

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **How often do classes meet?**

Generally, classes meet in the fall semester either three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (MWF) for 50 minutes a period or two times a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays (TR) for 75 minutes a period. There are some exceptions. For example, a four-credit math course will meet four days a week for 50 minutes a period. Laboratory classes normally meet once per week for three hours.

### **How will I know which courses are face-to-face, synchronous, online, etc.?**

The majority of courses will meet in person, face-to-face. Sections are numbered to indicate the following:

- 01, 02, 03, etc.- Standard face-to-face sections
- OA1, OA2, etc.- Asynchronous Online
- OS1, OS2, etc.- Synchronous Online

### **What does the letter "R" stand for on the class schedule (The View)?**

It stands for Thursday (the computer system allows for one character only, and T is designated for Tuesday).

### **What is a CRN or Course Reference Number?**

It is a four-digit number that is assigned to every section of a course each semester. It is the number used under the Registration Menu to add or drop a course.

### **What is meant by credit or semester hour?**

Credit hours (also referred to as semester hours) are a unit measurement for courses. Courses vary in the number of semester/credit hours they bear. Most of the courses at Messiah are three or four credits. Many of the wellness courses are one credit.

### **How many credit hours do I need in order to graduate?**

This varies by major; generally, 123 hours is the minimum required.

### **Why do most science labs have zero credits?**

The lab is a required part of the course. The credit hour value for the lab is incorporated into the credits of the lecture.

### **How do I register for a course that has a co-requisite lab, seminar or supplemental course?**

Some courses require registration in a co-requisite course, lab, or seminar. The course description in The View will explain if there is a co-requisite course. Examples include lab science courses, math courses with labs or supplemental courses and history courses with seminars, e.g. CHEM 105/CHEM 105L; HIST 141/HIST 141S; and MATH 111/MATH 111L and MATH 103. As you are preparing for course registration and planning out sample schedules, be sure to note the CRN numbers of the course as well as the desired section(s) of co-requisite course, lab or seminar. When you add courses, you'll need to add each co-requisite

before you click submit. Our registration system will not allow you to save one or the other individually.

**What does the term "full-time" mean?**

This refers to students who are taking 12 or more credit hours in a semester. Full-time student enrollment is important for financial aid eligibility. Most of the companies that carry healthcare insurance require students to be enrolled full-time (this is something you should check with your parents). Registration over 18 credits will result in additional tuition fees being applied to your account.

**I plan to participate in athletics. Will I be restricted from any classes?**

Students who plan to participate in athletics should ensure all day classes end no later than 4:00 p.m. Normally, evening classes begin at 6:15 p.m.

**I'm not sure what major I want to pursue. Will that cause me problems?**

Not at all! Many students need a semester or two to help them gain their focus on the selection of a major. The General Education program at Messiah gives wide latitude for course selection when a student is undecided. In addition, the University has qualified advisors assigned to students who haven't made their decision regarding a major.

**I want to double major or have a minor. How can I declare this and register for courses?**

If you are interested in pursuing a second major or minor, you can discuss your interests with your academic advisor when you arrive on campus. There is plenty of time in your college career to pursue these opportunities. You may officially declare a secondary major or a minor once you arrive on campus in the fall.

**I took a college course through my high school. Will it count at Messiah?**

Courses taken at regionally accredited colleges and universities may be accepted at Messiah University. To have your course evaluated for possible credit transfer, be sure that an official transcript from the college or university is sent to the Office of the Registrar, official electronic transcripts can be emailed to [registrar@messiah.edu](mailto:registrar@messiah.edu).

**I took AP exams. Will I get college credit for them?**

You must have your official scores sent to the Office of the Registrar, directly from College Board. We do not process AP credits from high school or other college transcripts. You will receive credit for scores of 3 or higher on general or subject exams. The Office of the Registrar will notify you after the earned credits have been processed.

**I took an AP course, but didn't take the exam. Can I get credit?**

College credit is only awarded when the exam is taken.

**What if I can't register right at 10:30 a.m. on June 4?**

Although many students register at 10:30 a.m., if you are not able to register, it's ok. Many classes fill up quickly, but you will be able to create a schedule that meets your needs.

**If I register right at 10:30 a.m. on June 4, will I be guaranteed my first choice of classes?**

We recommend that you plan several versions of your class schedule. You will have plenty of course options to fill your schedule.

**What should I do to prepare for course registration?**

Go to the Accepted Student Resource Page and click on Course Registration

<https://www.messiah.edu/deposited/#course-registration>. Read through EVERYTHING! There is a lot there, we know, but it's all important. You should set aside at least one hour in the weeks leading up to June 4 to go through everything and email any of your remaining questions to your admissions counselor or department chair. Reading the information and planning ahead is the key to course registration!

**When I went to register, one of the MUST classes on my blueprint is closed. What do I do?**

If it really is a MUST class on your Blueprint, contact the Registrar's Office ([registrar@messiah.edu](mailto:registrar@messiah.edu)).

**Who is my academic advisor?**

Advisors are assigned in the fall and you'll meet with him/her before classes start. Contact the Registrar's Office ([registrar@messiah.edu](mailto:registrar@messiah.edu)), your admissions counselor or the program contact listed on your blueprint if you have registration questions.

**Important Tips to Remember**

- Online registration for transfer students begins at **10:30 a.m. on June 4**. You should plan to register by July 5 or we will be contacting you to update your student status.
- Courses with full enrollment are noted as "Full" (closed) under the *Status* column in the *Find Classes* tab.
- Always confirm your schedule after any registration session by reviewing your active registration in *Class Summary*. You are officially registered for courses with a green *Registered* status.
- Always exit the Registration Menu properly by signing out (click your name in the upper right-hand corner to sign out).

Do you have questions not listed here? Email us at [registrar@messiah.edu](mailto:registrar@messiah.edu) or call 717-691-6074.