

Advising First-Years

Requirements for First-Years:

WLLS 100: to be taken fall of first year. If failed, re-take in spring.

WLLS 105: to be taken first year, fall or spring.

Options to Consider:

- First-years may start doing internships for credit as early as j-term. Please contact the Center for Academic and Career Advising for assistance. First-years and sophomores may register their first internship for one credit (40 hours). But remember that a one-credit internships may not be counted toward a major requirement. Students are only allowed to complete 1 internship in any given semester during the academic year.
- A **minor** can be a good way to study additional interests, but keep in mind that only 50% of the courses in a minor can be used towards a major.
- First-year is a good time to **explore interests**, consider encouraging them to explore classes in their other interests that meet Gen Ed requirements.

How many credits should be taken?

All students should **average 15 credits per semester** to accumulate the 120 needed for graduation.

- A student might want to take fewer credits in the fall of their first year to acclimate to Wells and make sure they do well in those first few Wells credits
- Experiential learning credits and credits transferred from other institutions or carried in from high school (AP credits, IB credits, dual enrollment, etc) will also be counted towards the 120 needed.
- A student must enroll in 12 credits to be considered full time. FY students who wish to take over 16 credits must petition to do so and no student may take more than 21 credits per semester.

Reminders on Add/Drop Policy:

- Incoming students with first-year standing who wish to take more than 16 semester hours in their first semester, and all other students who wish to take 18.5 to 21 semester hours in one semester, must file a petition with the Registrar's office. Students may not enroll in more than 21 semester hours in one semester.
- A course can be added within the first 10 class days of each semester, however, after five days the student requires permission of instructor.
- A course may be dropped (with no record on the transcript) through the 10th days of classes (the 5th day for 7-week classes).
- After the add/drop period ends, a student may withdraw from a class through the 9th week of classes by using the withdrawal form- a 'W' will appear on the transcript for that course
- After the 9th week of classes, and before the end of classes a student may petition to withdraw from a class and will be granted either a 'W' for withdraw or a 'WF' for withdraw failing depending on grade.

Students must meet with their major advisor/s during advising week in order to be cleared on the globe for course registration.

Extra Reminders: Athletes must register for their sport in the semester that it's played.

Remember: The most accurate source of academic information is the course catalogue for the student's year.