Scheduling & Registration

Your first schedule usually begins with General Education (GE) courses. GE courses are a good way to explore the range of academic programs, as well as develop skills in writing, researching, and critical inquiry. For those in majors with very structured curricula (for example, engineering, sciences, and art), your schedule will also include your major’s required introductory or foundation courses.

All first-year students are assigned a placement level for English Composition, Math, and Foreign Language. If you are placed in ENG160, you should take it in your first semester. If you are placed in ENG170, you may take it in the fall or spring semester.

If you took AP/IB or college courses during high school, send your official transcripts to New Paltz as soon as possible. Work with your advisor to make sure you do not repeat a course for which you already received credit.

Freshmen follow these guidelines when drafting their schedule in My Schedule Planner. Your schedule will be reviewed by your advisor.

- Select 100-200 level courses (required for students who have earned less than 30 college credits)
- Make sure you are in the correct level for Math, Foreign Language, and English Composition
  - If you are unsure of the right courses to take, wait to choose these until your individual advising meeting with your OAA advisor.
- Register for about 15 credits
  - Include labs with lectures, if appropriate, and if you have the required math placement level
  - Understand the appropriate courses load
- Read course descriptions to learn about the course and any prerequisites, restrictions, or permissions it may require
- Understand how to register and change your schedule
  - My Schedule Planner
  - Registration clearance
  - Making changes to your schedule
    - Add/Drop period, course withdrawal period