

First Semester Blueprint Undeclared major

When planning your first semester...

- Students should register for a minimum of 12 credits and no more than 16.
- All First-Year students are required to take First Year Seminar their first term. This is a required writing course, and each section focuses on a different topic for students to explore.
- **QuEST** (Qualities Essential for Student Transformation) courses are Messiah University's general education program completed by all students. Specific recommendations for your first semester are included on the blueprint.
- Students who have earned AP, CLEP, or IB credit should refer to the information provided here: [AP, CLEP, IB Credit](#).
- You can view the most up-to-date version of the schedule of classes by accessing [The View](#).

Keep in Mind:

It is okay that your major is Undeclared! Don't fall for the assumption that you need to have it all figured out before stepping foot on campus. Take time to explore your options. Talk to your Academic Advisor and visit the Career and Professional Development Center at Messiah University to assist you in this process, starting with your first year. We want to help you identify your strengths and interests and translate these into meaningful opportunities.

Whether you are unsure about a choice between a few majors, or have no idea how to begin narrowing down choices to evaluate more deeply, we recommend that you take time to complete the FOCUS assessment. More information about FOCUS, which is intended to help you identify areas to explore based on your interests and skills, can be found [here](#). Once you have reviewed the overview, you may follow this [link](#) to the instructions to take FOCUS.

If you have identified a couple of major choices in which you are really interested, take some time to review some [more detailed information](#) about the kinds of opportunities within those fields. REMEMBER, your goal is not to pick a job/ career and then pick a major, but rather select a major which has content and opportunities that are of interest to you. Once you are in the major, you will have opportunity to talk more with your department and advisor about preparing for and testing out different opportunities! We would recommend that, as you read and process this information, you do so in 15-30 minute blocks of time, and that you keep notes about what interests you, as well as what concerns you might have with each major.

The First Semester Blueprint is your guide to course registration in your first semester. Click on your major/pathway to view the recommended courses (developed by your faculty) for your first semester at Messiah.

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Course selection for an Undeclared major:

Students MUST register for the following course:	<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101 First Year Seminar	3
Students SHOULD register for the following:	
Language Course (CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3
Students may CONSIDER registering for ONE of the following one-credit introductory courses to help explore options available in that discipline:	
BUSA 102 Opportunities in Business	1
COMM 107 Introduction to Communication Seminar	1
HDFS 099 Opportunities in Human Development and Family Science	1
HIST 201 Introduction to History	1
SPMT 110 Sport Management Careers and Content	1

Select from the following QuEST options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
COMM 105 (Fundamentals of Oral Communication)	3
European History or U.S. History* (QuEST/GenEd: Euro History or U.S. History)	3
Laboratory Science* (QuEST/GenEd: Lab Science)	3 or 4
Mathematical Science* (QuEST/GenEd: Math)	3 or 4
PHIL 101 (Problems in Philosophy)	3
Social Science* (QuEST/GenEd: Social Science)	3

Recommended total credits your first semester:	12-16 credits
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Questions may be directed to Dr. Gladys Robalino, grobalino@messiah.edu, or 717-796-1800 ext. 7033.

Pathways to Engineering

Students MUST register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
ENGR 111**	Introduction to Engineering AND	2
ENGR 111L**	Lab: Introduction to Engineering	0
CHEM 105*	General Chemistry I AND	4
CHEM 105L*	Lab General Chemistry I	0
<p>**Register for the same section of lecture and lab. For example, ENGR 111 section 01 (CRN 1386) AND ENGR 111L section 01 (CRN 1389). <i>Many students will have time conflicts between athletic, music commitments and late afternoon lab sections. If you do not have such commitments, please consider registering for the later sections so that those who need slots in the earlier sections can register for them.</i></p> <p>*Please review the Guidelines for Chemistry Courses</p>		
AND ONE of the following sets:		Please review the Guidelines for Calculus Courses
MATH 105	Precalculus for the Sciences	3
	OR	
MATH 103	Supplemental Calculus I AND	1
MATH 111 ¹	Calculus I AND	4
MATH 111L	Lab: Calculus I	0
	OR	
MATH 112	Calculus II AND	4
MATH 112L	Lab: Calculus II	0
	OR	
MATH 211	Calculus III AND	4
MATH 211L	Lab: Calculus III	0

Select from the following QuEST options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
COMM 105 (Fundamentals of Oral Communication)	3
Language Course (CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3
European History or U.S. History** (QuEST/GenEd: Euro History or U.S. History)	3
PHIL 101 (Problems in Philosophy)	3

Recommended total credits your first semester:	12-16 credits
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Specific major-related questions about the Pathway to Engineering may be directed to Dr. Brian Swartz, Department Chair Engineering, bswartz@messiah.edu, or 717-796-1800 ext. 2190.

¹ MATH 111/111L is intended to be an in-person course for residential and commuter students. Students are advised **NOT** to register for the online asynchronous section of MATH 111/111L (CRNs 1615/1619). These sections are intended for dual-enroll students who are not residential.

Pathways to Nursing

Students MUST register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
BIOL 185	Human Anatomy and Physiology I AND	4
BIOL 185L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	0
Students SHOULD register for ONE of the following courses:		
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology OR	3
SOAN 101	Principles of Sociology OR	3
HDFS 101	Foundations of Marriage and Family	3

Select from the following QuEST options to complete your schedule:		<u>Credits</u>
COMM 105	(Fundamentals of Oral Communication)	3
European History or U.S. History**	(QuEST/GenEd: Euro History or U.S. History)	3
Language Course	(CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3
ENGL 124-176**	(QuEST/GenEd: Literature)	3

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Specific major-related questions about the Pathway to Nursing may be directed to Dr. Kimberly Fenstermacher, kfenstermacher@messiah.edu or 717-796-1800 ext. 3580.