

Advising for first-semester students

First Year Requirements

Course selections must include:

- WLLS 100 (3 credits) - Fall semester
- WLLS 105 (3 credits) - Fall or spring semester

Remember that:

- First semester students can take up to 16 credits. A petition must be filled out to take more than 16.
- 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.

Glossary of Commonly Used Terms

Experiential Learning-Each student must do two. Internships, student teaching, off-campus study courses, and more count toward this requirement.

GPA-Grade Point Average-A student's GPA is calculated by multiplying the number of quality points (based on grade) by the number of credits. A higher GPA is better and there are regulations regarding GPAs.

NS-Natural Sciences-Laboratory science courses within the Natural Sciences.

POI-Permission of Instructor-This may be required to add an upper-level class, or to add a course after the semester has begun, but before drop/add ends.

Prereq-Prerequisite course-A course which is required prior to adding another course.

QR-Quantitative Reasoning-Math courses which develop an understanding of solving real world problems.

Quality Points-points based on grade which are multiplied by the number of credits to calculate GPA.

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. Students who wish to take over 16 credits must petition to do so and no student may take more than 21 credits per semester.