

New Advising and Registration Webinar FAQs 2024

Any Questions? Please reach out to NSFP at orientation@du.edu or by phone at 303-871-6080

Academic Advising Questions

1. Can I meet individually with an advisor before registering? Help I don't know what to take!

Starting Tuesday July 8th - Friday July 19th we will begin our group advising sessions. Sessions are in MOUNTAIN TIME. [Time zone converter](#).

- 9:00 AM Mountain Time
- 10:30 AM Mountain Time
- 1:00 PM Mountain Time
- 2:30 PM Mountain Time

[Book your session now!](#)

Make sure to join the session from a laptop and not your phone.

Unable to attend a live group session? Watch our [recorded group advising video](#) and [review the slides](#).

2. Will I be assigned an academic advisor? If so, when? And how will I know who my advisor is?

Yes, you will be assigned an academic advisor! The whole DU Advising Team is here to support you during the summer, but you will be assigned a specific advisor in week 2 of the fall. Students majoring in Hospitality Management and Music will be assigned an advisor for their specific major. After week 2, you will be able to view your advisor's name in your Degree Audit. (Please view: [Intro to Academic Advising Video in Discoveries Canvas Module](#))

3. What is the difference between an academic advisor, program advisor, and faculty advisor? Who is my contact?

An academic advisor provides academic and developmental advising to all first year and exploratory/undecided students. A program advisor provides guidance and advice related to a specific academic program. A faculty advisor works with students on their major/minor requirements within the academic department. For your first year, contact our office unless you are majoring in Hospitality or Music. (Visit: [The First-Year Advising webpage](#))

Placement Tests (Language and Math)

1. Does everyone have to take the language placement test?

If you are planning to study a language you started learning prior to DU, please take the placement test to determine your starting course level. If you are transferring IB or AP scores, you still need to take the language placement test. You can find undergraduate language placement testing instructions and a link to the placement tests for languages on the [Center for World Languages website](#). If you plan to start a new language, you do not need to take the placement test.

2. What is the deadline for completing the language placement test? Where can I find it? Can I take it later?

Please take the placement test as soon as possible. Scores can take up to 5 days to update in the registration system, so we want you to be prepared. You can find undergraduate language placement testing instructions and a link to the placement tests for languages on the [Center for World Languages website](#). We recommend all students take it this summer for an accurate reflection of your language level.

3. Do you have to take a language if you already have the seal of biliteracy?

If you earned a *Seal of Biliteracy* prior to joining DU, please take a placement test for the language you studied. The *Seal of Biliteracy* will likely allow you to place into an upper-level course. All students at DU must take at least one language course as part of the common curriculum. (Please view: [Common Curriculum Video](#))

4. What is the deadline for completing the Math Placement Tool? Do I have to use the Math Placement Tool?

The Math Advising Tool can help you determine the most appropriate first math class to take. You are not required to use the Math Placement Tool, rather it is highly recommended if you are pursuing a major that will require calculus (or business calculus) to determine your level of preparedness.

Use the Math Advising Tool to determine the appropriate math course for your program/degree type.

The math advising tool is for all incoming students. Depending on their intended major, transferred math courses and other considerations, the math advising tool will indicate which math course, if any, is required. If MATH 1200 (Calculus for Business and Social Sciences) or MATH 1951 (Calculus I) is required, the math advising tool will administer a math proficiency survey (approximately 45 minutes and 20 algebra questions) to test the level of preparation for these courses – the score will be recorded and students will receive a recommendation concerning math courses by email in early July. In order to ensure that you can register for the appropriate math class during New Student Registration in late July, the deadline to complete the Math Advising Tool is July 1.

