**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.*