



WABASH COLLEGE

Introduction to the Wabash Curriculum and Course Selection

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Goal for this session

- **Prepare you to select your Fall 2026 courses**
 - Discuss the process of course selection and registration
 - Review scheduling materials that are in your folders
 - Provide course selection advice and info about Wabash curriculum basics



Important nuggets...

- Note: course registration becomes official in early August
 - You'll receive a confirmation email with links to textbook information
- **Today's course selection goal –**
 - finalized selections of desired Fall schedule,
 - First string and alternate choices identified
 - Courses entered into Student Planning (our computer system)



Course Scheduling Meetings

- 1st Meeting: 10:20 – 11:30 with faculty advisors
- 2nd Meeting – Loading courses into Student Planning
 - (“Track” meeting with Dean Jump and staff)
- Additional meeting today as necessary (scheduled with your advisor)
- **Additional meetings this summer with faculty advisor - scheduled with faculty between now and July 31.**



Folder Resources for Scheduling

- **Fall 2026 Scheduling Worksheets (2 copies)**
- Fall 2026 Scheduling Tips and Sample Schedules
- Recommended Fall 2026 Courses for Beginning Students



The Course Selection Worksheet

Wabash.

FALL 2026 SCHEDULING WORKSHEET

Name:	Wabash 101 Track:
Advising Room:	Math Placement:
Your Advisor Today:	ENG-101 Placement:
Your Advisor in 2026-27:	World Language Placement:

FIRST CHOICE COURSE SELECTIONS

	CLASS TIME	COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE	CREDITS
MWF SECTIONS	7:45 – 8:50AM		
	8:00 – 8:50AM		
	9:00 – 9:50AM		
	10:00 – 10:50AM		
	11:00 – 11:50AM		
	1:10 – 2:00PM		
	2:10 – 3:00PM		
	3:10 – 4:00PM		

TTH SECTIONS	7:55 – 9:35AM		
	8:00 – 9:15AM		
	9:45 – 11:00AM	FRT-101, FRESHMAN TUTORIAL	1
	1:10 – 2:25PM		
	2:40 – 3:55PM		

SECTIONS TBA OR OTHER			
TOTAL CREDITS			

BACKUP SELECTIONS (in order of preference)

Alternate Course	Replaces which course above?	Alternate Course	Replaces which course above?
1.		4.	
2.		5.	
3.		6.	

- Two copies in your folders.
- Note the information at the top: Wabash 101 track, advising room, today's advisor and your advisor in Fall, and placement info.
- Use this later this morning during advisor meetings.
- **Please leave one completed copy** with the Registrar's Office after Student Planning session this afternoon.

Your Four Fall Credits

- Freshman Tutorial (FRT-101) -- **1 credit, already on your worksheet***
 - For some of you . . . ENG-101 *Composition* or RHE-101 *Public Speaking* has been added (2nd credit)
- Goal 1: **Add courses to schedule as ‘First String’ (to get to 4 credits)**
- Goal 2: **Add 3 ‘Alternate Selections’ (Back-ups)**



Three pillars of our curriculum

1. Required first-year courses (liberal arts foundations)
2. Major and Minor (depth)
3. Distribution and Proficiency Requirements (breadth)

Lab Sciences (2 course credits)

Behavioral Sciences (3)

Literature/Fine Arts (3)

Language Studies (1)

History/Philosophy/Religion (2)

Quantitative Literacy (2)

World Language (2 or 1, depending on placement)

English Composition (1 or exempt, depending on placement)

Global Citizenship, Justice and Diversity (2, with overlap permitted)



Scheduling Advice

- Consider a course related to an intended major
- Consider exploring the curriculum with a topic new to you
- Consider whether your Calculus or World Language placements are courses you want/need to take.



