Welcome, New Students! The sample schedules that follow are Examples/Possibilities based on several possible majors a student may pursue. Note that these are only Examples/Possibilities; other scheduling combinations are both possible and encouraged based on student interests. Not all possible majors, placement results, available courses, or experiences are represented in these Examples/Possibilities. The sample schedules are meant to be guides to start conversations between students and advisors. We will spend some time during Wabash 101 talking about this document, and it will be a starting point for conversations you have with your advisor both on and after that day.

Transfer students will come to Wabash with some credits already completed. These students should work very closely with their advisor (Associate Dean of Students Marc Welch) on scheduling for the requirements they need.

## Some important points on scheduling:

- ALL first-year students will be registered for four credits in their first semester at Wabash. However, it is wise to place 5-6 credits on the course plan in case the most-preferred choices are unavailable.
- ALL first-year, non-transfer students will take FRT-101 Freshman Tutorial, which meets Tuesday \& Thursdays 9:45-11:00AM. This is one of the four credits for every first-year student.
- Some first-year students will have ENG-101 Composition (students in First Plus program) OR RHE-101 Public Speaking (students in WLAIP program) already on their Fall schedules. If ENG101 or RHE-101 is already scheduled, the student must take that course at the assigned time. For these students, two of their four credits are already scheduled (FRT-101 and either ENG101 or RHE-101).
- Some students will be registered for ENG-101 after Wabash 101, after placement tests results for all incoming students are evaluated. The Registrar's Office will adjust schedules as needed in those instances.
- Students who are not required to take ENG-101 are considered to have satisfied their English Composition requirement for graduation.
- If you select a lab science course or a world language course, you must also select one of its corresponding lab sections, e.g., both BIO-111 and BIO-111L, or FRE-103 and FRE-103L.
- Courses used for these sample schedules were taken from the Recommended Fall 2024 Courses for Beginning Students list (scan QR code(s) below to view online or download).
- Students intending to pursue a major in Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physics, Economics, Financial Economics, Computer Science, or Mathematics, OR who intend to pursue a pre-health or 3/2 engineering course sequence, AND who place into MAT-100 Math Modeling \& Precalculus should request enrollment in MAT-100 prior to Friday, July 12. Students not intending to major in one of these areas should not take MAT-100. Scan the QR code below for the online request form.

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| Recommended Fall 2024 Courses for Beginning Students | Descriptions for Recommended Fall 2024 Courses | MAT-100 Math Modeling $\mathcal{E}$ Precalculus request form |
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## EXAMPLE \#1: New student undecided on a major

## Placement Assumptions:

- MAT-100 placement (Math Modeling and Precalculus); SPA-201 placement (Intermediate Spanish)

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Freshman Tutorial | Already scheduled |
| 2. | Literature/Fine Arts course | • ART-126 Studio Art Fundamentals <br> $\bullet$ <br> $\bullet$ <br> • THE-109-01/GEN-171-01/GHL-177-01 World Literature |
| 3. Introduction to Acting |  |  |

## Alternate/backup courses

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Behavioral Science course | • PSY-101 Introduction to Psychology <br> • PSC-141 Intro to International Relations |
| 2. | Other exploration course | • PHI-240-01/CLA-240-01 Ancient Philosophy |

## Notes:

- Beginning students have yet to meet any curricular requirements, so essentially anything this student chooses for his first semester will count toward some requirement he will need. Lit/Fine Arts courses and Behavioral Science courses are good distribution areas to start with because it takes three course credits to fulfill them.
- A student placed into a World Language course at the 201 level or higher who then takes that course will receive an additional course credit if a grade of B- or higher is earned. For example, if this student takes SPA-201 and receives a B- or higher, he gets credit for SPA-201 plus and additional elective credit in Spanish.
- MAT-100 is not scheduled because the student has not expressed an interest in one of the majors that requires completion of Calculus I (Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physics, Economics, Financial Economics, Computer Science, or Mathematics), or in a pre-health or $3 / 2$ pre-engineering sequence.


# EXAMPLE \#2: New student with pre-health interest (e.g., medical or dental school) <br> Students interested in pre-health should also seek advice from Ms. Jill Rogers (rogersj@wabsh.edu). 

Placement Assumptions: MAT-111 placement (Calculus I); FRE-101 placement (Elementary French I)

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Freshman Tutorial | Already selected |
| 2. | Natural Science course with <br> lab | • BIO-111 General Biology I and BIO-111L General Biology I Lab <br> $\bullet$ <br> Lab-111 General Chemistry I and CHE-111L General Chemistry |
| 3. | Calculus course | $\bullet$ MAT-111-01 Calculus I |
| 4. | SOC-208/REL-208 | $\bullet$ Healing: Religion \& Sociology |

Alternate/backup courses

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Literature/Fine Arts course | - GEN-101 Intro to Gender Studies <br> - |
| 2. | Language Studies course | - RHE-101 Public Speaking <br> - |
| 3. ENG-110 Intro to Creative Writing |  |  |

