

SCRIPPS

THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE • CLAREMONT

Ask the Registrar!! Registration FAQ's

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HOW IS MY REGISTRATION TIME DETERMINED?

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WHEN DO I REGISTER FOR CLASSES?

New First Years may pre-enroll in fall classes on August 7/8. 24-hour registration windows open throughout the day on August 7 and close 24-hrs later.

WHEN DO I MEET MY ADVISOR?

New students will meet their First Year Advisor at orientation on August 21, 2025.

WHO CAN I TALK TO BEFORE I REGISTER FOR CLASSES?

Starting later in June and continuing through the summer, Scripps faculty representing a variety of majors and fields, administrators, and staff will host weekly Zoom info sessions to answer questions about programs of study, academic policies, and portal registration demos.

WHAT IS THE CORE ALL ABOUT?

Scripps College has a long and distinguished tradition in teaching in the Humanities. New students must fulfill their general education requirement in the Humanities by taking the Core Curriculum in Interdisciplinary Humanities (Core). The Core is a sequence of two courses designed to encourage increasingly sophisticated and focused interdisciplinary investigation of a broad range of historical and contemporary issues. Core classes are taught by faculty members drawn from each of the college's academic divisions (arts, letters, natural sciences, and social sciences).

HOW DO I REGISTER ON THE PORTAL? - [Click Here!](#)

IS THERE A PORTAL DEMO?

[Click here to view the demo!](#)

HOW DO I SUBMIT A PERM?

[Click here for information!](#)

WHEN IS MY REGISTRATION TIME?

Your registration time will be visible on the Add/Drop portlet of the Scripps Portal. All times are Pacific Time Zone, so plan accordingly. Every student has a 24-hour window of time in which to pre-enroll in classes.

HOW MANY COURSES CAN I TAKE IN MY FIRST SEMESTER?

You should plan to take four courses in your first semester. We allow up to 5.75 for students in good standing, but recommend you start your college career with a normal course load of 4-4.75 courses.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT?	3.0 courses is considered full time for financial aid and college-sponsored housing eligibility. 4.0 is a normal course load each semester for a Scripps student, so plan to average 4.0 courses over the 8 semesters you'll be enrolled at Scripps.
WHAT IS CONSIDERED A NORMAL COURSE LOAD EACH SEMESTER?	4.0 courses is a normal course load at Scripps College. You may end up taking 3.0 one semester, or 5.0 the next, but if you average 4.0 per semester, you'll have no trouble completing our minimum of 32.0 courses required to graduate. Students in good standing may take as few as 3.0 or as many as 5.75 in a semester; you'll soon get a feel for what is the right balance for you.
WILL MY AP SCORES SATISFY ANY REQUIREMENTS?	If you took AP Calculus (AB or BC) in high school and got a score of 4 or 5 on the AP test, this will satisfy your math GE and result in 1.0 elective credit. No other AP score will satisfy a GE, major, or minor requirement but can result in additional elective credit.
WILL MY IB SCORES SATISFY ANY REQUIREMENTS?	IB scores do not satisfy any major, minor, or GE requirements, but higher-level scores of 5, 6, and 7 can result in up to the equivalent of 4.0 elective credits.
WILL MY A-LEVELS SATISFY ANY REQUIREMENTS?	Neither A-Levels nor Cambridge exams satisfy requirements at Scripps, nor do they result in elective credit. But placement in a higher-level course may be possible with permission of the department.

WILL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT CREDIT SATISFY ANY REQUIREMENTS?

College classes you took while in high school or during the summer prior to entering Scripps can result in up to the equivalent of 4.0 elective courses. They won't satisfy any GE, major, or minor requirements, but that credit will get you closer to the 32 total needed to graduate and also serve as a "bank" in case you need to drop down a course during your time at Scripps.

I SPEAK A LANGUAGE NOT OFFERED AT THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES. CAN IT MEET MY GE?

Yes: with a letter attesting to your proficiency signed by a qualified instructor/evaluator. Contact the Registrar for details.

SHOULD I TAKE A LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAM?

Yes! If you have any background in a language offered at The Claremont Colleges, it's in your best interest to take a language placement exam. It provides a good indicator of where you'll comfortably fit in our foreign language curriculum. Language placement exams are non-credit bearing but may result in a waiver of the foreign language general education requirement.

