

# ADVISING FAQ'S

## FALL 2021

### **What courses will I be taking my first semester?**

As a first semester freshman, your schedule will include FYEX-101, Introduction to a Liberal Arts Education (3 credits), a Communication course (3 credits) which will be determined by placement and required first year courses in your major field of study. It is important that the Course Preregistration form be completed accurately so that your course schedule can be designed to fit your academic plans.

### **What Communication course will I take in the fall?**

The required general education curriculum sequence is ENGL-101, Composition I, optional depending upon placement, ENGL-188, Written Inquiry, and COMM-211, Fundamentals of Human Communication, all of which require a minimum earned grade of C or higher. These courses must be taken in sequence upon entering Wesleyan and must be completed in the first four semesters of enrollment. Some students are waived from taking ENGL-101 based upon high school English grades and SAT or ACT English scores. A large number of incoming first year students will complete ENGL-101, Composition I through dual-credit college courses or successful scores on the AP placement exams given in May. Also, some students will complete COMM-211 through dual-credit. Some students are required to complete DEVL-075, Developmental Composition as a requirement of their admission to the College, prior to enrolling in ENGL-101.

### **How do I know what courses are required for my major?**

Both the course catalog and the curriculum check sheets outline courses required for a major. Curriculum check sheets are advising tools that allow the student to keep track of their course completion. Students use the check sheets that correspond to the catalog year in which they enter Wesleyan. Check sheets for fall 2021 new students will be available on the Wesleyan homepage under Academics/Academic Services/Major Check sheets this summer.

### **What if I took college courses in high school?**

Incoming freshmen who have completed dual-credit college courses need to complete the Credit Declaration portion of the Course Preregistration Form. Until the final official college transcript arrives at Wesleyan, this important form serves as unofficial notification that you have credits to transfer and helps to prevent duplication of credits.

### **What if I successfully complete an AP exam?**

Successful completion of an AP exam is a score of 3 or above. Incoming freshmen who have scores of 3 or above, need to complete the Credit Declaration portion of the Course Preregistration Form. Until the official score report arrives at Wesleyan, this important form serves as unofficial notification that you have credits to transfer and helps to prevent duplication of credits.

### **How will I receive my course schedule?**

All Wesleyan students have access to their academic information via WebAdvisor. The link to WebAdvisor is located on the bottom of the Wesleyan homepage. WebAdvisor gives you access to your course schedule, grades, and transcript. Students are also encouraged to download the Ellucian Go Mobile App which gives you mobile access to the same information and more. Prior to the activation of your account, the Admission's Office will mail you a copy.

### **Who will serve as my academic advisor?**

All first semester freshman are required to enroll in FYEX-101. The instructor for the course serves as the academic advisor for the students in their respective course. Around the sixth week of the semester, the transition process to a departmental advisor begins and the student is asked to state his/her preference for an advisor in his/her major field of study. Undeclared students remain with their FYEX-101 instructor until the point of major declaration.

### **How many hours do I have to take in my first semester?**

There is no set required number of hours, however, all freshmen are recommended to enroll in 15 semester hours (the equivalent of five courses). 12 semester hours is the least a student can enroll in to be considered a full-time student. 17 semester hours is the most a student can enroll in (except for Music Education majors who are permitted to enroll in 18 hours based upon the curriculum requirements). On average, a student must earn 30 hours, per academic year, to make progression toward the 120 hours required to graduate in four years.

### **When and how will I schedule my classes for the next semester?**

Preregistration is the period of time in the semester when currently enrolled students sign up for classes for the following semester. Around the first of November, students begin preparation for preregistering for the spring semester (mid-March for the following fall semester). First semester freshmen preregister for spring semester during a designated time period in the fall semester. All students meet with their academic advisors to obtain assistance with preparing their schedule and the process of preregistration occurs online via WebAdvisor. At the start of each semester, students must officially register for classes on the designated registration date that appears on the official academic calendar.

### **What are progress reports?**

During the fall and spring semesters, progress reports are provided to students via WebAdvisor and reflect progress as of the first five weeks of classes. Progress reports do not become a part of students' permanent records, but serve as indicators when corrective action is needed.

### **How will my final grades be reported?**

At the end of each term of enrollment, final grades are available to students via WebAdvisor. Students also have access to Colleague Self-Service, currently used by the offices of Financial Aid & Student Accounts. Self-Service provides students with the option to access their unofficial college transcript and to download a PDF version at any time while a current student.

### **If I want to take a course at another college over the summer, how will I know if it will transfer?**

Wesleyan students who wish to complete work toward a Wesleyan degree at another institution must receive approval of specific courses prior to enrolling in them to guarantee that they will be accepted by the College and satisfy intended degree requirements. Students must complete an Application for Credit Transfer form available on the website. The Office of the Registrar is responsible for the evaluation and acceptance of transfer credit.

### **When do I have to declare a major?**

As a rule of thumb, by the time a student reaches the end of the first semester of the sophomore year or has earned 45 semester hours, he or she should be confident about a choice of major. A student declaring after this point may need to plan for more than four years of study.