INCOMING FRESHMAN FAQ

1. Can I schedule my classes so I have a day off during the week?
   Generally speaking, no. Most classes are offered either Monday/Wednesday/Friday, or
   Tuesday/Thursday.

2. I’m registered for a 200 level class – is this ok?
   Yes! Not all disciplines start with classes at the 100 level. In creating your schedule, an
   advisor has chosen appropriate classes for an incoming freshman.

3. Why do I have breaks between my classes?
   College coursework differs greatly from high school. You will be expected to commit 2-3
   hours per week of work outside the classroom for each credit hour of a course. For
   example, a 3 credit course will generally require 6-9 hours per week of work outside the
   class itself. While having two classes in a row is fine, any more than that becomes
   overwhelming, especially during key points in the semester.

4. How do I receive credit for my AP tests or college courses I took in high
   school?
   In order to receive credit for your AP tests, you will need to have earned a 3 or higher.
   You will need to send your scores to Undergraduate Admissions in order for them to be
   counted in your records. You can request they be sent through your College Board
   account.
   For any college courses you took during high school, you will have had to pay for the
   credits. If you did, you will then have to have official transcripts sent to Undergraduate
   Admissions. Official transcripts must be sent from the college or university that “owned”
   the class. For example, if you took Syracuse University Project Advance Forensics, we
   would need a transcript from Syracuse University.
   Any credit you have should be sent prior to you arriving for classes in August.

5. Do I have to take a freshman seminar?
   Freshman seminars are only mandatory in certain situations. If you are in an L-LC, or you
   have a major that requires one, then your advisor has scheduled you accordingly. If
   these circumstances don’t apply to you, you have the option of taking either a freshman
   seminar or Writing and Critical Inquiry your first semester. Please note that freshman
   seminars are only an option in your first semester, and if you choose not to take one,
   you will be placed in Writing and Critical Inquiry.
6. Can I change my schedule?
   Your schedule was created based on all of the information provided in your admissions paperwork, high school transcripts, and your scheduling questionnaire. An advisor will be reaching out to you by either phone or email. If you have questions or concerns about your schedule, please contact the advisor that emailed or called you.

7. I’ve decided I no longer want the major I chose. What do I do?
   If you’ve decided you want to go in a different direction, you will need to let us know as soon as possible. This way your schedule can be updated to reflect your new plan. Please reach out to the advisor that contacted you regarding your schedule being completed to discuss an alternate path.

8. Do I have to take electives?
   All majors except for computer engineering require elective credits to graduate. For most students, the amount of credits earned in the major, minor, and general education requirements will fall short of the 120 credits required for graduation. This is where electives come in. Electives give students the opportunity to explore new areas of interest, as well as to take classes in disciplines they have never had the opportunity to try. Many students will use elective credits to pursue a second major or minor.

9. I don’t see a math class on my schedule. Is this a problem?
   No! Many majors require a specific math course. Often the math class that is required for the major is completed during the spring semester of the freshman year or the sophomore year. If your major and minor does not require a math class, the math general education requirement has to be completed by graduation.

10. I took a college level English class in high school. Do I still need Writing and Critical Inquiry?
    Yes. All freshmen are required to take Writing and Critical Inquiry during their first year, regardless of AP or college credit.