

20-Month Course Planning Webinar Chat Log

Q: What is the backpack?

A: The backpack is the term used to describe the space on Wolverine Access where you can store classes you want to register for before you registration time.

Q: To take a class outside of the SSW, do we need to have permission or fill out a form?

A: It can depend on the class. Some outside courses will not require permission, but for others you will need permission from the department. This is usually indicated in the course description on Wolverine Access.

Q: Where can I find the course substitution form for the special options?

A: All forms are located at: <https://ssw.umich.edu/my-ssw/class-related-forms>

Q: Is registration going to be discussed during the new student summer orientation? it's a little overwhelming trying to figure it out through various web based documents.

A: We will briefly review the registration process at the session and if your registration time is the same day, we have reserved space in a computer lab to assist onsite. However, I strongly encourage you to schedule an advising appointment to discuss questions before your registration date.

Q: When should we begin "backpacking" classes?

A: You can backpack at any time. It may be most useful after you have received notification about your exemptions.

Q: Do we register before we go to orientation?

A: Yes. You should have setup an appointment time by contacting the Office of Student Services. Registration does occur before fall orientation, but registration dates do coincide with the summer new student program sessions.

Q: Are students allowed to register in advanced?

A: No. The system will not allow advance registration.

Q: By what day should I receive an e-mail about course exemptions?

A: This date differs for each student, but you should receive this notification prior to your registration appointment.

Q: In taking the field foundation course for two credits, how many hours in field placement does that translate to?

A: The (2) credits of foundation field equals two days of field per week (16 hours).

Q: Do you need to take both SW521 and SW560?

A: Unless you are exempted from these courses you will need to enroll in them both. Typically 20 month IP students without exemptions enroll in 521 in the fall and 560 in the winter. 20 month CO, MHS or SPE students without exemptions do the opposite. Students with an exemption on the 20 month schedule typically enroll in both in the fall.

Q: If I am registered for the summer new student program session and they told me that I have a registration appointment, will I register then?

A: Yes, registration will take place during the summer new student program session.

Q: If we have a registration appointment date already, do we still backpack classes before that?

A: Yes, you should backpack classes prior to your registration appointment.

Q: So the course planning worksheet is an outlined list of how our schedule should look each semester? The only thing we have to do is pick the times of the specified classes and insert electives where necessary?

A: Yes

Q: If we set up an advising appointment, someone will walk us through suggestions of what classes to take in the fall?

A: Yes.

Q: What is the likelihood that I will get into all of the classes on the first semester course planning sheet? Do they fill up quickly?

A: Some sections of classes may close so it is best to have a Plan A and a Plan B. However, many students are able to get into a closed class by submitting a "closed course petition."

Q: Where can we find the requirements for those wanting to get a school social work certification?

A: You can find more on the requirements here:

<http://ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/specialization-and-certification-programs/social-work-in-school-settings>

Q: If we have a minor, does our field work have to go along with both our main practice method and the minor?

A: Correct. You will need to complete 171 hours of your field work in that minor method.

Q: A little off topic but it will help with scheduling. For our field placement, during the first semester where we have to take 2 credits, do we discuss with our placement which days those will be?

A: You will register for Foundation Field (2 credits) and Field seminar (1 credit). Generally classes fall on the early portion of the week and field can be two days at the later end of the week.

Q: I know it was mentioned we complete 16 hours a week of field. If our field placement is willing to work with us can we spread those 16 hours out or does it have to be two days of 8 hours?

A: If your field placement supervisor agrees to an alternate schedule that is fine.