

Resolved: First-year students are allowed to take J-Term classes.

Implementation: These are the plans at this point, but are subject to change as implementation unfolds:

1. Travel Seminars:

For J-term travel seminars, it would work best to develop a few programs specifically for first-year students as opposed to opening any/all travel seminars to all first-year students. This way we can really craft the experience for a first-year audience and think about any modifications we want to make to meet the needs of these students such as a third co-leader or an upper-level student leader. We have already approved J-term 2022 travel seminars, so **the earliest we could start developing a first-year travel seminar would be J-term 2023**, even if first-year students can take on-campus courses starting J-term 2022.

2. Residence Halls:

The first-year residence halls would be open to students taking a J-Term class. They would follow the same rules currently used in the upper-class residence halls. Students would pay room and board fees at the rate established for J-Term Room and Board.

3. Registration:

When creating J-Term classes, faculty could specify the class is for first-year students, or designate a certain number of seats for first-year students. Upper class students would register, as they do now, in the spring. First-year students would register during the fall registration period when they register for the spring. (Note: This will need to be adjusted for J-Term 2023 when travel seminars for first-year J-Term students are added, as those classes need more time to coordinate the class. The most likely option is to move J-Term registration to the June registration period, but the logistics of that can be worked out in the future.) They will have priority for all classes specified for first-year students and for spaces reserved in other classes for first-year students. The current policy of 3 credits in J-Term for those registered full-time in the spring without additional tuition will be in place. The only exception to this will be J-Term classes specifically designed for first-year students that carry 4 credits, such as Math 020 or CHEM 006/007. For these classes or other such classes which must be designated prior to registration, tuition for the 4th credit will be in place. In addition, students are expected to enroll in no more than 1 J-Term class. Taking a 2-credit class and a 1 credit class is not permitted. Students can register for an Independent Study on top of a J-Term class, but they must pay tuition if that Independent study brings their J-Term credits above 3 credits.

4. J-Term Fair:

New students will not be able to attend the J-Term Fair, as they will not yet be Drake students. One option is to have a more limited “fair” as part of the fall activities fair for new students where those J-Term classes that are designed for first-year students are represented. This would not be necessary for those J-Term classes that are “regular” classes, such as Math

020, but would allow those classes specifically designed for J-Term to have an opportunity to promote themselves.