

BUILDING A SCHEDULE

Read this document to learn about tips for scheduling your courses.

- Consider your time commitments, including work, family, recreational activities, and others.
 - How will your studies impact these other commitments?
 - How much time will you be able to devote to classes and studies outside of classes? Faculty will generally expect approximately 2-3 hours of study for each academic credit you enroll in (eg., a 3-credit course will require 6-9 hours of work outside the classroom)
 - How many classes are reasonable each semester?
 - What class combinations (eg., writing courses combined with science or math) would work best for you?
 - What contingency plans do you have in case challenges arise?
- Consider costs related to your studies.
 - What are the costs for classes and associated fees?
 - What financial aid is available to pay for tuition and fees?
 - Does your employer offer tuition assistance?
 - How will costs impact other aspects of your life?
- Consider class offerings and delivery mode.
 - Are online classes available?
 - What classes need to be taken before others? (Prerequisites)
 - Will you be able to take classes on evenings and/or weekends?
 - Are summer or winter classes an option for you?
 - What long-range schedule will allow you to graduate on your preferred time frame?

Next Steps: Consult with your advisor to discuss optimal schedule ideas for both short-term and long-term planning.