Majors that require Math 1951 or Math 1200

- Biochemistry
- All Biological Sciences Majors
- Business (all degrees)
- Chemistry
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Ecology and Biodiversity
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Chemistry
- Environmental Science (B.S. degree only)
- Integrated Sciences
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Molecular Biology
- Physics

5. Am I required to take math as a ____ major?

All students must take one AI: Natural course to complete the common curriculum requirement. AI: Natural courses include class options of math, computer science and practical logic courses. Certain majors do require students to take a specific AI: Natural course to satisfy this requirement. Please view the [Undergraduate Bulletin- Sample Course Plans](#) to determine your specific requirement. (Please view: [Common Curriculum Video](#), [Common Curriculum Slide Deck](#))

Questions about class selection

1. When do I get told what classes I need to take? How do I choose my classes?

Our [Group Advising Sessions](#) will introduce you to your degree requirements and guide you through the process of using your degree audit, along with the suggested course plan for your major, so you can determine what courses you will need to take as you plan for your first quarter classes. Please [view your course plans](#) as a place to begin!

2. What if I don't yet have a declared major? What should I register for?

Our advisors are here to help you explore and can provide you with recommendations as you discover your educational path. In the fall, we recommend you start with Common Curriculum classes and other courses that interest you to start exploring majors! You Watch our [exploratory/undeclared advising video](#) for more information. You can also check out the [sample course plan](#) and [website](#).

3. I see a lot of classes are already full. What am I supposed to do? What happens when classes are full?

Seats are being held in common curriculum classes just for you! When registration opens, those seats will open for you to register. It's still possible you won't get your first choice of courses, which is why we recommend making multiple course plans. Attend our [Group Advising Sessions](#) for more information!

4. How many credits should I register for each quarter?

We typically recommend that students register for 16 credits per quarter in order to stay on track for graduation. Please [view your course plans](#) as a place to begin!

5. Do I have to register for a FSEM?

Yes, all first-year students are required to register for a First-Year Seminar (FSEM) during the fall quarter. The FSEM is the first course in the Common Curriculum, introducing students to the academic values and norms of the DU community. FSEMs are topic-based courses. View [course descriptions](#) to learn what they're all about. (Please visit: [FSEM website](#))

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7. How often do classes meet? What is the average number of classes per day and hours of class per day?

Most classes are 4 credit hours, which means they meet for 4 hours per week. Some classes meet twice a week for 2 hours and others meet 4 times a week for 1 hour. This can vary and differences may arise if the class is a music ensemble, involves a science lab, or has a research component.

Majors and Minors and Electives

1. Is it possible to double major/triple major/quadruple minor etc?

Students have the opportunity to tailor their academic journey to their individual interests and specific career and academic aspirations. However, some degrees have less flexibility than others. We recommend and encourage students to be in close dialogue with their assigned academic advisors once arriving on campus. (Please view: [Degree Overview Video](#))

2. How do I switch my declared majors? How do I add a major? How can I change from a BS to a BA?

Email the Registrar's Office registrar@du.edu to update your primary major. In the fall, you will complete the [Major/Minor Declaration Form](#) for updates.

3. I have a specific question about my major/minor requirements and how those fulfill requirements/how long it will take to complete etc.

We recommend you attend our [Group Advising Sessions](#) or [watch a pre-recorded video](#) that will introduce you to your degree requirements and guide you through the process of using your degree audit, along with the suggested course plan for your major. If you have questions about how long your intended plan will take to complete, please be in touch with your advisor in the fall. (Please view: [view your course plans](#)) (Please view: [Degree Overview Video](#))

4. How do electives work? Where can I find a list of electives?

Electives are any credits that aren't part of another degree category (such as common curriculum, major, or minor). As such, there is no list of electives since they will look different for each student depending on their program. To find elective options for you, search by subject area for subjects you aren't planning as a major or minor. We recommend 1000 or 2000 level courses as they are more likely to be introductory. (Please view: [Degree Overview Video](#))

5. If I take a class for my major and it is also a common curriculum requirement, does it count as both?

Yes! Major or minor courses that also have a Common Curriculum attribute satisfy requirements for both your major or minor and Common Curriculum. However, you will not earn double the credit for this course. Please note, classes cannot apply to both your major and your minor. (Please view: [Degree Overview Video](#))

Registration Time Tickets

1. What is a time ticket? When will I receive a time ticket and how do I find it?

Your registration time ticket is the time and date when you can begin to register for classes for a given quarter. You can find your time ticket by logging into [MyDU](#). Log in and search registration > Student

