

Transfer Student Advising Prep Steps

Prepare a list of classes for Advising Week by following the steps below.

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1. Know what you've completed:

Unofficial Transcript: In your Student Portal on the 'My Academics' tab identify courses completed, credits transferred in.

2. Have an understanding of what you need:

- Students with more than 24 credits can enroll in LEAD301 instead of 101, but we recommend 101 to be in the class with other first year students
- Students with more than 24 credits can take LEAD311 but aren't required to
- If you received an AA/AS as a dual enrollment student, you should register for LEAD101, and are required to take the Professional Pathways sequence of LEAD111, LEAD112, and LEAD211.
- Students with an AA/AS only have to complete LEAD301 no other LEAD requirements such as Inquiries or CoreExploration are required.

Core Requirements:

- LEAD Seminar: LEAD 101 (First Year Students) or 301 (Transfer Students)
- Professional Pathways: LEAD111 (First Year Fall), LEAD112 (First Year Spring), LEAD211 (by end of Jr Year)
- Core Knowledge and Methods: LEAD exploration or an inquiry

Visit [Core Knowledge Methods - Academics](#) for more information.

- Language Study: Encouraged to complete during year one. Language course at 102/110 or higher. AP scores of 3, 4, or 5 on a foreign language exam fulfill this requirement.

3. Major Requirements:

- Degree checklists: [Major/Minor Requirements](#)
 - Undecided Major? (*Remember to select a major before completing 55 credits*)**
 - Identify topics that interest you (Sometimes it helps to think about your strengths and weaknesses)
 - Select an entry level course with a number 100 – 200
This course should be a major requirement and an Exploration or Inquiry requirement.
Example: PSYCH 101, ECON 102
 - Write down a few classes you are interested in taking, making sure the courses do not conflict with each other. (Using the [Schedule Planner Matrix](#) form will help ensure there are no conflicts).

4. Create a list of possible courses for next semester:

Use the table below to create a list of possible courses you can take next semester and bring these options to your advising meeting. Go to 'Course Search' in your Student Portal to find classes.

- Take no more than 2 classes back-to-back, unless you cannot avoid it. Be sure classes do not overlap.
- All first year students with less than 24 credits, must successfully complete LEAD111 and LEAD112. LEAD211 should be completed by the end of Junior year. A student who started SMCM in the fall normally takes LEAD111 in Fall, LEAD112 in Spring of their first year and then LEAD211 during their second year. [See this document](#) for more information about the CORE-P program and the fall 2023 CORE-P 201 offerings.

Core Requirement Course Options:

Course (with section #)	Meeting Days	Time	Location
EX: Psych 101-01	MWF	8:05 am - 9:20 am	SH 109

Major Requirement Course Options:

Course (with section #)	Meeting Days	Time	Location

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To plan out what your days will look like, enter the courses in pencil into the [Schedule Planner Matrix](#). Be mindful of spreading out your schedule if possible so that you have a chance to eat, re-write notes, and study.