

## 2022 Course Registration Information for Families

Students will be assigned to a faculty advisor prior to fall semester, and the advising journey will unfold over four years. It is important for incoming students to begin understanding the degree requirements at St. Thomas prior to September, especially the components designed for our first-semester students.

The following guidelines are designed to help you guide your student in completing all necessary tasks related to fall semester course registration.

### Prior to June 22

- The place to start is in the online **Registration Readiness** module within the New Student Orientation online course found in Canvas which your student can access on their one.stthomas.edu webpage. This course will lead students step-by-step through the [O&R Guide website](#). We do not expect students to immediately memorize all the details, so please remind them that these are information sources that can be bookmarked and revisited as often as they wish.
- It may be helpful to know that most students will be required to take one or more **placement assessments**. The list of required placement assessments is (mostly) personalized for each student in the Enrollment Checklist for First-Year Students in Murphy Online.
- After taking placement assessments and learning about degree requirements and academic majors, every student will be required to complete the online **Course Preference Form**, which allows us to gather essential information about every incoming student. We ask students to inform us about their academic interests, previously earned credits, activities in which they may wish to participate this fall (e.g., music ensembles, ROTC, and more), all of which are crucial details related to their fall class schedule.
- The O&R Guide provides [examples of typical first-year student schedules](#).

### Summer Registration Timeline

May 1	Admissions confirmation deadline for first-year students
June 22	Priority deadline for Placement Assessments and Course Preference Form submission
July 6 – 22, August 31	Orientation & Registration program dates
August 2	Students may make schedule changes

### Tips and insights for family members and people supporting first-year students:

- Academic advising is a teaching and learning process that involves students' personal academic records. For this reason, we are required to directly consult with students about their enrollment questions. Parents, family members and/or any other third party are encouraged to coach students about these advising conversations, but they should not make the phone calls or send the communication on behalf of their students. Please note that we will be extremely limited in what we can share or do if you call on behalf of your student. Please partner with us to empower your student up to take ownership of their college experience!
- On/after August 2: Please coach students to make schedule changes with caution. Some fall courses are directly associated with student housing assignments and other first-year programs/requirements.
- All first-year students have limited choices regarding course availability and all first-year students will have access to fall courses via a fair and ethical process. After Fall 2022 is underway, we will provide helpful advising and guidance for students to register for J-term, Spring 2023, and beyond.