

Advising for Student Success



Registration tips:

1. Typically, a degree from Mississippi College requires 130 hours of class credit. On average, that would require a student to take 32.5 hours each year, or 16.25 hours each fall and spring semester. So in order to finish in 4 years, a student should take 16 to 17 hours each semester. Taking classes in summer term or May-mester is an option for students who want to take less than 16/17 hours, but who also want to finish in 4 years.
2. A typical college class is worth 3 semester hours (typically meets for an hour on Monday/Wednesday/ Friday or for an hour and a half on Tuesday/Thursday). A full-time student is one who is taking at least 12 hours (4 classes). A student must get special permission to take 19 or more hours in a semester. So students typically register for 12-18 hours per semester. Registration is for only one semester, not an entire year.
3. It is usually beneficial for students to arrange their schedule so that some classes meet on MWF (Monday/Wednesday/Friday) and others meet on TR (Tuesday/Thursday). Scheduling all classes on the same days often results in problems on exam days.
4. Some science courses require labs, so are worth 4 semester hours. Some science courses are taught separately from the lab, so are 3 hours for the lecture and 1 hour for the lab.
5. Although students are encouraged to carefully consider their course load (semester hours) as they register, sometimes a student signs up for more classes than they can successfully handle. Students who find themselves in danger of failing a course should discuss it with their professor and their academic advisor. One option may be to drop a class. Students should consider registering for more than 12 hours, so that if they drop a class, they will still be full-time students. Maintaining full-time status is important because it may affect financial aid or campus housing.
6. All students must complete the college core plus their major requirements in order to graduate. Each department will advise students on the best combination of core courses and major courses.
7. Course numbers in the 300's and 400's are upper level courses and usually have prerequisite requirements such as Junior-level classification or other lower level classes.