Registration > Prepare for Registration > Select your next term (e.g. Autumn Quarter 2024) in the drop down > Continue > Your registration time ticket will be displayed. Time tickets are in Mountain Time. (Please view: [Prepare for Registration Video](#))

2. I am not available during registration week. Is there someone who can register for me?

It is best that you make every effort to register yourself. If you there are absolutely no options, you can email the Office of the Registrar, registrar@du.edu, your name, DU ID, and 3-5 course plans (made in Plan Ahead) and they will register you at your assigned fall registration time during the week of July 22nd. The Office of the Registrar will register you based on the 3-5 course plans/ fall schedules you provide, but will only be able to register you for classes that are still available. Please check your course registration upon your return.

3. I have early registration. How do I know when I register? How do I know my time ticket is correct?

Students with early registration find their time ticket in [MyDU](#), as all students do. If you have received the accommodation of early registration, you will receive a time ticket appropriate to early registration. If you have any questions, please email dsp@du.edu.

4. When is registration and how can I register?

Registration takes place during the week of July 22nd. Students are assigned time tickets, which state when registration starts for each individual. Students register by logging into [MyDU](#), searching for Registration > Register for Classes. (Please view: [Registration Video Library](#))

5. Do I show up at the school to register? Will an advisor be able to assist me at my registration time?

All summer advising takes place virtually. The Office of Academic Advising will be hosting [virtual quick questions advising](#) beginning on July 22nd., in which we serve students on a first-come, first-serve basis to answer any questions you may have. We are unable to guarantee we will be available to support you at the time your time ticket allows for registration and encourage you to review the many resources available on the [First-Year and Transfer Student Advising and Registration](#) website prior to registration. (Please view: [Connect with Advising](#))

6. Is my time ticket in Mountain Time or my local time?

All time tickets are listed in Mountain Time.

Lots of Credits & AP/IB/Transfer Credits

1. How do I send my transcript for classes that I am taking this summer? I have credits that need to be transferred to DU, how do I do that?

Please make sure that all official transcripts for courses taken at other institutions during high school or over the summer are sent via a secure online transcription source to the University of Denver. Please reach admission@du.edu if you have further questions. (Please visit: [AP, IB, and Transfer Credits](#))

2. What if I am bringing in a lot of credits and I am classified as a sophomore? How will that work?

Students who transfer in a lot of credit will register in the same way as others. It's important to review your degree audit to see how your transfer credit has applied to DU coursework. You cannot receive repeat credit for a course you have already transferred. We would recommend attending our [Group Advising Sessions](#) for more information.

3. How can I send my high school transcript to DU?

Please ask your high school to send DU your final official high school transcript to the University of Denver. Official high school transcripts must be received via a secure online transcription source or in a sealed envelope directly from the high school to be considered official. Please reach admission@du.edu if you have further questions. (Please view: [AP, IB, and Transfer Credits Video](#))

4. How can I see if my AP credits/transfer courses have transferred?

Please log in to [MyDU](#) > Degree Audit. Any processed scores will be listed on your Degree Audit for the appropriate DU course. If scores are still being processed, please view the resources on the [AP/IB and Transfer Credits](#) page to determine course equivalencies. (Please view: [AP, IB, and Transfer Credits Video](#))

3+3, 4+1, Honors

1. I am interested in a 3+3 or 4+1 program. Who should I contact and what should I take?

Students interested in 3+3 or 4+1 programs should plan to register for Fall 2024 classes according to the requirements of their desired majors/minors without worrying too much about the requirements for these programs. Once students arrive on campus, the Office of Academic Advising will work to connect students to these appropriate programs.

2. Can I still apply to the Honors program?

The Honors program is not currently accepting applications for Fall 2024. Students interested in joining the Honors program can apply after completing one quarter of coursework at DU. For more information, please follow this [link to the Honors program website](#).

Request for Links

1. What is the link for the new student advising and registration site?

Here is the link for the new student advising and registration page: [New Student Advising & Registration](#)

2. What is the link for the monthly checklist?

You can find the monthly checklist here: [Action Items & Important Dates](#)