## Notes:

- Students pursuing pre-health should begin in BIO-111 or CHE-111. They should not take the 101 courses in these Biology or Chemistry. They should also meet with Pre-Health Advisor Jill Rogers soon after their arrival at Wabash.
- Ideally, a pre-health student should have a math placement of at least MAT-111, as this sample student has. A placement in MAT-100 will present a more difficult path for meeting pre-health requirements at Wabash.
- An aspiring pre-health student with a MAT-100 placement must take MAT-100 in the first fall semester, and MAT-111 in the spring. Fall enrollment in MAT-100 requires permission from the instructor. Students must complete a web survey form (linked here) no later than Friday, July 12 to seek permission from Prof. Chad Westphal (westphac@wabash.edu) to enroll.
- This Fall, SOC-208 is a new course in Religion/Sociology created with pre-health students in mind. It is an excellent choice for students who intend to be on a pre-health track and take the MCAT. They should register using the SOC-208 number rather than the REL-208 number. This course can also meet either a Behavioral Science or a History/Philosophy/Religion requirement for the student.
- Keep in mind that a student can major in anything at Wabash and still go to medical, dental, or nursing school, or be in other health professions.


## EXAMPLE \#3: New student with interest in Art major, and wants to join Glee Club

## Placement Assumptions:

- MAT-100 placement (Math Modeling and Precalculus); SPA-201 placement (Intermediate Spanish)

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Freshman Tutorial | Already selected |
| 3. | Art course | - ART-126 Studio Art Fundamentals <br> - ART-220 Digital Filmmaking |
| 3. | Behavioral Science course | - PSY-101 Introduction to Psychology <br> - PSC-111 Intro to American Government \& Politics |
| 4. | World Language course | - SPA-201 Intermediate Spanish and SPA-201L Intermediate Spanish Lab <br> - A new language + lab at the 101 level |
| 5. | Glee Club | - MUS-053 Glee Club |

Alternate/backup courses

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Language Studies course | $\bullet$ <br> $\bullet$ RHE-101 Public Speaking |
| $2 .$History/Philosophy/Religion <br> course | $\bullet$ <br> $\bullet$ HIS-101-01 or HIS-101-02 World History to 1500 Creative Writing |  |

## Notes:

- MAT-100 is not needed because this student does not have an interest in majoring in Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physics, Economics, Financial Economics, Computer Science, or Mathematics, or intend to follow a pre-health or 3-2 engineering path.
- With a schedule of mandatory and major-interest courses heavy in the humanities, it is wise to consider for the fourth credit something from one of the other academic divisions, such as Intro to Psychology, or a Political Science intro course.
- Glee Club can earn $1 / 2$ credit after a full year of participation and apply toward the Performance Sequence requirement of the Music major or minor. Glee Club and other ensembles can be added to a new student's four-credit schedule without special permission. The first semester of participation is for no credit; $1 / 2$ credit is earned following the second semester of participation. Ensembles and music lessons can also be taken entirely for no credit. Additional fees apply for music lessons.


# EXAMPLE \#4: New student with Pre-Engineering interest <br> Students interested in pre-engineering should also seek advice from Prof. Nathan Tompkins <br> (tompkinn@wabash.edu) 

## Placement Assumptions:

- MAT-112 placement (Calculus II); SPA-201 placement (Intermediate Spanish)

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Freshman Tutorial | Already selected |
| 2. | Physics I + lab | • PHY-111-01 Physics I - Calculus AND <br> $\bullet$ |
| 3. | ChY-111L Physics I - Calculus Lab |  |

## Alternate/backup courses

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Exploration course | - BLS-201 Intro to Black Studies <br> - REL-181 Religion in America |
| 2. | Behavioral Science course | - PSC-121 Intro to Comparative Politics <br> - EDU-101 Intro to Child \& Adolescent Development |

## Notes:

- Any student interested in the dual-degree engineering program will need two semesters of Physics, so PHY-111 + lab is the best place to start. Those interested in chemical engineering may consider CHE-111 + lab.
- Students with strong interest in computer engineering or having Computer Science as a major or minor are encouraged to take the appropriate first CSC course, either CSC-101 or CSC-111. To keep a four-credit schedule, the CSC course could be taken in place of Calculus.
- Placement in MAT-111 or higher is essential for entry into a 3-2 engineering program to be a realistic option. Placement in MAT-100 closes off the 3-2 dual degree option, but with guidance from a pre-engineering advisor, a degree path at Wabash leading to an engineering career is still a possibility.