HOW CAN I SATISFY THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE GE?

[Click here for information!](#)

HOW CAN I SATISFY MY MATH GE?

[Click here for information!](#)

WHAT IF I DON'T DO WELL ON LANGUAGE OR MATH PLACEMENT EXAMS?

The language exams simply let you know what level is right for you, there's no consequence if you don't do as well as you hoped. The math exam will let you know whether or not the Math GE is met. Again, there's no down-side to taking any of these exams.

WHAT MATH CLASS SHOULD I TAKE?

[Click here for information!](#)

I HAVE A PARTICULAR MAJOR IN MIND, WHAT CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE MY FIRST SEMESTER?

[Click here for Programs at a Glance!](#)

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO MAJOR IN; WHAT CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE MY FIRST SEMESTER?

You'll already be registered in a section of CORE010A, so you have three more choices to make. All of them will count toward graduation so you really can't go wrong. Search for courses on the portal under the course area "SC 1st-year appropriate" for courses you're eligible to take. Our GE requirements allow you to explore your interests, try something new, AND satisfy requirements at the same time. Consider taking a language or math class if you haven't placed out of those, take a class from among the [Breadth of Study](#) requirements (i.e., fine arts, social sciences, letters, natural science), and possibly a science course or one of the many interdisciplinary offerings in the 5Cs. Don't forget there are 0.25 and 0.50 credit courses in dance, music lessons, PE, and theatre.

CAN I HAVE MORE THAN ONE MAJOR?

We allow you to declare up to two majors and up to two minors.

WHEN DO I DECLARE MY MAJOR?

Second semester of your sophomore year is when we will require you to declare a major; some students choose to declare sooner. You may declare an additional major, or minor(s), through the fall add deadline of your senior year.

HOW DO I DECLARE A MAJOR?

After you have identified an advisor in the department, you can declare your major by way of a Major Declaration Form found on the Registrar's webpage [here](#).

MAJOR DECLARATION FAQ - Click Here!

CAN I CHANGE MY CLASS SCHEDULE AFTER PRE-ENROLLMENT ON AUGUST 7/8?

Yes: On August 21 we will open the portal for new First Years to make schedule changes before add/drop opens for all students on August 25. You have through September 8 to make changes.

TELL ME ABOUT OFF CAMPUS MAJORS/MINORS

Scripps permits students to declare majors/minors offered elsewhere in the 5Cs that we do not offer ourselves. Example: Geology at Pomona College, or Sociology at Pitzer College. We allow this if the other program can carry out the program of study (including advising and a thesis reader, if applicable) for our students. Off campus majors/minors follow that college's major/minor requirements, but the Scripps academic policies and degree requirements. This means every off-campus major must complete a senior thesis in that major, even if the home college does not require a senior thesis. Scripps does, so plan accordingly!

CREDIT/NO CREDIT GRADING

- Courses which are normally letter-graded which students may request to take for non-letter grading.
- A maximum of one course per semester may be taken Credit/No Credit with a maximum of four pass courses counting toward the 32-course degree requirement.
- Work must be C (not including C–) or above in quality to receive a passing grade (CR).
- Credit/No Credit grades are not calculated into the cumulative grade point average.
- The decision by the student to take a course Credit/No Credit must be made and recorded in the Registrar's Office by the last day to withdraw from a course; A student may not change the grading option back to a letter grade.
- Courses used to meet any general requirement or courses in the major(s) or minor(s) may not be taken Credit/No Credit.

PASS/FAIL GRADING

- Courses which are defined as non-letter graded, for which students may earn credit toward degree completion, but no grade points. Examples of P/NP graded courses include independent internships, physical education, etc.
- Work must be C (not including C–) or above in quality to receive a passing grade of P; instructors may record high pass (HP) to denote achievement.
- Pass/No Pass grades are not calculated into the cumulative grade point average.
- Pass/No Pass courses will not meet any general education requirement and require approval by major advisor for use in a program of study.

CAN I TAKE CLASSES AT THE OTHER 5Cs?

