INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHOOSING BREADTH REQUIREMENT COURSES – Fall 2016

All College of Engineering students – EXCEPT Honors Program students – must bring a list of possible Breadth Requirement courses with them to New Student Orientation – even if their first semester curriculum does not list a Breadth Requirement Elective in the fall semester. Honors Program students do not need to do this because they will be enrolled in either Honors ENGL 110 or their Honors Colloquium for the Fall term by the Honors Program.

We strongly suggest you select the courses for your list no earlier than two days before you come to NSO because that will be the most accurate University listing of what courses still have seats available. It will do you no good to list courses that have no seats available.

Choosing Breadth Requirements requires no magic, but it does require a little detective work on your behalf BEFORE you come to New Student Orientation. It is essential to do this:

• if you anticipate earning AP credit for a technical course like chemistry or physics, or
• if you already have transfer credit for a course like chemistry or physics, or
• if your major’s first semester curriculum requires a Breadth Requirement course (see First-Semester/Year Curricula on the Advisement Information document).

WE ARE REQUIRING YOU TO BRING A LIST OF NO LESS THAN 24 RANK-ORDERED BREADTH REQUIREMENT COURSE CHOICES TO YOUR NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION ADVISEMENT APPOINTMENT.

This list should contain eight (8) choices from each of the Breadth Requirement categories except for Math, Natural Science and Technology. They are to be listed on the Breadth Requirement Grid included in this mailing in the document list.

You will need to use the following tools:

• Your curriculum as listed on the First Semester/Year Curricula page of the Advisement Information
• University Breadth Requirement and College of Engineering Breadth Requirement Lists (see below in Step One)
• University Course Search site

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Step One:

• Look at the 2016 University Breadth Requirement list and 2016 College of Engineering Breadth Requirement list as referenced in the University of Delaware on-line Graduate and Undergraduate Catalog, also known as the "UD Catalog" at this address: academiccatalog.udel.edu. The 2016-17 Catalog will not be available until around June 15, maybe a little later.
• University Breadth Requirement List: Follow the “Majors, Minors and University Breadth Requirements” link on the home page.
• College of Engineering Breadth Requirement List: From the Catalog Home Page, select “Undergraduate Program”, then “College of Engineering”, then “Breadth Requirement Information”. The list will be at the bottom of this page.
• Page through the documents to note which courses belong to each Category. Normally, as a freshman, you will take courses at the 100- or 200-level, like PSYC 100, SOCI 201, ECON 101, etc. So, make sure you look at those courses carefully as they will probably be on your list. Please note that EVERY course on the University and College Breadth lists are NOT taught each semester. We do not have enough professors to teach that many classes or students to take them!
• At this point, you can tackle the task in two different ways: (1) you can write down a list of 20-30 courses you might like to take and then check if they are offered this fall utilizing the instructions in Step Two, or (2) you can note major areas of interest, say History (HIST), and check that category of classes using the instructions in Step Two to see if any are being offered this fall. I prefer the latter, but it’s a free country, so do what works best for you!
Step Two:
- Log into the Course Search website at https://udapps.nss.udel.edu/CoursesSearch/.
- You will note that the “Term” field’s default value is set to “2016 Fall (2168)”. Don’t worry about the “2168” part for now.
- In the “Search Type” drop down box, select “Courses with Open Seats” instead of the default value of “All courses”.
- Then, in the “Course Number” field, type the Category (HIST, for example) in the box and then go to the bottom of the page and select the “SEARCH” button.
- The resulting page will show you what courses are being offered in that Category (HIST, for example) for the fall that still have open seats.
- Suppose you selected “Courses with Open Seats” and “HIST”. You might see an entry for “HIST101011LEC”. This breaks down to the following:

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<tr>
<th>Department</th>
<th>Course Number</th>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Course Type</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HIST = History</td>
<td>101</td>
<td>011</td>
<td>LEC = Lecture</td>
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- The second column (on the webpage) gives the Course Title.
- The third column gives the Open Seats count. Since you selected Courses with Open Seats, there should be seats open!
- The fourth column lists how many credits the course is worth (normally 3 credits).
- The fifth column denotes the days of the week the class meets (“MTWRF”; “R” = Thursday)
- The sixth column, for now, lists the time the class meets. Location will show up later in the summer and you do not have to worry about this right now.
- The seventh column lists the Instructor’s name. If you see “Staff” listed here, it is not a professor’s last name; it means that no professor has been assigned to teach that class yet, but one likely will be before summer’s end. If that makes you nervous, don’t choose it.
- You can use the “Next Page >>” navigation link at the bottom right corner to go to the next page if you need to. You will probably have to use your “Back” button to navigate in reverse if you want to go back and see the previous page.
- If you click on the Course Number, you will be taken to a page with a little more detail about the course, including a short description. Use your BACK button on your browser to get back to the course listing.

Step Three:
- If the course listing you found contains a course (or more than one course) that interests you, add it to your Breadth Requirement list to bring to New Student Orientation. **Do not forget your list when you come to NSO!**
- Repeat Steps Two and Three until you have 24 classes selected and arranged in rank order.
- Remember to select several courses from each Breadth Category (Creative Arts & Humanities, History & Cultural Change, and Social & Behavioral Sciences). Do NOT list any Math, Natural Science & Technology courses.

Conclusion
That’s all there is to it! The ability to use these lists and tools to select Breadth Requirements and, later, major courses will be needed in every subsequent semester, so consider this exercise practice in an essential academic skill you need to develop for your future good fortune in course enrollment!! 😊