

Webtrack: Registration 101 Webinar Q&A

Below are Q&As that new students asked in the Registration 101 Webinar on June 7, 2023.

Placement Tests:

Question	Answer
I just took my Spanish placement test today. Will I still be able to take a Spanish class if I don't get the results before registration opens?	Placement test results for Spanish/French/German/Italian/Chinese can take two weeks to come in, so you can leave space in your schedule for the language class once you receive your results.
If I want to take a language I don't know or have never studied before, do I still have to take the language placement test?	If you want to start a new language, you can simply register for the 101 level of that class with the practicum associated with it. No need to take a placement test. The placement test is for students who wish to register for a higher level of language course.
Do you have to take the course that the Rhetoric placement process (Directed Self-Placement [DSP]) suggests?	No, not necessarily. The DSP makes a suggestion, but you may select any course that you want. For instance, you may wish to take a more advanced course or one that goes at a slightly slower pace than the one recommended. However, once you select the course in the DSP process, you will be cleared only for that course. For example, if we suggest 110, you may select 110 OR another course -- say, 106N. You will be cleared to register for whichever you select at that point in the self-placement process.
Is the Rhetoric placement process (DSP) required? Or just suggested?	For first year students and transfer students without prior college composition credit, it is required . (It is strongly encouraged for transfer students with prior credit.) Also, please know that it is not a test. It is a process to help you select a course that you think best fits your needs. You will answer survey questions, practice some writing, hear about our course offerings, and reflect on your decision. Then you will select which course you think is best for you.
Could I take placement tests to test out of core classes and skip having to fill those credits?	You may be able to satisfy Core requirements with AP or IB credits. You can find more information here: https://www.usfca.edu/admission/undergraduate/first-year/ap-ib-college-credit

Classes, Majors, and Degree Requirements:

Question	Answer
Who should I reach out to in order to get help with classes to register for?	You should have been contacted by a summer faculty adviser or someone from your major department. Please check your USF email. If you have not heard from them, please email webtrack@usfca.edu .
How do I change my major ?	You can change your major using the Change of Academic Program form (https://myusf.usfca.edu/registration/change-academic-program-instructions) to change your major. This does not have to be done prior to registration, but it does mean that you will continue to receive information from your current major until you do change your major.
How many classes /units should a first year student take?	Students typically take 16 units per semester, though you can take up to 18 units for the same price. You should register for 12 units to be considered a full-time student.
Is foreign language a requirement to graduate?	It depends on your major. Most majors require a foreign language with the exception of School of Nursing and Health Professions and most School of Management programs.
Who do I have to contact to declare a minor and choose classes for that?	Here's a helpful link on declaring a minor. You can also talk with your academic success coach if you want to explore further: https://myusf.usfca.edu/casa/explore-your-path/declare-major
Are there certain core classes that should be taken sooner than others?	Not necessarily, although I would recommend you focus on your rhetoric writing requirement on the earlier side since some majors require that requirement be met before students can take certain courses in that major. Choose courses that interest you - that's most important!
Are there any classes that are a requirement to take?	You will need to complete the Core Curriculum, all required and elective courses for your major and any other elective courses needed to reach 128 units to graduate.
Can you register for classes outside of your major such as a class from School of Management or a class from School of Nursing?	Many School of Management and School of Nursing and Health Professions have restrictions for only students in those schools to register. If you would like to take one of those courses, you would need to reach out to the professor directly for permission.
How many credits do you need to graduate ?	128 Overall units, 44 units of Core, and the rest would be your major (which is different for various majors) and electives.

Are your major advisor and academic success coach the same person?	They are different. Major advisors are typically faculty members and they advise you on course selection and graduation requirements. Academic Success Coach supports you with transition to college, helps you explore other majors/minors, and connects you with campus resources.
Can freshmen take 200 level classes?	Yes, they are considered lower division courses.
Are we required to take a foreign language course in our first semester ?	You are not required to start your foreign language class during your first semester, though it may be recommended if you are testing into a higher level or your major sequence recommends it.
What does 3rd semester language proficiency mean?	You'll need to take up to the Third Semester level in the language to fulfill the foreign language requirement. For example, if you take Spanish for your language, you'll need to complete First Semester Spanish, Second Semester Spanish, and then Third Semester Spanish to fulfill the foreign language requirement.
Could you explain more about the different Rhet classes and how they differ by pathways? And how to know which is the best fit to select for yourself?	Those questions are all addressed in the directed self-placement process. It explains the different courses and pathways. Completing that process should provide the information you are looking for. You can also write to rhetoricandlanguage@usfca.edu (before or after completing Directed Self-Placement). Briefly, most first-year students start with RHET 110 (this is our "standard" first semester course). 110 must be followed by RHET 120 or another course carrying A2 credit. So the process of completing A2 typically requires two semesters for first-years. Transfer students typically complete A2 in one semester, usually taking RHET 250 (among other options). There are a few other less common options, but again, they are all covered in directed self-placement.
Do classes usually fill up fast?	Some classes do fill up quickly but all students end up with classes they need. You will find a schedule that works for you!

