

Typical Advising Questions

A Wooster Education

1. Course prerequisites: Many 100-level courses have prerequisites (*e.g.*, Math 101, CS 151, Physics 101, Econ 101). Many 200-level courses do not (*e.g.*, most Classical Civilization and History courses). *Always consult the Catalogue.*
2. A student may take a 'W' course at any point in their education, but it will *only count in fulfillment of the Writing requirement* if the course is taken after FYS and before Junior Independent Study.
3. The requirement in Quantitative Reasoning cannot be fulfilled by placement examination.
4. A student may not use the same course in fulfillment of both the Studies in Cultural Difference requirement and the Religious Perspectives requirement.
5. Some, but not all courses in foreign languages above the 102-level, count toward the Learning Across the Disciplines requirement in Arts and Humanities.
6. Not all international students are exempt from the foreign language requirement. See the student's advising folder and the *Catalogue*.
7. Advanced Placement credits as approved by the Registrar count toward graduation and placement within a department or program, but count toward a major, minor, or general education requirement only with the permission of the relevant chairperson. Check AP policies of individual departments. Languages may require students to take placement exams, even if they have scored high in AP exams.
8. *Only 12 courses in any one department (excluding Independent Study) may be counted towards graduation.* Except for Music majors, only two of the 32 credits toward graduation can consist of combined fractional courses, including no more than one credit each in fractional Physical Education and Music performance. More courses can be taken, but these will not count toward graduation.
9. The standard course load is four full courses (courses with labs often yield 1.25 credits) and the course load limit for non-seniors is 4.625 (*i.e.*, including fractional credits). Overloads are approved only on petition to the Dean of the Faculty and in special circumstances. Except in the case of certain fractional credits in science labs and music lessons, students cannot register for the "overload" course at registration itself but only during the add period and after approval of their petition.
10. There are limits on how many transfer courses may be counted toward general education requirements. See *Catalogue*.
11. A 100 level course may not always be the starting point for a major – check program recommendations for a suitable starting point.
12. Encourage students to start with a full course load in the first semester.

When in doubt—and sometimes even when not—consult the *Catalogue* or call the Dean of the Faculty.