

# Course Preferences Webinar Q&A

## COURSE PREFERENCES

### What is the exact time the system goes live?

Course preferences goes live May 19th at 8:30 am EDT. I would strongly recommend selecting your courses as soon it goes live so that you have the best opportunity to create your preferred schedule.

### How long do you have to submit course preferences?

There is no time limit, but the system will time you out after 30 minutes of inactivity. The best way to think of it is that you have 30 minutes to make each selection.

### Will my courses be pre-selected for me in Porches? Do we get to choose our class times? Will the courses include the professor's name?

As an incoming first year, you will go through course preferences that are specific to your major and academic track. A set of courses will be pre-selected, but you will get to choose which of those courses you would like to take. You will choose your class times for the class options you are presented, but the instructor information for each course will not be available during this process.

### Is there a way to see all the possible courses that will show in my preferences so that I can come up with a preliminary game plan?

We offered this to students in previous years, but the feedback we received was that students didn't find the preview helpful. This is because the list of courses you will see during course preferences has already been carefully curated to provide clear choices with a minimum of confusion.

### Will I be given class options for my minor?

No. Course preferences is designed to give answers based on your major. Trying to balance course selection for minors and majors is one of those things that really needs an expert's touch to get just right. I would recommend submitting your preferences and, if you have any questions, reaching out to the advisor for your major. They will be able to tailor your schedule to your specific needs.

### When do honors program students submit course preferences?

Honors program students will submit their first semester course preferences in tandem with the rest of the incoming class. For all future semesters, honor students will be able to register before the other students.

## MATH PLACEMENT TEST

Does everyone have to complete the math placement test? If so, is this on our Porches account?

Not everyone is required to complete a math placement test. It is specific to certain majors. For example, all students in majors within the School of Engineering are asked to complete the math assessment. If you are expected to take the placement test, it will be displayed in the To Do list in Porches.

Is it important to complete the math placement test prior to signing up for classes?

It is important for you to complete the math placement assessment to allow your advisor to place you into the math course most suited for your skill level while still meeting the requirements of your selected major.

If we test out, do we get a free space for any class or do we HAVE to take the next level math?

Testing out of a math class depends a lot on which major you are pursuing and is determined by your advisor. You can find the contact information for your advising in Porches under the "Academic Advising" section. That section is dynamically populated with contact information based on your major.

## AP/COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

I took College Credit Plus courses at my high school. Do these credits transfer? Where do I send these transcripts to?

AP/CCP transcripts should be sent directly to the university. Your Academic Dean's office will evaluate your transcript for credits to be received at UD. For more information on AP and CCP, click this [link](#).

Is it best to wait until AP test results are in before submitting course preferences? If an AP credit impacts my schedule, do I have a say in what replaces that course in my schedule?

No. The academic calendar and schedule of AP test results preclude us from waiting for AP results before building schedules. Typically, the Dean's offices will contact students if there is going to be an impact on a course schedule. If you have any questions or would like to give some additional information, please feel free to contact your Academic Dean's office.

## ADVISING

### When will we be assigned an advisor? Where can we find who our advisor is?

Your advisor will be assigned during the summer, as your preliminary course schedule is being created. You can find who your advisor is in Porches once they are assigned.

### When will we be able to contact our academic advisors?

Once you have submitted your course preferences, if you have any questions or concerns you can contact your respective dean's office, who will be able to answer any of your questions. Typically, you will meet your academic advisor during the orientation process as we get closer to the start of classes.

### Should you talk with your advisor before you select classes?

You don't necessarily need to talk to your advisor before selecting classes as the list you will see during course preferences is already curated to ensure a successful first semester here as well as keeping you on track to graduate on time. If you have a requirement or scenario specific to yourself though, you can always contact your advising office through Porches.

## COMMON ACADEMIC PROGRAM (CAP)

### Where can we see choices for CAP classes?

Your choices for CAP classes will appear in the system we use to see degree requirements called DegreeWorks, which should be available to you on June 15.

### Do we have any choice what CAP classes we take freshman year?

During course preferences, you will be shown a pre-selected set of courses that will include CAP courses. In your second semester, you will, in collaboration with your academic advisor, select all of your courses, including CAP courses.

### Is it common for first semester freshman to be in classes with sophomores?

It would not be uncommon for first-year students to be in class with sophomores - particularly in the foundational CAP classes.

## MAJORS/MINORS

### What is the general major for undecided students?

The general major for undecided students is through our Discover program. Depending on the school you choose to be in, your major will be "Discover" plus the name of the school.

### If I am considering switching my major, who do I contact?

You can reach out to the Undergraduate Admission Office at 800-837-7433 or [admission@udayon.edu](mailto:admission@udayon.edu) to switch your major.

### How can first-year students add a second major?

If you are interested in a second major, your Academic Dean's office will be able to assist you with the process. Additionally, when you receive your advisor's information, you can also contact them to discuss adding another major.

### If I am planning on declaring a minor, when do I do that?

You can contact your Academic Dean's office this summer to express your interest in a minor, as there might be a class that you can be registered for in your first semester. You can also wait until you arrive in the fall, as most minors require 12-18 credit hours.