AP/IB Credits and Transcript:

Question	Answer
What class should we choose when we don't know our AP/IB scores yet, meaning we don't know where we would place yet? And after we receive our scores, how do we know what class to take if we earned the credit?	If you've taken AP exams that you believe may apply to your major or core curriculum requirements, I would recommend holding off on taking possible repeats until the scores come in and we know for sure. If you have questions about AP or IB credit, please refer to this website: https://www.usfca.edu/admission/undergraduate/first-year/ap-ib-college-credit

Also I did the IB diploma so I await my results next month. I read that 10 credits would be rewarded for each higher level you get more than a 4 in. If I get a total of 30 credits does it mean I do fewer classes?	Those courses may count towards core classes and may count towards elective credits, allowing you to advance to 128 total units quicker.
Where do I send my high school transcript ?	Please follow steps on this link: https://myusf.usfca.edu/next-steps/freshmen-and-transfers-fall/step-4

Registration Process:

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When can I register for fall classes?	Registration opens for new students on June 21. You should know by email of your registration time on June 21.
How do I find my CWID ?	Your USF CWID is located on your admission letter. You can also find it on your Degree Evaluation and Unofficial Transcript once you've logged into myUSF. If you're unable to locate your CWID, please contact Admission at appservices@usfca.edu .
Once the hold is lifted, will we need to update anything or will our registration requests go through automatically?	Registration will be open on June 21st and you'll be able to register your assigned time. Make sure you have completed the webtrack quiz prior to this time.
While choosing classes, how do I know if I need any prior course (prerequisites) to do that specific course	If you click the hyperlink on the schedule, it will show you any prerequisites needed.
What if I need help to register for classes, who do I talk to?	We will have live registration assistance available Wednesday, June 21st through Friday, June 23rd, if you call 415-422-4932. You can also reach out to your summer faculty adviser or CASA Coach for assistance through the summer.
What did SR stand for again?	If you see SR on the schedule, it means that you are not eligible to register yet. This should disappear when registration opens for you on June 21st.
What do the abbreviations under "Days and Times" on the class schedule mean?	MWF stands for Monday, Wednesday, Friday. R stands for Thursday. TR means the class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays. S stands for Saturdays.
Can you see course descriptions prior to registration date?	If you click the "View Catalog Entry" link on the Class Schedule Listing, you can see the course description.
How quickly do classes usually fill up ?	It really depends on the courses but there are always plenty of options for incoming freshmen, especially if

	you're willing to wait to take those classes at a later date.
Is the June 21st registration only for the first semester ? Or is it for both first and second	Incoming first-year students can register starting June 21st for the fall semester. Spring semester registration will happen in November.
Why are classes showing up as full or having people in them already?	Our sophomores through seniors have already registered for classes.
Registration opens on June 21st but is there a window time to change classes depending on circumstances? Is there an end date where all classes are locked?	You can add and drop courses throughout the summer. Courses on your schedule on June 30th will be reflected on your first tuition bill in July.
Is a practicum only required for Spanish courses?	Several languages require practicums, but not all languages. You can find if the language course requires a co-requisite by clicking the hyperlink of the course.
What is the website to register for classes?	To register for classes, please log into your myUSF account and go to Banner Self-Service Student under your Top Apps on the main page.
What is the deadline for registration?	The deadline for registration is 6/30 in order for your term bill to reflect the correct amount in July. However, you can continue to register/drop for classes up until the start of the classes.
When do classes start?	Fall 2023 classes start on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

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How do we know if we passed the Webtrack quiz ? Will you get an email?	You will receive a confirmation email if you successfully completed the Webtrack quiz. Be sure to complete the quiz before your registration time on Wednesday, 6/21! :)
What if we weren't able to attend the webtrack meeting for our major ? Is there a recording available?	You can find all of the major-specific webinars and recordings on this page: https://myusf.usfca.edu/webtrack/advisingweb