## EXAMPLE \#5: New student with interest in Economics

## Placement Assumptions:

- MAT-100 placement (Math Modeling and Precalculus); FRE-103 placement (Accelerated Elementary French)

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Freshman Tutorial | Already selected |
| 2. | Math Modeling and Precalculus | • MAT-100 (must complete web survey form for <br> permission) |
| 3. | World Language course | - FRE-103 Accelerated Elementary French and <br> - FRE-103L Accelerated Elementary French Lab <br> A new language + lab at the 101 level) |
| 4. | Language Studies course | • RHE-101 Public Speaking <br> - ENG-298 Business \& Technical Writing |

Alternate/backup courses

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Exploration course | - EDU-101-01 Intro to Child \& Adolescent Development <br> - GHL-219-01/HIS-200-02 Drugs and Society in Modern History |
| 2. | Literature/Fine Arts course(s) | - ENG-105-01 Intro to Poetry and/or ENG-106-01 Intro to Short Fiction (each worth 0.5 credits) <br> - CLA-113-01 and 02, Vote for Caesar / Hieroglyph to Hypertext (each worth 0.5 credits) |

## Notes:

- Economics is a highly quantitative major that requires completion of MAT-111 Calculus I. A student interested in Economics but who placed into MAT-100 must take MAT-100 in the first semester, and MAT-111 in Spring.
- MAT-100 enrollment requires permission from the instructor. Students must complete a web survey form (linked here) no later than Friday, July 12 to seek permission from Prof. Chad Westphal (westphac@wabash.edu) to enroll in this course.
- Students who place into MAT-111 or higher may be interested in taking ECO-101 Principles of Economics in place another course listed above, and the Math course where they are placed instead of MAT-100. Students who place into and take MAT-100, as in this example, will benefit from waiting until Spring to take ECO-101.
- Some students take interest in Economics because they intend to "go into business" after graduation. Economics can be either a major or a minor, but Business is only a minor at Wabash, not a major. Keep in mind that Business is not a minor that can later be converted to a major if a student wants to change his original major.
- ENG-105 and ENG-106, and CLA-113-01 and 02, are half-semester courses worth 0.5 credits. A student can take both for one full credit, or just one for 0.5 credits.


## EXAMPLE \#6: New student with interest in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) major

Placement Assumptions:

- MAT-111 placement (Calculus I); GER-201 placement (Intermediate German)

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Freshman Tutorial | Already selected |
| 2. | Pre-req course for PPE major | $\bullet$ <br> $\bullet$ <br> ECO-101, or <br> Any of the 100-level Political Science courses <br> (PSC-111, 121, 131 or 141) |
| 3. | Literature/Fine Arts course | $\bullet$ THE-101 Introduction to Theater <br> $\bullet$ MUS-224 Approaches to Music \& Culture |

Alternate/backup courses

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Pre-req course for the PPE major | $\begin{array}{l}\text { • ECO-101, or } \\ \text { - }\end{array}$ |
| Any of the 100-level Political Science courses |  |  |
| (PSC-111, 121, 131 or 141) |  |  |$]$

## Notes:

- PPE majors must complete PHI-110, ECO-101, and a 100-level PSC course prior to Spring semester of their $2^{\text {nd }}$ year. PPE program chairs recommend taking ECO-101 in Spring semester of the first year.
- If a student is placed in GER-201 and takes that course, an additional course credit will be awarded at the end of Fall semester if a grade of B- or higher is earned in GER-201.
- MAT-111 Calculus I will meet a Quantitative Literacy distribution requirement but is not required for the PPE major.
- For an Economics major, MAT-111 is required. If a student places into MAT-111 and is contemplating a major in Economics rather than PPE, he might consider taking MAT-111 before declaring Economics as a major.
- The PPE major includes a diversity requirement, which provides a good opportunity to learn a new topic in an exploration course such as those in the example above.


## EXAMPLE \#7: New student with interest in Computer Science major

## Placement Assumptions:

- MAT-111 placement (Calculus I); LAT-101 placement (Beginning Latin)

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Freshman Tutorial | Already scheduled |
| 2. | Computer Science course | • CSC-101 Intro to Computer Science |

## Alternate/backup courses

|  | Type of Course | Examples/Possibilities |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Calculus I | $\bullet$ MAT-111 Calculus I |

## Notes:

- Students with significant high school experience in Computer Science may be ready to take CSC111 Intro to Programming but should speak with Prof. Chad Westphal (department chair, westphac@wabash.edu) prior to selecting this course.
- MAT-111 Calculus I is a prerequisite for some intermediate/advanced courses in the CSC major, and is thus required, but does not necessarily have to be completed in the first year.
- A student who placed into MAT-100, however, will benefit from requesting MAT-100 enrollment in the first semester and completing MAT-100 and MAT-111 in the first year.
- Students planning to major in Computer Science who are considering also majoring or minoring in Mathematics would be well-served by taking a course in the Calculus sequence (MAT-100 as needed, 111, 112) or MAT-223 Linear Algebra depending on placement, and then planning to take MAT-219 Combinatorics in an even-year spring semester.
- One credit from either MAT-219 or MAT-108 Intro to Discrete Structures is required for the Computer Science major. Neither of these credits must be completed in the first semester, however.
- MAT-219 counts for the Math major or minor, but MAT-108 does not.
- The Behavioral Science requirement take three credits to fulfill, so it is a good category in which to pick a course that both applies to the requirement and expands a student's knowledge base. One section of Introduction to Psychology this Fall (PSY-101-02) is dedicated only for new students at Wabash, which could make it an excellent choice from a student unfamiliar with this discipline.

