



FRESHMAN ENROLLMENT GUIDE

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

Welcome to FHSU! To help you prepare for a successful first year, we have created this guide to assist you in the enrollment process. Along with using this guide, we would encourage you to work with your academic advisor to determine additional courses that align with your educational goals.

1 ST TIER	<i>The following four courses are recommended for all freshmen.</i>
 UNIV 101: Freshman Seminar (1 hour)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshman Seminar (UNIV 101) is required for all first year freshmen their first semester. • This course will emphasize the skills and knowledge that you will need to succeed in your transition to collegiate life. In addition, it will provide you opportunities to explore various services FHSU offers, as well as how and where to obtain those services.
 ENG 101: English Composition I (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Writing is one of the most important skills you will develop in college. You will use it throughout your career, no matter what field you pursue. Because writing is such a critical foundation skill, we require all students to take English Composition I and II upon entry to the university.</i> • Some students by placement will be required to enroll in ENG 101 and ENG 012 (Writing Studio) together during the fall semester, with ENG 012 serving as a small-group support system for work in ENG 101. Each section of 012 is linked to a specific section of 101. Contact the English department for details. • Some students have taken English Composition I (and possibly II) through concurrent enrollment or a community college. <i>If you have credit for English Composition I, you should take English Composition II (ENG 102) your first semester. If you have completed both, you do not need another composition class.</i> • Beginning summer 2020, students with an AP score of 3 in English Language & Composition will receive credit for ENG 101 and should enroll in ENG 102. Students with an AP score of 4 or 5 will receive credit for ENG 101 and ENG 102.
 MATH 101 or 110: Liberal Arts Mathematics or College Algebra (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are required to take either College Algebra with Review (MATH 105), Contemporary Mathematics (MATH 101), College Algebra (MATH 110), or Pre-Calculus (MATH 130). • Students will be pre-enrolled into the appropriate math course based on university placement requirements. <i>Some students are required to take MATH 010: Intermediate Algebra, and some students choose to start with MATH 010 just to make sure they are ready for MATH 101 or 110.</i> • Your major may determine which math course you will need. Once placement is determined, your academic advisor will confirm the required math course for your degree and educational goals.
<p>NOTE: Two courses are listed below; you will take one in the fall semester and the other in the spring semester.</p>	
 COMM 100: Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a college student, you will be expected to speak comfortably in front of a group whether it is a presentation in class or an interview for a job upon graduation. This class equips students with good communication skills. • <i>This course pairs well with English Composition I (ENG 101).</i>
 INF 101: Introduction to Computer Information Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In INF 101, students will acquire computing skills to increase personal productivity in problem-solving, critical thinking, information management, and collaboration with others through the use of available technology. • Everyone is required to take this computer literacy course and we encourage completion within the first year of college. • <i>This course pairs well with English Composition II (ENG 102).</i>

2ND TIER	<i>Choose 1-2 courses to complete your schedule. Work with your academic advisor to determine if you should choose general education, major-specific and/or elective courses. Below are options to consider.</i>
HHP 200: Personal Wellness (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course provides a survey of health and fitness concepts and practices. You will learn important information and skills to help you make healthy choices throughout life. Every student is required to take this course to graduate.
MLNG: Language Requirement (5 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Arts degrees at FHSU require 10 credit hours of a Modern Language (five hours per semester). Check with your academic advisor regarding your language requirement. Language course options include French I (MLNG 201/202), German I and II (MLNG 208/209), Spanish I and II (MLNG 225/226), or Beginning Chinese I (MLNG 231/232 – offered exclusively online). The Modern Language Department offers a placement exam for those with prior language experience. The placement exam provides students the opportunity to obtain credit for courses they have placed above. Contact the department at 785-628-4244 to learn more. Students are encouraged to complete any language requirements in their freshman or sophomore year for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the 5-hour class is easier to build into a schedule that includes mostly general education courses that have a wider selection of offerings and times, if you had any language course work or experience prior to college, you should not let what you learned slip away, and a strong background in language can enhance your study abroad opportunities.
NOTE: Two out of the three courses below are required for graduation.	
ENG 125: World Literature and the Human Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A study of literature as a means for giving enduring form to the perception of universal themes basic to the human condition, such as conformity, rebellion, society, initiation, love, morality, and death.
GSCI 110: World Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes international understanding via a survey of the world as a system of interrelated political units, environments, resources, lifestyles, and problems.
HIST 111: Modern World Civilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An introductory survey of the major political, economic, social, and cultural developments in world civilization from approximately 1500 A.D. to the modern day.

ADDITIONAL SUCCESS TIPS...

- We suggest 13-16 hours for your first semester. Full-time status for financial aid is 12 hours. We discourage freshmen from taking more than 16 hours.
- Balance your schedule. Ideally, you should have 2-3 courses on Monday/Wednesday/Friday and 2-3 course on Tuesday/Thursday.
- Think about when you are at your best. Class time should align with the time of day you are most productive.
- Your academic advisor is there to assist you. They can provide advice on general education course selection as well as major specific requirements.
- Keep in mind that 300-level or higher courses are not recommended for freshmen.

A final comment ...

The most important goal of the first semester is creating opportunities for success.

You course schedule should reflect what you feel you can manage successful in your first semester. If you are anxious about any of these recommendations, visit with your academic advisor or the department chair to address your concerns. They will be able to assist in providing information and helping to adjust your schedule if needed.