

# First-Year Course Selection Guide

**Monday,**

**June 24.**

First-year students should make sure their timetable includes the following:

5.0 1000-level courses - can be a combination of 0.5 credit (half-year) and 1.0 credit (full-

Western uses suffixes (the letters on the end of course numbers) to designate different types of courses. Please pay close attention to suffixes when enrolling in courses.

No Suffix	1.0 course not designated as an essay course that runs from September to April
A	0.5 course offered in first term
B	0.5 course offered in second term
E	1.0 Essay course that runs from September to April
F	0.5 Essay course offered in first term
G	0.5 Essay course offered in second term
Y	0.5 course that runs from September to April

Do not select both the A and B (or F and G) sections of a course with the same course number. For example, do not select both Calculus 1000A and Calculus 1000B, as these are different sections of the same course offered in the fall (A) and the winter (B).

- Set up your [Multi-Factor Authentication](#). This is required to access course registration
- Begin by creating a conflict-free timetable for the fall and winter terms in [Draft My Schedule](#)
- Review our [First-Year Tips](#) for an overview of recommended courses by program
- Select electives based on your interests and strengths. Read course descriptions in the [Academic Calendar](#) and review course outlines on departmental websites ([Social Science](#); [Arts & Humanities](#))
- Make sure you have at least 1.0 credits from outside the Faculty of Science. This can include 1.0 Social Science or Arts & Humanities credits, or 0.5 of each
- You can select up to 1.0 credits at the Affiliates, provided the same course isn't offered on Western's Main Campus
  - Western's Affiliated University Colleges, Huron and King's, are smaller campuses within the larger Western community
  - You will know a course is offered by an Affiliate because the section number will typically follow this pattern: 550 (Huron) or 570 (King's)

- Enroll in your courses using [Student Center](#) (Need help? [How to add/drop/swap courses](#))
- While we encourage you to finalize your fall and winter timetables during the summer registration period, you can continue to make changes to your fall timetable until September 13, and until January 14 for winter-term half courses
- [Information on Advanced Standing credits](#) from IB or AP courses
- Adding courses to your enrollment cart does not complete the enrollment process. Make sure you go to your enrollment cart and submit your selections to finalize enrollment

Prerequisite	A course that must be successfully completed prior to registration for credit in the desired course.
Antirequisite	Courses that overlap sufficiently in course content that both cannot be taken for credit.
Corequisite	A course that must be taken concurrently with (or prior to registration in) the desired course.
Constraint	A requirement that must be met to enroll in a course. These are noted in the "Requisites and Constraints" column in Draft My Schedule.

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As part of Western's graduation requirements, all students are required to complete 1.0 credits in each of the following three categories:

- Category A - Social Science
- Category B - Arts & Humanities
- Category C - Science

While not all three categories need to be completed in first year, students in Science and Basic Medical Sciences are required to take 1.0 non-Science credits in their first year. This can be 1.0 Category A, 1.0 Category B, or 0.5 of each, and these must be at the 1000-1999 level. You can see which category each subject area falls into in the [Academic Calendar](#).

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To meet graduation requirements, all Western students must complete 2.0 [essay courses](#). Essay courses are classes that require students to demonstrate competence in written assignments. At least 1.0 of the 2.0 required essay courses must be taken at the 2000+ level. First-year students may wish to consider taking 0.5 or 1.0 essay credits at the 1000-level to work toward completing this degree requirement, but essay credits in first year are optional. You can tell which courses are essay credits, as they end in the suffixes E (1.0 credit essay course), F (0.5 credit fall-term essay course), and G (0.5 credit winter-term essay course).

[Western Launch](#) is a free program to assist incoming undergraduate students with their course selection, help answer questions about programs and services on campus, and support you in feeling confident to thrive at Western.

Check out their resources and support services:

Our office supports Science and Medical Sciences undergraduate students as they navigate academic choices. W

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These are the most common errors that can happen. You will want to make certain to rectify these problems immediately.