

Welcome, New Students! The sample schedules that follow are based on several possible majors a student may pursue. Note that these are only examples or possibilities; other scheduling combinations are both possible and encouraged based on student interests. Not all possible majors, placement results, available courses, or experiences are represented in these samples. The sample schedules are meant to be guides to start conversations between students and advisors. **We will spend some time during Wabash 101 talking about this document, and it will be a starting point for conversations you have with your advisor both on and after that day.**

Transfer students will come to Wabash with some credits already completed. These students should work very closely with their advisor (Associate Dean of Students Marc Welch) on scheduling for the requirements they need.

Some important points on scheduling:

- **ALL** first-year students will register for four credits in their first semester at Wabash. However, it is wise to place 5-6 credits on their course plan in case the most-preferred choices are unavailable.
 - **ALL** first-year, non-transfer students will take FRT-101 *Freshman Tutorial*, which meets Tuesday and Thursdays 9:45 - 11:00AM. This is one of the four credits for every first-year student.
 - **SOME** first-year students will take ENG-101 *Composition* OR RHE-101 *Public Speaking*. **If a student is required to take ENG-101 or RHE-101, it will be scheduled on the student's Fall schedule already.** For these students, two of their four credits are already scheduled (FRT-101 and either ENG-101 or RHE-101).
- If selecting a lab science course or a world language course, one of its corresponding lab sections, e.g. both BIO-111 and BIO-111L, or FRE-201 and FRE-201L, must also be selected.
- Students: don't be discouraged if you see that a course is in a Waitlisted status. Seats are added for new students. **If a course is listed on the *Recommended Fall 2025 Courses for Beginning Students* document, it's available to new students.**
- Courses used for these sample schedules were taken from the *Recommended Fall 2025 Courses for Beginning Students* list (**scan QR code(s) below to view online or download**).
- Students intending to pursue a major in Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physics, Economics, Financial Economics, Computer Science, or Mathematics, OR who intend to pursue a pre-health or 3/2 engineering course sequence, AND who place into MAT-100 *Math Modeling & Precalculus* should request enrollment in MAT-100 prior to Friday, July 11. **Scan the MAT-100 QR code below for the online request form.**

		
<i>Recommended Fall 2025 Courses for Beginning Students</i>	<i>Descriptions for Recommended Fall 2025 Courses</i>	<i>MAT-100 Math Modeling & Precalculus request form</i>

NEW STUDENT SAMPLE SCHEDULES FALL 2025

EXAMPLE #1: New student undecided on a major

Placement Assumptions:

- MAT-100 placement (*Math Modeling and Precalculus*); SPA-201 placement (*Intermediate Spanish*); ENG-101 EXEMPT

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	Freshman Tutorial	Already scheduled
2.	Literature/Fine Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ART-126 <i>Studio Art Fundamentals</i> • MUS-101 <i>Music in Society</i> • THE-105 <i>Introduction to Acting</i>
3.	World Language course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPA-201 <i>Intermediate Spanish</i> and SPA-201L <i>Intermediate Spanish Lab</i> • A new language + lab at the 101 level
4.	Exploration course (something the student has never taken before)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASI-112-01/ENG-171-01 <i>Manga & Anime</i> • THE-104 <i>Introduction to Film</i>

Alternate/backup courses

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	Behavioral Science course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY-101 <i>Intro to Psychology</i> (section 02 is freshmen only) • PSC-141 <i>Intro to International Relations</i>
2.	Other exploration course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHI-240-01/CLA-240-01 <i>Ancient Philosophy</i> • REL-103 <i>Islam & Religions of India</i>

Notes:

- Beginning students have yet to meet any curricular requirements, so essentially anything this student chooses for his first semester will count toward some requirement. Lit/Fine Arts courses and Behavioral Science courses are good distribution areas to start with because it takes three course credits to fulfill them.
- ENG-101 is not scheduled because the English department decided that this student would not be required to take it, based on his placement test. The English Composition requirement for graduation is satisfied.
- MAT-100 is not scheduled because the student has not expressed an interest in one of the majors that requires completion of Calculus I (Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physics, Economics, Financial Economics, Computer Science, or Mathematics), or in a pre-health or 3/2 pre-engineering sequence.

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EXAMPLE #2: New student with pre-health interest (e.g. medical or dental school)

Placement Assumptions:

- MAT-111 placement (Calculus I); FRE-101 placement (Elementary French I); ENG-101 EXEMPT

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	Freshman Tutorial	Already selected
2.	Natural Science course with lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIO-111 <i>General Biology I</i> and BIO-111L <i>General Biology I Lab</i> • CHE-111 <i>General Chemistry I</i> and CHE-111L <i>General Chemistry Lab</i>
3.	Calculus course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAT-111-01 <i>Calculus I</i>
4.	World Language course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRE-101 <i>Elementary French I</i> and FRE-101L <i>Elementary French I Lab</i> • A new language + lab at the 101 level

