

2025 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FAQs

How many credits should I take?

- Full-time tuition is based on a 12-19 credit-hour schedule.
- As a first-year student, transitioning to college, we recommend 12-15 credits if at all possible. Some major areas of study require 17 credits the first semester.
- To graduate from Carroll College in four years, you need to average 15.25 credits per semester.

If I took college level classes already, how will they apply to my Carroll College requirements?

- If you submitted your official college transcripts a minimum of five full business days prior to this event, your Carroll transcript should reflect your transfer equivalencies.
- Check the “*Timeline*” view in student planning to see your transfer credits appear in the semester you earned them.
- Check the “*My Progress*” view to see what requirements you have fulfilled through your transfer credits.

What is the difference between 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 level classes?

- 100 are foundational courses for first-year students and require no previous coursework.
- 200 level classes usually are taken in the second year and are upper-introductory level.
- 300 level courses are usually taken in the third year and are intermediate level.
- 400 level are usually capstone courses for fourth year and are advanced level.
- 500 are graduate courses.

If I am in the Honors Scholars program, does HNR 150 count as my FYC/CORE 110?

Yes. If you are an Honors Scholar, you must register for HNR 150 in place of CORE 110.

I am uncertain if my English Writing skills are academic enough to do well in CORE 110. What should I do?

Register for ENWR 101 for your first semester and also for an FYC section that fulfills a core requirement. This will set you up for a better chance at success when you take CORE 110 in the Spring semester of your first year.

What is an FYC section?

FYC stands for First-Year-Cohort. Your FYC classmates will all be first-year-students in their first semester of college, and your FYC professor serves as your advisor for the first semester. You can only be in *one* FYC section.

What if I register now, and then change my mind later?

Throughout the summer you will be able to schedule advising appointments during which you will be able to work with an advisor to make changes to your schedule.

I am undecided about my major area of study. How can I choose courses?

- Carroll College students can declare UNDC for three semesters before formally declaring their major. If you truly are undecided, this is the best option.
- UNDC with STEM interest should plan CORE 110, CO 101 (or a foreign language), TH 101 and a philosophical reasoning course, plus a math or science class at their placement level (14-16 total credits).
- UNDC with non-STEM plans should register for CORE 110, CO 101 (or a foreign language), TH 101 and a philosophical Reasoning course plus a history or social science class that will fulfill core distribution requirements (15 total credits).



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Which Biology Course should I take?

- If your four-year-plan suggests taking BI 121, BI 122, or BI 123 you can take any one of these courses your first semester. The introductory biology lectures are independent courses and one is not prerequisite to the others.
- You will take all three eventually, in any order that works for your schedule.
- You will also want to take a biology lab. You can take BI 131 or BI 132 in any order, and along with any lecture.

My four-year-plan says to take Calculus, but I never had pre-calculus or trigonometry. What should I do?

Please leave a complete note in your “*Advising*” tab, and an advisor will contact you and help you get into the correct math placement. We offer pre-calculus each spring semester so you will likely take that next spring.

I’m an Honors Scholar and also on the forensics team. Do I take two FYCs?

Yes. You need to be in HNR 150 as your first-year seminar and you also are required to take CO 101 with Brent North-up, and his CO 101 section is an FYC section. This is the **ONLY** exception to the one FYC policy.

I need chemistry for my major area of study or my pre-professional pathway, what should I take?

- Those who took chemistry and algebra in high school take CH 101 + CH 101L.
- Those who did NOT take chemistry in high school take CH 111 + CH 111L in the fall of their first year, and then take CH 101 + CH 101L next fall.
- If you are taking CH 101+ CH 101L this fall, consider participating in the four-day pre-orientation [First-Year Research Experience in Chemistry \(FREC\)](#).

I’m a theater performance major, and the four-year-plan says to take a 200-level course in my first semester. Is that correct?

Yes. All theatre performance majors must take TH 212 - Advanced Acting in the fall of their first year.

I’m an ROTC Cadet. What military science courses should I take?

Take MSL 101 and MSL 206. Keep Wednesday afternoons open if at all possible.

Do direct entry nursing students take different courses than the pre-nursing students?

- Direct entry and pre-nursing students enroll in the same courses during their time at Carroll College.
- Direct entry and pre-nursing students must complete BI 201 (with lab), BI 202 (with lab), CH 111 (with lab), CH 112, PSY 105, PSY 203, and Oral Communications with a C- or better before they can take courses in the nursing major (NU prefix classes).
- Direct entry students must meet specific progression criteria during their first year at Carroll to progress and maintain their placement in the nursing major.
- Pre-nursing students must be formally accepted into the nursing major, with applications completed during the spring semester each year for admission into the nursing major the following fall semester.

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