

New Student Registration FAQ 2022

Q: What's going to happen during my new student registration session at SOAR?

The entire afternoon of your SOAR day is reserved for registration which begins with an overview of the registration tools so that you are prepared to make a great impression when you meet your academic advisor who will assist you in planning your 2022-23 academic schedule. You will leave your SOAR day with a schedule for your first academic year which you can access on My Wartburg.

Wartburg students register for the entire academic year. But we know that your passions will change as you encounter new adventures. That's why you can change your schedule within the academic deadlines without a change fee.

The academic deadlines found at <http://info.wartburg.edu/Academics/Academic-Calendar.aspx> will be important after you arrive on campus for Fall Term. In the meantime, if you need to change your schedule after SOAR, before Fall Term, you can contact anyone in the Registrar's Office or Lindsey Leonard in the Student Success Center.

Q: Do I need to declare a major before I register for classes?

We believe that all new students are searching for their passion when they begin college. So, you begin your college journey with an Advising Preference based on the academic interest you expressed on your SOAR application. At SOAR, you will meet with an academic advisor to plan your schedule based on your Advising Preference. To continue on-track for graduation in four years, all students are expected to declare their major by the end of the first term of their sophomore year.

Q: How will my ACT scores affect which courses I will need?

ACT and SAT scores are recommended but not required for admission to Wartburg. All students are required to take a Math Reasoning requirement. Your Math ACT or SAT score will not change your need to meet the Math Reasoning requirement. Discuss with your academic advisor which math reasoning courses they recommend based on your academic area of study and your ACT or SAT score.

All students are required to take EN 115 College Composition. Your English ACT or SAT score will not change your need to enroll in EN 115.

Q: As a new student, are there any required courses that I need to take my first year, especially my first term?

- All new students are enrolled in IS 101 which will also be your orientation group for Fall Orientation. You will be placed in one of the top choices you identified on your SOAR application.
- During your first academic year, you should complete EN 115 and your foreign language requirement if you plan to continue in the same language you studied in high school.
- To stay on-track for graduation in four years, in addition to completing IS 101, EN 115, and your foreign language during your first year, you should complete the following requirements within your first two years: IS 201, RE 102, Scientific Reasoning requirement, COM 112 and PE 100. These requirements are part of the Wartburg Plan of Essential Education. To become familiar with the Wartburg Plan of Essential Education, several videos are available on the SOAR webpage.
- Your academic advisor will identify courses you need to support your Advising Preference. You can also explore those requirements and other majors in the online academic catalog that is available at

<http://catalog.wartburg.edu/>. Although you will be meeting requirements under the 2022-23 academic catalog, the current online catalog is for the 2021-22 academic year. The 2022-23 academic catalog will be available this summer.

Q: How is my foreign language placement determined?

You were assigned a foreign language placement based on the number of years you studied a specific foreign language in high school. Students who did not study a foreign language in high school should enroll in the entrance level of any foreign language. All students are required to take one term of a foreign language at Wartburg. Your foreign language placement is identified on your Advising Worksheet which is available on My Wartburg. Your advisor can assist you in accessing and navigating your Advising Worksheet. Staff in the Registrar's Office can also assist you.

The courses for foreign language placement levels are as follows:

French	
0-2 years	FR 104
2-3 years	FR 106
3-4 years	FR 204
German	
0-1 years	GER 104
1-2 years	GER 106
2-4 years	GER 204
Spanish	
0-2 years	SP 104
2-3 years	SP 106
3-4 years	SP 204

Q: How many courses should I take each term at Wartburg?

$4+4+1=9$. Let me explain that simple math equation. To complete your degree in four years, it is recommended that you enroll in 4 course credits each Fall Term and Winter Term and 1 course credit in May Term. Thus, 9×4 years = 36, the minimum number of credits needed to complete a Wartburg degree.

To be a fulltime student at Wartburg requires a minimum of 3 course credits in each Fall Term and Winter Term. As you may have noticed, the Wartburg course value is course credits, not semester hours. While most courses are equivalent to 1 course credit, courses are also available for .5 course credit or .25 course credit. In most instances, a .5 course credit will be offered during a first- or second- seven-week session. PE 100 and COM 112 are examples of courses offered during seven-week sessions for a .5 course credit each.

Q: How will I know what courses are available?

You can always view the courses for each term online through Coarse Search or Course Finder on My Wartburg. Before SOAR, we recommend that you create a list of classes that interest you, but don't actually plan a specific schedule. Your academic advisor will be your guide as you take your first steps on your academic journey.

Q: How will I decide what courses to take?

You will need a mixture of courses to fulfill requirements for 1) the essential education program, 2) your major, and 3) general electives. Some departments have determined a schedule of classes new students will need to

take their first year. You may be pre-registered for those courses or your academic advisor will let you know which courses they recommend. Plus, there is always room to add general electives from a variety of courses.

Q: I took AP courses in high school. Will I receive college credit for those courses?

If you took both the AP course and the exam, you can receive degree credit upon submission of the exam scores appropriate for the equivalent Wartburg course or requirement. The Advanced Placement scores and the Wartburg equivalents are available online in the [academic catalog](#).

Contact [The College Board](#) to request that your exam scores be sent to the Registrar's Office at Wartburg. If you already identified Wartburg as a recipient of your scores when you took the exam, we expect to receive the scores in July and notify you of the credits a few weeks later. Check your Wartburg email regularly so that you don't miss that notification.

Q: I earned college credit. What should I do to confirm that my previous coursework and the credits earned are applied toward my Wartburg degree?

If you identified transfer coursework in your SOAR application, your academic advisor may ask you to confirm that information and specifically identify the transfer courses. However, you will need to request that an official transcript be sent to Wartburg from the other college that issued the credits for previous college coursework. After reviewing your transcripts, the Registrar's Office will send you an email identifying how the courses have transferred toward your Wartburg degree.