Alternate/backup courses

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	Literature/Fine Arts course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEN-101 <i>Intro to Gender Studies</i> • CLA-103 <i>Greek Art & Architecture</i>
2.	Language Studies course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHE-101 <i>Public Speaking</i> • ENG-110 <i>Intro to Creative Writing</i>

Notes:

- Students pursuing pre-health should begin in BIO-111 or CHE-111. They should **not take the** 101 courses in these Biology or Chemistry. They should also meet with [Pre-Health Advisor Jill Rogers](#) soon after their arrival at Wabash.
- Ideally, a pre-health student should have a math placement of at least MAT-111, as this sample student has. A placement in MAT-100 will present a more difficult path for meeting pre-health requirements at Wabash.
 - An aspiring pre-health student with a MAT-100 placement must take MAT-100 in the first fall semester, and MAT-111 in the spring. **Fall enrollment in MAT-100 requires permission of the department chair ([Prof. Colin McKinney](#)).** Students must complete a [web survey \(linked here\)](#) no later than Friday, July 11 to seek permission from Prof. McKinney to enroll in this course.
- As a pre-health student progresses, there will be future semesters in which multiple lab science courses must be scheduled. If the student's World Language placement requires that a two-credit sequence is necessary to complete the requirement, he is well-advised to begin that sequence as soon as possible.
- Keep in mind that a student can major in **anything** at Wabash and still go to medical, dental, or nursing school, or be in other health professions.

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EXAMPLE #3: New student with interest in Art major, and wants to join Glee Club

Placement Assumptions:

- MAT-100 (*Math Modeling and Precalculus*); SPA-201 (*Intermediate Spanish*); ENG-101 FALL

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	Freshman Tutorial	Already selected
2.	Composition	ENG-101 (already on schedule)
3.	Art course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ART-126 <i>Studio Art Fundamentals</i> • ART-225 <i>Drawing Animation</i>
4.	Behavioral Science course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY-101 <i>Introduction to Psychology</i> (section 02 is freshmen only) • PSC-121 <i>Intro to Comparative Politics</i>
5.	Glee Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUS-143 <i>Glee Club</i>

Alternate/backup courses

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	World Language course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPA-201 <i>Intermediate Spanish</i> and SPA-201L <i>Intermediate Spanish Lab</i> • A new language + lab at the 101 level
2.	History/Philosophy/Religion course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIS-101-02 <i>World History to 1500</i> • PHI-109-01 <i>Introduction to Philosophy</i>

Notes:

- Students placing into ENG-101 will have that course already added to their schedules.
- MAT-100 does not need to be scheduled because this student does not have an interest in majoring in Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physics, Economics, Financial Economics, Computer Science, or Mathematics, or intend to apply to medical or dental school, or want to do a 3-2 engineering program.
- With a schedule of mandatory and major-interest courses heavy in the humanities, it is wise to consider for the fourth credit something from one of the other academic divisions, such as Intro to Psychology, or a Political Science intro course.
- Glee Club is a 0.25 credit course, and apply toward the Performance Sequence requirement of the Music major or minor. Unlike other courses, ensembles can be added to a new student's four-credit schedule without special permission. Music lessons can also be taken entirely for no credit. Additional fees apply for music lessons.

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EXAMPLE #4: New student with Pre-Engineering interest

Students interested in pre-engineering should also seek advice from Prof. [Nathan Tompkins](#).

Placement Assumptions:

- MAT-112 (Calculus II); SPA-201 (Intermediate Spanish); ENG-101 FALL

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	Freshman Tutorial	Already selected
2.	Composition	ENG-101 (already on schedule)
3.	Physics I + lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PHY-111-01 <i>Physics I - Calculus</i> AND• PHY-111L <i>Physics I - Calculus Lab</i>
4.	Calculus course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MAT-112 <i>Calculus II</i>

Alternate/backup courses

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	World Language course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SPA-201 <i>Intermediate Spanish</i> and SPA-201L <i>Intermediate Spanish Lab</i>• A new language + lab at the 101 level
2.	Exploration course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BLS-270-02 <i>African American Stories</i>• REL-181 <i>Religion in America</i>

Notes:

- Students placing into ENG-101 FALL will have that course automatically added to their schedules.
- Any student interested in the dual-degree engineering program will need two semesters of Physics, so PHY-111 + lab is the best place to start. Those interested in chemical engineering may consider CHE-111 + lab.
- Students with strong interest in computer engineering or having Computer Science as a major or minor are encouraged to take the appropriate first CSC course, either CSC-101 or CSC-111. To keep a four-credit schedule, the CSC course could be taken in place of Calculus.
- Placement in MAT-111 or higher is essential for entry into a 3-2 engineering program to be a realistic option. Placement in MAT-100 closes off the 3-2 dual degree option, but with guidance from a pre-engineering advisor, a degree path at Wabash leading to an engineering career is still a possibility.