Yes! Cross-registration is an integral part of The Claremont Colleges, and you'll have classmates from all 5Cs in many (if not most) of your classes throughout your four years. You will register for classes offered by Pomona, CMC, HMC, and Pitzer via the Scripps portal, and while some courses restrict their enrollment to specific groups (e.g., "Scripps First Years only," "Pomona math majors only"), you'll quickly learn the routine. The permission system to gain entry into a class not open to you is a big part of course registration each semester.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR A COURSE AT THE OTHER 5Cs?

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ADD / DROP DEADLINES

The deadline to add a class is the 10th instructional day of the semester. The deadline to drop a class is the 9th week of the semester; the deadline to withdraw from a class (for a gpa-neutral grade of W) is the 12th week of the semester. Dates are published on the Academic Calendar, and we send plenty of reminder notifications about these and other deadlines.

WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK IS "R"?

"R" on the class schedule means Thursday!

CAN I TAKE A CLASS AT SCRIPPS FOLLOWED BY A CLASS AT POMONA? IS THERE ENOUGH TIME BETWEEN CLASSES TO MAKE IT ACROSS CAMPUS?

The class times are coordinated across the 5Cs and intended to allow you to take classes back-to-back at different colleges. A scooter, skateboard, bike, or brisk pace may be useful 😊.

BY WHEN DO I HAVE TO SUBMIT AP OR IB SCORES FOR CREDIT?

The sooner, the better! There's no deadline, per se, but you should make an effort to have all AP, IB, or previous college transcripts sent to the Registrar's Office within your first year at Scripps.

WHY ARE CLASSES JUST ONE UNIT OF CREDIT? THE COURSE UNIT SYSTEM.

Scripps College is a on a course unit system, not a semester credit system. We equate 1.0 course at Scripps to 4.0 semester credits, or 6.0 quarter credits. So, a normal 4.0 course load is like taking 16 semester credits, or 24 quarter credits. 0.5 courses are equivalent to 2 semester credits, and so on.

HOW OFTEN DO I MEET WITH MY ADVISOR?

Your First Year Advisor is an important part of your success plan at Scripps, so be sure to check in regularly. You'll need your advisor's signature/approval for many forms and transactions (like registration clearance on the portal every semester), so take initiative to know your advisor's office hours and drop in to see them regularly.

WHAT IF I MISS MY REGISTRATION TIME?

Registration times open on August 7 and remain open for 24 hours. If you miss your reg time, don't worry: the portal will reopen for you on August 21.

WHAT IF A CLASS IS CLOSED?

If a class is not open to you, have alternates. It's very important to have several alternatives in mind when you register since you may not get your first or second choice. Faculty have authority to allow students into classes that are closed/restricted via the PERMs system. Protip: Watch the [How to Submit a Perm](#) video for details.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PERMs SYSTEM?

Requesting instructor permission (PERM) to add a course closed to you is a fundamental part of the registration experience for all students in Claremont. Scripps faculty have purview over enrollment in their course, and while they genuinely work really hard to accommodate demand, not all students' PERM requests will be granted. Some faculty respond right away, some wait until the course starts, and some ask that you simply attend the first day if you're interested. Don't bank on a PERM request being granted; have a backup plan. Importantly: an approved PERM request does NOT automatically enroll you in the course; you must register for the course on the portal. Extra important: there are two "levels" of granted permission. One: allows you to bypass restrictions if the course still has open seats; the other: allows you to bypass all restrictions AND the course capacity. It's important to understand which "level" PERM you have to determine if you can add the course. There are many details about the PERMs system that you will learn. Be sure to watch the [How to Submit a Perm](#) video for more details!

WHAT IF TWO CLASSES I WANT TO TAKE MEET AT THE SAME TIME? COURSE CONFLICT

The portal will not allow you to register in classes whose times conflict, so you'll need to prioritize one over the other. If the classes overlap by less than 15 minutes AND you have the permission of the both instructors, see the Registrar to obtain a [Course Conflict form](#).

WHAT IF I DON'T MEET A PRE-REQUISITE FOR A CLASS I'M INTERESTED IN TAKING?

If you have not met the pre-requisite, you may not have the preparation to succeed in the course. If you have taken a similar, or equivalent course, talk to the instructor. Portal registration will not prevent you from enrolling in a course with an unmet prerequisite, but the instructor has discretion to cancel your registration in such a course.