

VIDEO 3: REGISTRATION 101

Welcome back! This is the CNS Orientation Video 3 – if you haven't watched videos 1 and 2, check those out first and come back to this one.

Registration 101

In this video, we'll go over how to prepare and register for the classes you and your academic advisor planned for during your appointment. You will register on the last day of orientation - the exact date and time will be listed on the official orientation schedule.

Small Learning Community

The first thing you will register for is your small learning community. All incoming CNS students are placed in a small learning community – they have various names like FIGS, PODS and TXTs but they offer the same mentorship and community, and, most important for right now: reserved classes for your major. You will register for your reserved seats with a 5-digit unique number beginning with the digits 98. You will receive this 98 number via email just prior to orientation. It's very important that you register first with your 98# before anything else.

Stop & Watch

There are 3 videos created by the One Stop Office to help students get familiar with a typical registration. Please refer to the “*Stop & Watch*” document for the links. I'll see you when you're done. Now that you've watched those videos, let's discuss some frequently asked questions for registration.

Course Schedule FAQ's

Let's talk about taking courses back-to-back. Sometimes, two classes you want will be back-to-back: one ends the exact same time the other begins. It's okay to register for these two courses because courses always end before their posted time. Typically, classes on MWF end 10 minutes before the posted end time, while TTH courses will end 15 minutes before. This will give you time to prepare for your next class.

Another thing you'll notice on the course schedule is that some courses are listed as “reserved.” This simply means that the course is reserved for a specific population, perhaps for first-year student or students in a specific major or program. That might be you! The best advice? If a course you want is listed as reserved, try registering for it. If it doesn't allow you to add it, it means you weren't part of the group it was reserved for, and you can try registering for a different course on your list.

Lastly, your goal at the end of registration is to be enrolled as a full-time student. Full-time status means you're enrolled in at least 12 credit hours. Not reaching this minimum could affect your financial aid, housing, or scholarships. But don't worry, advisors are here to ensure you reach 12 hours.

Assessments

Next, let's talk about some assessments CNS offers. As mentioned in Video 1, all incoming CNS students are required to take the UT Math Assessment before orientation. We offer many different kinds of calculus options based on your comfort level with the subject and the UTMA helps us determine which is a right fit for you. You can review the document on canvas titled “*CNS Math Options*”, to see all our offerings. Based on all this, the advisor you meet with will work with you to determine your plans for math this upcoming semester.

We also offer the Chemistry ALEKS assessment which is required for anyone registering for General Chemistry 1. You won't start this assessment until AFTER you have register for gen chem 1. At that point, you'll work through modules in the ALEKS until you receive a final score of 85%. You must receive an 85% by the deadline on linked document “*Important Links and Dates*” in order to stay in the class.

Reminders

Now, a few final reminders: Be sure you register for your reserved classes and your small learning community using your 98# first thing during registration.

Also, it's important to register for 12 credit hours to be considered a full-time student. Advisors will be available during registration to help with any issues you may encounter during registration.

It's suggested you create a UT Email and check it regularly. UT communicates heavily through email so you do not want to miss out on anything important. You can find a link to set up a UT Email in the “*Important Links and Dates*” document. Finally, be sure to follow @CNS_Advising on Instagram and twitter for important information and tips posted throughout the year.

Wrap-up

That concludes the CNS Orientation Videos. Once again, welcome to UT and, remember, these videos will remain accessible in the Orientation Canvas page if you would like to review them at a later date. We also suggest reviewing all included CNS Orientation documents, and we look forward to seeing you during orientation.