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EXAMPLE #5: New student with interest in Economics

Placement Assumptions:

- MAT-100 (*Math Modeling and Precalculus*); FRE-201 (*Intermediate French*); ENG-101 STANDBY

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	Freshman Tutorial	Already selected
2.	Math Modeling and Precalculus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAT-100 <i>Math Modeling and Precalculus</i> (must complete a web survey form for permission)
3.	World Language course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRE-201 <i>Intermediate French</i> and FRE-201L <i>Intermediate French Lab</i> • A new language + lab at the 101 level)
4.	Language Studies course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHE-101 <i>Public Speaking</i> • ENG-110 <i>Intro to Creative Writing</i>

Alternate/backup courses

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	Exploration course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDU-101-01 <i>Intro to Child & Adolescent Development</i> • GHL-219-01/HIS-200-02 <i>Drugs and Society in Modern History</i>
2.	Literature/Fine Arts course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ART-219 <i>Blood, Screams, and Struggles</i> • THE-101 <i>Intro to Theater</i>

Notes:

- Economics is a highly quantitative major that requires completion of MAT-111 *Calculus I*. A student interested in Economics but who placed into MAT-100 **must** take MAT-100 in the first semester, and MAT-111 in Spring.
 - **Fall enrollment in MAT-100 requires permission of the department chair ([Prof. Colin McKinney](#)). Students must complete a [web survey \(linked here\)](#) no later than Friday, July 11 to seek permission from Prof. McKinney to enroll in this course.**
- Students who place into and take MAT-100, as in this example, will benefit from waiting until Spring to take ECO-101. Students placing into MAT-111 or higher could take ECO-101 instead of another course listed above, and their placed Math course.
- Economics can be either a major or a minor, but Business is *only* a minor at Wabash, not a major. Business is not a minor that can later be converted to a major if a student wants to change his original major. The department has started advising students not to combine the Economics major with the Business minor.
- ENG-101 STANDBY means that the student *could be* placed into ENG-101 in the Fall (or in Spring) if a seat becomes available. To the extent possible, this student is encouraged to choose courses that don't conflict with the times when ENG-101 is scheduled, in case it needs to be added later.
 - It is VERY IMPORTANT that every new first-time freshman completes the ENG-101 placement survey on the New Student Road Map.

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EXAMPLE #6: New student with interest in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) major

Placement Assumptions:

- MAT-111 (*Calculus I*); GER-201 (*Intermediate German*); ENG-101 FALL

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	Freshman Tutorial	Already selected
2.	ENG-101	Already on schedule
3.	Pre-req course for PPE major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any of the 100-level Political Science courses (PSC-111, 121, 131 or 141)
4.	World Language course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GER-201 <i>Intermediate German</i> and GER-201L <i>Intermediate German Lab</i> • A new language + lab at the 101 level

Alternate/backup courses

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	Pre-req course for the PPE major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHI-110 <i>Philosophical Ethics</i>
2.	Exploration course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLS-280 <i>Harlem and Paris</i> • GEN-101 <i>Intro to Gender Studies</i>

Notes:

- PPE majors should complete PHI-110, ECO-101, and a 100-level PSC course prior to Spring semester of their 2nd year. PPE program chairs recommend taking ECO-101 in Spring semester of the first year.
- An additional course credit will be awarded at the end of Fall semester for a student placed in GER-201 if a grade of B- or higher is earned in GER-201.
- MAT-111 *Calculus I* will meet a Quantitative Literacy distribution requirement but is not required for the PPE major. For an Economics major, MAT-111 is required.
- The PPE major includes a diversity requirement, which provides a good opportunity to learn a new topic in an exploration course such as those in the example above.

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EXAMPLE #7: New student with interest in Computer Science major

Placement Assumptions:

- MAT-111 (*Calculus I*); LAT-101 placement (*Beginning Latin*); ENG-101 FALL

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	Freshman Tutorial	Already scheduled
2.	ENG-101	Already scheduled
3.	Computer Science course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSC-101 <i>Intro to Computer Science</i>
4.	World Language course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAT-101 <i>Beginning Latin I</i> and LAT-101L <i>Beginning Latin I Lab</i> • A new language + lab at the 101 level

Alternate/backup courses

	Type of Course	Examples/Possibilities
1.	Calculus I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAT-111 <i>Calculus I</i>
2.	Exploration course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REL-195/MUS-204 <i>Music of Christianity</i> • THE-203 <i>Costume Design</i>

Notes:

- Students with significant high school experience in Computer Science may be ready to take CSC-111 *Intro to Programming*, but should speak with [Prof. Colin McKinney](#) (department chair) to discuss prior to selecting this course.
- MAT-111 is a prerequisite for some intermediate/advanced courses in the Computer Science major, and is thus required, but does not necessarily have to be completed in the first year. A student who placed into MAT-100, however, will benefit from requesting MAT-100 enrollment in the first semester and completing MAT-100 and MAT-111 in the first year.
- Students who are considering majoring or minoring in Mathematics would be better served by taking a course in the Calculus sequence (MAT-100 as needed, MAT-111, or MAT-112) or Linear Algebra (MAT-223) depending on placement, and then planning to take MAT-219 *Combinatorics* in an even-year Spring semester, e.g. Spring 2026. MAT-219 counts toward the Math major or minor, but MAT-108 does not.