I would like to play in band. Can I be registered for band without an audition?

A: Yes, you can be placed into band without an audition.

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 to try to avoid conflicts with other 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 discuss how to accommodate the conflicts with your instructors during the first week of classes.

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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 Group Advising at Summer Orientation. This includes requesting band and/or Drake University Community Chorus, which do not require auditions.

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

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

Q: What is Course Ready?

A: Course Ready is a program that provides students all required course textbooks and materials on or before the first day of class for a flat fee of \$267 each semester. Students are automatically "enrolled" in this program. Visit the Bulldog Shop & Course Ready table at the Orientation Farewell Reception & Services Fair if you have additional questions or would like to opt out of this program.

Q: Where can I find information about transfer credits?

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

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