Math and World Language Placements

- Recommended courses IF YOU CHOOSE TO FOLLOW A PARTICULAR COURSE OF STUDY
- Most common Math placements: MAT-100, MAT-111
 - This is the course to take now **IF YOU NEED CALCULUS**
 - **Only** Mathematics, Computer Science, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physics, Economics and Financial Economics, along with Pre-Med and Pre-Engineering programs, require calculus
- Most common World Language placements: 101, 103, 201
 - **If you pursue that language**, this is the course where you start
 - Or....start a new language at the 101 level.
 - You **must** complete a language placement exam before you can register for any World Language course



Placement in ENG-101

- Students are placed into ENG-101 based on their scores on a writing survey designed by Wabash English faculty.
- Placement is based on writing experience, not necessarily skills
- Possible placements: ENG-101 FALL; ENG-101 SPRING; ENG-101 STANDBY; ENG-101 EXEMPT
- If placed into ENG-101 FALL, this course will already be on your schedule worksheets.
- ENG-101 STANDBY means you could get added to ENG-101 if a seat becomes available.



Sample Schedules for Wally Wabash

Wally is undecided on a major

Placement Assumptions: MAT-100; SPA-201; ENG-101 EXEMPT

FIRST CHOICES (put these on the Student Planning Calendar)

	Course (or course type)	Possibilities (choose one in each row)
1.	Freshman Tutorial	Already added to schedule
2.	Literature/Fine Arts	w ART-126 Studio Art Fundamentals w MUS-104 Sound & Scary Movies w THE-101 Introduction to Theater
3.	World Language	w SPA-201 and 201L, Intermediate Spanish with lab w Any new language and lab at the 101 level
4.	Exploration course (i.e., something you've never taken before)	w ASI-112-02 Martial Arts Film w PSY-101-02 Introduction to Psychology w GHL-177 Medical Humanities

BACKUPS (get advisor approval for these in Student Planning, but don't put them on the calendar)

	Course (or course type)	Possibilities (choose one in each row)
1.	Behavioral Science	w PSC-111 Intro to American Government w EDU-101 Intro to Child & Adolescent Development
2.	Exploration course	w PHI-110 Philosophical Ethics w REL-103 Islam & Religions of India



Recommended Fall 2026 Courses for Beginning Students

- Course numbers (usually 100 and 200 level), and titles
- Instructors
- Credit values (almost always 1 credit)
- Which distribution requirement(s) this course can meet (key at bottom of the page)
- Meeting days
- Start and end times



Questions?

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Course Selection Quiz...

- **T or F:** YOU HAVE TO TAKE CALCULUS TO GRADUATE FROM WABASH
 - **FALSE:** YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE MATH, MUCH LESS CALCULUS, TO GRADUATE
- **T or F:** IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE WORLD LANGUAGES REQUIREMENT, YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE LANGUAGE COURSE IN WHICH YOU ARE PLACED
 - **FALSE:** IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE IN THAT LANGUAGE, YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE PLACED LANGUAGE. You can start a new language at the 101 level.



More quiz ...

- **T or F:** IF YOU WANT TO GO INTO PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS (E.G., PRE-MED) YOU SHOULD MAJOR IN BIOLOGY OR CHEMISTRY
 - **FALSE:** PRE-HEALTH DOES NOT REQUIRE A PARTICULAR MAJOR. YOU CAN MAJOR IN ANYTHING. YOUR ADVISOR WILL MAKE SURE YOU TAKE THE PRE-HEALTH REQUISITE COURSES



More quiz ...

- **T or F:** ECONOMICS IS THE SAME AS BUSINESS
- **T or F:** TO GO INTO BUSINESS YOU SHOULD MAJOR IN ECONOMICS
- **T or F:** WABASH HAS A BUSINESS MAJOR
- **ALL FALSE**



AND ONE LAST ONE...

- **T or F:** YOU WON'T GET A JOB IF YOU MAJOR IN A HUMANITIES DISCIPLINE (e.g., English, Religion, Theatre, etc.)
 - **FALSE, FALSE, and FALSE...and FALSE again...**
- PLACEMENT RATES FOR OUR HUMANITIES MAJORS ARE AT LEAST AS GOOD AS FOR BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE AND NATURAL SCIENCE MAJORS
- POST-WABASH SUCCESS HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH MAJOR (OR PARTICULAR COURSES) AT ALL



Final thoughts...

- Course planning as a first-year student is easy; EVERYTHING COUNTS!!!
- **Worry less about where your courses will take you AFTER four years and more about how they will help you grow DURING these four years**