## CREDIT HOURS

### Based on tuition, what is the max number of credit hours you can take each semester?

You must take at least 12 credit hours to be considered a full-time student and can take up to 18 credit hours. If you take more than 18 credit hours, then you will have to pay more than what is covered by your tuition.

### How does student teaching work with credit hours?

You will be student teaching your 8th semester at UD. Student teaching will be 12 credits, and you will get the chance to get into classrooms in some of your education classes throughout your time at UD!

## SUMMER SEMESTER

### Is it required to take summer classes to graduate on time?

Working your advisor, you will be able to take the correct number of credits per semester to graduate on time without the need to take summer classes. If you co-op, study abroad or take less credits during the semester (perhaps due to an internship), then summer classes might be required to get ahead or take the credits you would have taken the previous semester.

### Are we able to do summer classes at our local community colleges depending on the area we are from? How do I know if my summer class will transfer?

Yes, but please talk to an advisor prior to scheduling so that you can ensure that the course you take will transfer to UD and be credited in the way you intend. You will need to have the institution that you take any courses at send an official transcript directly to UD.

### Do summer courses require you to be on campus or are there online summer courses?

It depends on the course. Some courses are offered online and some are offered in person at the university.

Are we allowed to take some summer classes through Dayton this summer (online I assume)?

The best source of information on taking classes at UD prior to enrollment is to reach out to your respective Academic Dean's office.

## GRADING

What is the university's grading scale?

The faculty determines the scale for their courses and are required to include it in their course syllabus. For more information on the options for grading, click [here](#).

How does the Pass/Fail course option work?

You can take a maximum of 15 credit hours throughout your entire academic career as Pass/Fail. In order to pass a class using this option, you must receive a C- or better. For more information on this option, click [here](#).

## INTEGRATED LEARNING-LIVING COMMUNITY (ILLC)

What are the ILLC choices?

Information on and the list of ILLC choices can be found [here](#).

I picked an ILLC but want to change it to a different choice. How do I do that?

You should be able to return to your To Do list in Porches and change your ILLC selection.

## VNSO/CAMP BLUE

What is VNSO? Where do we sign up?

VNSO is our virtual orientation program this summer! VNSO will be a full day virtually with breaks between sessions. You should see the ability to sign up in your To Do list on Porches. For more details, click [here](#)!

I registered for the VNSO, and it's checked off in my Porches. However, my parent and I did not receive a confirmation email. Who should I contact?

You can contact the Student Transitions and Family Programs office during our business hours, 8:30am-4:30pm, at 937-229-2229.

### What is Camp Blue?

Camp Blue is an awesome leadership camp that takes place a week before Welcome Weekend! This gives campers the opportunity to discover their leadership style and how to show their leadership skills throughout their time at UD. It also gives students an opportunity to move in early and get to know other first year students. For more information on Camp Blue, click [here](#)!

## HOUSING/EARLY DROP OFF

### How do we know if our roommate is secured?

Completed contracts by May 5 will receive the assignment on May 12th. When you get your room assignment, you will also get your roommate's name.

### If I already have a roommate picked out can I still sign up for ILLC with that roommate?

If you indicate a roommate preference, that will be given precedence over ILLC selections. I'm not sure exactly what might happen if you and your intended roommate select different ILLCs. To answer specific questions like this, you should reach out to housing directly.

### Where do we sign up for early drop off?

Housing and Residence Life will send timely emails throughout the summer with instructions on how to sign up for early drop off.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Is everyone required to take at least one language course?

Required language course(s) will vary from major to major. You can check the DegreeWorks system, which should be available to you June 15, to see if you need to take language course(s).

### If I have declared that I am registering for the ROTC courses, will they show as available in the course preferences options?

For certain majors, ROTC courses will be displayed as an option on the final screen of course preferences, along with other activity courses (e.g. marching band etc). If you complete preferences without seeing the ROTC courses, submit what you've selected to that point and then contact your advisor using the link in Porches.

### Do you let athletes know that their practice schedule will be incorporated into their schedule so they can plan their classes accordingly timewise?

Yes! Athletes' practice times will be blocked out for them in the system and will show up on the calendar that will be seen during the Course Preferences process.

### Where can we find the electronic course catalog?

The full undergraduate electronic course catalog can be found [here](#).

### When is the "grace period" for course withdraw?

Typically, the last day of drop/add is usually within the first 2 weeks of classes each semester. The last day to withdraw from a class without record, is generally the 10th or 11th week. For more specific dates, you can look at the full academic calendar, which is found [here](#).

### When will we know if the fall semester will be on campus or online?

Currently, we are planning to have in person classes in the Fall. However, we are in conversation with County Health Officials and will be adhering to what the State of Ohio requires of us. Hopefully, we will know more in June.

### Do parents get access to Porches?

Parents do not have access to Porches. It is accessed by the student using their assigned username and password.

### How are learning accommodations needed for high school course work applied to the college level at Dayton?

Information regarding learning accommodations can be discussed with the Office of Learning Resources. You can find more information [here](#), or call the OLR office at 937-229-2066.

### Where can I register for the wrap up webinars?

You can register for our other webinars by clicking this [link](#) and looking under the Webinar tab!