

Registration FAQs

Q. Do I need to **meet with my advisor** before registering?

A. The only students who must meet with an advisor prior to registering are students who participate in an NCAA athletic program and those who are on academic probation. If you do not fall into one of these groups, you do not need to meet with your advisor prior to registering but are welcome to do so. Log onto the Advising website to make an appt: <http://advising.colorado.edu>

Q. Where do I **register** ?

A. You can register from any computer where you have internet access. Log into PLUS through CU Connect and then click on "Registration".

Q. How do I find my **registration time**?

A. To find your registration time, log into CU Connect and click on the "Courses" tab at the top. Next click on "Register for Classes" and then "Reg Status" at the bottom. It is a good idea to log into PLUS and start registering as soon as your time begins. Even a few hours can make a difference in getting what you want!

Q. Where can I see the **Schedule of courses**?

A. Use Schedule Planner in CU Connect to plan out your ideal schedule. Make sure to have plenty of back-up classes and options as popular classes could be full.

Q. What **classes do I still need to take for core**?

A. Review your DEGREE AUDIT on CUConnect <http://cuconnect.colorado.edu>. Printing it out makes it much easier to read. Once you know the area that you still need to fulfill, you can use Schedule Planner or the Registration system in PLUS to do a search by the core area.

Q. What **other classes should I take**?

A. It is important to take some core classes as well as some courses in your major (or if you are Open Option – see Q & A below). Students in a major: You should also take some electives, classes towards a potential minor or a double major.

Open Option students: Use the green sheet titled "Using the Core and More to Explore". It will have the intro courses for many of the majors that you are considering. It is important to take some core classes AND some potential major classes so you can start to find out what majors you like and dislike. If you don't have this sheet from orientation, you can pick up another one in

Woodbury 109.

Q. What is an **elective** and how many do I need?

A. An elective is simply a course that does not work toward major or core requirements. There is no set number of required electives. For example, a student who is graduating with a psychology major alone may have room for over 40 hours of electives, whereas, a student who is double-majoring may not have room for any true electives but will complete their minimum hour requirements with courses from both majors and from core.

Q. Where do I find **electives** ?

A. Follow your interests. Take some time to review course offerings in other departments. Read the course descriptions and note the pre-requisites. As a first or second year student, take the pre-requisites for some of the upper division (3000 and 4000 level) courses that interest you. **WARNING:** Be sure that you have the pre-requisites for the courses you choose.

Q. **Prerequisites** . Do I really need to check the catalog/course description for pre-reqs? Won't the system restrict me from registering from a course if I don't have the pre-reqs?

A. **NO!** In many cases, the system *will* allow you to register for a course even if you do not have the pre-reqs. What happens is that many departments will check the class rosters to verify that each student has the pre-requisites and will drop the students who do not...and usually this is done **AFTER** the add period has ended, so you may not be able to get another class.

Q. How do **waitlists** work again?

A. **AFTER** you have registered for a full load, then you may waitlist for a course/s that you weren't able to get into but want to take. You will not get any notification that you have rolled into the class from the waitlist so it is **VERY** important to continue to check your schedule to see your position. ****Also, make sure to attend the class for which you are waitlisted.**** Note that some waitlists are sequenced (upperclassmen or majors may have priority) so in some cases you could move back on a waitlist. If you don't get into a class from the waitlist you are then eligible for the Course Reservation program. See this website for more details:

http://registrar.colorado.edu/students/registration/course_reservation.html