

Should I contact my adviser for an appointment to discuss my course selections?

Each adviser holds advising appointments before Banner opens for registration. Your adviser should contact you with sign-up slots for an appointment a few weeks before registration starts. Please hold off the emails asking about appointments if it is more than three weeks ahead of registration.

If it gets to be closer than 2-3 weeks before registration and you haven't heard anything about appointments, feel free to inquire.

How should I start planning what I need to take?

Please visit the Google doc containing your major program that was shared with you when you declared the major. You will find it in your "Shared with Me" files in your Google drive. Update this document with any courses taken (or dropped or changed) since you last reviewed it, and determine what you still need to take.

What about my degree audit?

Yes! You should also run a degree audit in Banner. Instructions to run your audit are [here](#).

Degree audits reflect what the Registrar thinks you have done toward your Lehigh degree. They often are not entirely accurate. Sometimes they put courses into the wrong categories, and sometimes they don't count courses that should count. So, check it against your Google doc for any discrepancies and report them to your adviser when you meet.

If a course is in the wrong category in your audit, an email from your adviser to the Registrar's office* will probably be enough to straighten it out. If a course is not being counted in your major at all, it may be because we have added the course to our program recently and it has not gone through all the university steps to be added into the catalog yet. In that case, you and your adviser will need to submit a Degree Program Exception Approval Petition available [here](#) to indicate that it is approved for the major.

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How do I find the courses I can take for the upcoming semester?

The Office of Interdisciplinary Programs (OIP) should eventually send you a list of all the courses being offered in the upcoming semester that will count for the major. This is very helpful for identifying all your options.

Also, you can check the list of courses that count for the major in the [catalog](#) (click on the Undergraduate tab) and use the Banner class search tool to check whether ones you are interested in are being offered. Most courses are offered only once a year, and some (such as elective seminars) may be offered only every other year (or less).

Note: Courses that count in each of the three elective tracks/concentrations are listed toward the bottom of the catalog page, after the B.S. requirements.

Be sure to check Banner for not only time blocks, but also prerequisites and other restrictions on courses such as major or year. If you do not meet the criteria, it is unlikely that you can get in.