

Centre College – General Education Requirements and Course Selection

This document is designed to provide you with important information you need to choose your fall term classes. Please read this entire document. After carefully reviewing this information along with the math and second language placement results sent to you earlier, you should be ready to choose your fall term courses.

One of your four courses will be Doctrina Lux Mentis 110 (DLM 110), a course that all first-year students take in the fall term. First-year students take DLM 110 in the fall and DLM 120 in the spring. DLM 110 and 120 courses provide a small-group learning environment that provides an intensive intellectual experience to develop your collegiate academic skills—how to read critically, how to think logically, and how to communicate effectively. The DLM 110 course emphasizes writing skills, while the DLM 120 emphasizes speaking skills.

In choosing your other three courses, keep in mind the following:

1. Be open-minded as you begin the course selection process, and review all of your options before making your course choices. Be sure to take at least one course in an area that you are particularly interested in and/or passionate about. Subjects that you may have studied in high school are often quite different at the college level, and getting a start on a possible major or minor can give you greater flexibility in your schedule down the road. Major requirements are listed in the online catalog under “Programs of Study”:
<https://centre.smartcatalogiq.com/en/catalog-and-handbooks/catalog/>
2. Mathematics: Based on your placement exam results, you should have been placed in either MAT 110, MAT 165, or MAT 185. To fulfill the mathematics course for the general education requirement, you can either take the math course you were placed in, or you can take MAT 130 (Introduction to Statistics) regardless of your placement results.
3. Second Language: If you need to fulfill the second language requirement, you will need to take one second language course if you were placed above the introductory level (language courses numbered 200 or higher) or the two-course sequence in an introductory language if you do not have introductory skills. This requirement should be completed by the end of the sophomore year.
4. Science: We could not recommend taking two 4- credit hour science courses in the same semester. The amount of time students has to attend the class and the lab can be overwhelming if they are enrolled in more than one 4-credit hours science course.
5. When reviewing the fall schedule, you will notice a general education tagging key at the top of the document. Additionally, you will notice many of the courses have “tags” indicated on the far right of the row. Any course designated an “E1, E2, or E3” is generally considered suitable for first-years and does not have pre-requisites. We would still strongly recommend reviewing the course description of each course you consider taking in the fall.

If you have any questions about what courses you should take, you are encouraged to call Centre during advising call-in sessions. We are offering a series of three advising call-in sessions where you can speak with a faculty advisor about your course choices. The schedule for the call-in sessions are:

Thursday, June 27, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Friday, June 28, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Monday, July 1, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

If you cannot call at any of the times above, you can call the Registrar's Office directly for advice, any time Monday through Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The number to call is 859-238-5360.

After reviewing all these materials, including speaking with a faculty advisor or someone in the Registrar's Office if you choose, you should be ready to register online on CentreNet for your fall courses. More detailed instructions for registering online will be sent to you in an additional email message in the next few weeks. Online registration will occur during the period July 8-12.

Your course registration is subject to review and adjustment by the Registrar's Office. Your final course registration will be confirmed around the beginning of August. However, it is important to know that this schedule is not "set in stone." As part of orientation in August, you will discuss your registration with your academic advisor. Changes to your schedule of classes can be made at that time.

A few final notes regarding the general education requirements:

Attached to this email, there is a general education advising worksheet. We would recommend carefully reviewing this advising worksheet to become accustomed to the general education requirements.

The general education tags that are indicated in the advising worksheet will line up with the general education tagging key on the Fall schedule PDF. Here is an overview of the general education tagging key:

<i>E1</i> – Arts & Humanities Exploration Course				<i>G</i> – Global Engagement Course
<i>E2</i> – Social Studies Exploration Course				<i>I</i> - Internship Course
<i>E3</i> – Science & Mathematics Exploration Course				<i>S</i> - Sustainability Course
<i>A</i> – Arts Engagement Course				<i>D</i> – Difference, Equity, and Inclusion Course
<i>C</i> - Community-Based Learning				<i>R</i> - Mentored Research Course
<i>BLAP</i> - <i>Business: Liberal Arts Perspective</i>				

These terms and definitions will become clearer once you have reviewed the fall schedule and the general education advising document. Please utilize the call-in advising period for any questions or concerns about the general education requirements.

We look forward to working with you as you begin your career at Centre College. In the meantime, we wish you the best for a pleasant, relaxing, and productive summer.