

Advice on Choosing Courses & Completing the TREE

3-Step Process

- PLAN what you want and need to take
 - PRIORITIZE classes and create alternate schedules
 - FILL OUT the TREE
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Plan

- What do you NEED to take?
 - Foundation requirements
 - Requirements for possible major or minor
 - Pre-requisites or co-requisites for required courses
 - Resources to consult
 - Schedule of classes (online)
 - College Catalogue
 - DegreeWorks (especially the “What if” function)
 - List of courses by Foundation requirement (In BannerWeb under Look-Up Classes, highlight all courses under Subject then select desired F requirement under Attribute Type)
- What do you WANT to take? In choosing classes, look for courses/majors/minors that relate to your
 - Interests
 - Strengths and limitations as a learner
 - Goals
 - Background
 - Past performance (high school as well as fall semester)
 - Time commitments
 - Co-curricular activities

Prioritize based on

- Interest
- Need (prerequisite, co-requisite, requirements, potential major/minor)
- Pre-enrollment (e.g., Search 102). See [Registration Guidelines and Tree Strategies](#).
- Enrollment limits for each class
- Number of sections
- How quickly the class has closed in the past. See [Summary of Primary Course Requests](#).

Fill out the Tree

- Create a list of courses
 - Review the Schedule of Classes and identify the top 4 courses you want to take.
 - Then identify 2-3 alternate courses for each top choice (these can be different sections of the same course or a different course altogether).
- Review course selections with your adviser and pick up your Registration PIN
- Place high in your Tree the course(s) that you absolutely, positively want or have to have, those that have historically filled quickly, or those that have limited space and/or sections. Place 1-credit music courses & courses with open enrollment (999) in Other Courses rather than the Tree.
- Check your Trees for TIME CONFLICTS and correct CRNS.
- At a minimum, COMPLETE Trees A & B.
- Be sure to enter the MAXIMUM number of credits you wish to take (up to 19).