



# Starting Out

**Almost Everything You Need to Know About Academics  
for Your First Semester at Nazareth**

**A Guide for Freshman Students**

**Brought to you by the Academic Advisement Center  
Nazareth College  
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It's almost your first semester of college.  
Welcome to the journey!

This short guide will provide you with the gear you need for support along the way.



The first part will tell you about the requirements for earning a degree at Naz and will identify key offices and programs you can count on for academic support.

The second part will explain aspects of first-year fall schedules and give you instructions to access yours.

The Liberal Studies Core Curriculum is the basis for a liberal arts degree. Everyone completes these requirements before graduating.

- ✎ English 101-102 (6 credits)
- ✎ Freshman Seminar (3 credits)
- ✎ Modern Foreign Language (for B.A. programs and education certification)
- ✎ Perspectives I courses (PIs) (one course in each of eight areas)
- ✎ Perspectives II courses (PIIs) (for B.A. programs: four, with one being a math or science; for B.S. programs, three.)
- ✎ Global studies course (designated with a “G” or “K” by course number)
- ✎ Writing intensive courses (designated with a “W” or “K” by course number)
- ✎ Writing assessment (as part of the writing intensive course)
- ✎ Comprehensive Requirement and Senior Experience
- ✎ Physical Education (two semesters)

You'll hear a lot about "P|s" ~ pronounced "P-ones." These courses introduce you to the *liberal arts*, which help you broaden your perspective in life, and the *liberal sciences*, which enable you to know the world around you.

 **Fine Arts (Art, Music, Theatre Arts)**

 **History**

 **Literature**

 **Mathematics**

 **Philosophy**

 **Religious Studies**

 **Natural Science with laboratory**

 **Social Science (Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology)**

Every student takes one course in each of these eight areas. Most students finish them by the end of the sophomore year.

“Plls” – “P-twos” – offer you more depth in areas you studied as PIs.

Students in Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and Bachelor of Music (B. Mus.) programs take three Plls. Students in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) programs take four; one of those must be a math or science course.

None of your Pll courses will be in the same area as your major.

# The magic number:

120

That's the minimum number of credits you need to graduate.  
Your program may require more.

## Why pay attention to the number of credits you earn?

Sometimes, completion of all the required courses for the Nazareth core and your major still may not add up to 120 credits.

Keep reading. This is important.



## More on 120 credits...

If you complete an average of 15 credits each semester, you will earn 120 credits after eight semesters (four years).

These reduce your earned credits:

- Registering for fewer than 15 credits in a semester
- Dropping or withdrawing from a course
- Failing a course

To explore ways to increase your earned credits, see your academic advisor.

Watch your credits.

**Your Academic Advisor** is a faculty person from your major department or one of the advisors from the Academic Advisement Center.

Students exploring majors – officially “undeclared” – have advisors who specialize in working with students looking at options for study.

- ✍ Check NazNet toward the end of the summer for your advisor’s name.
- ✍ You’ll meet your advisor on Friday, August 27 (during the New Student Orientation).
- ✍ Most academic advisors are not here during the summer, but advisors in the Academic Advisement Center are here for you all summer! Call us. Email us. Come to see us.

[FYAdvisement@naz.edu](mailto:FYAdvisement@naz.edu)

585-389-2871.

Smyth Hall, Room 2.

You may need a little help along the way.

If you reach out to us, we will help you.

Look for these programs and offices.

## Academic Advisement Center

- ✓ A peer tutoring program
- ✓ Support for students exploring or thinking about changing majors

## Midsemester Grades

- ✓ Your professors will assign you a grade at the halfway mark to help you gauge how well you're doing.

## Early Alert Warning System

- ✓ We'll send you a letter if your professors are concerned about your performance in a class. We'll offer you academic support.

## Help Centers

- ✓ Writing, Mathematics, Philosophy, Sciences

# Accommodations for Disabilities

If you have a documented disability for which you plan to use accommodations, please contact our Office for Students with Disabilities this summer.

Phone: 585-389-2757

Email: [swdoffic@naz.edu](mailto:swdoffic@naz.edu)

Website: [http://www.naz.edu/dept/students\\_disabilities/](http://www.naz.edu/dept/students_disabilities/)

# What About Your Fall Schedule?

In this orientation you'll be able to link to your online schedule of courses for the Fall 2010 semester.

Based on your responses to the First-Year Student Scheduling Questionnaire, we have placed you in appropriate courses for beginning your major and core requirements. In some cases we've also placed you into specific *sections* of some courses that are required for your major and/or minor.

Before that, though, check out some information about the courses on your schedule..

## Some things to know about your fall schedule...

- ✓ *PED 140*. If you will be participating on an athletic team, you must take this NCAA “Champs” course for student-athletes. If you know you will be on a team and this course isn’t on your schedule, or if you have decided not to be on a team and it is on your schedule, contact us to remove it or add it.
- ✓ *Major courses*. Your major may start right off with courses, or it may start with PIs and have you take major courses later on. In many cases, the PIs we registered you for also fulfill course requirements for your major.
- ✓ *ENGW 101*. This is the first of a two-semester college writing sequence.
- ✓ *ENGW 103*. If you transferred the equivalent of ENGW 101 from another college, but either you did not take the second semester of college writing *or* Nazareth does not count the second semester that you took as the equivalent of our ENGW 102, then you will take this course to complete the second semester of college writing. (If this course is full, you may take ENGW 102 in the spring semester.)

## Some *more* things to know about your fall schedule...

- ✓ *FRS 101*. This course is the freshman seminar. You may not see that title listed; some sections have special-topic names. If you are in a section whose number falls between 17 and 26, then your freshman seminar will be held in your residence hall. Your room assignment depends on your staying in that section of freshman seminar.
- ✓ *RES 101-30/ACS 101*. This is a variation of the freshman seminar in which your “Exploring Religions” class functions as a core course and a freshman seminar. The ACS 101 course goes along with it.
- ✓ *CHM 140-01/ACS 101*. This is a variation of the freshman seminar in which your “Molecules, Matter, and Mayhem” course functions as a core course and a freshman seminar. The ACS 101 course goes along with it.
- ✓ *Labs*. If you are taking a natural science course, you should be enrolled in the corresponding lab section (as indicated by the “L” next to the course number). Some students are required to take a lab with MTH 102 or ENGW 101, or both. These lab requirements are determined by a combination of high school averages, Regents exam scores (if any), and SAT scores (if any).
- ✓ *PI Courses*. The following courses are Perspective I (PI or “P-One”) courses. They fulfill the first level of Nazareth’s core curriculum. In some cases, a PI course also fulfills a requirement for your major. After about four semesters, you will have completed one course in each of the eight PI areas.

# Go Ahead. Take a Look.

In order to access your Fall 2010 course schedule, you will need to access NazNet, our online student record system.

The link below will take you to NazNet's main menu.

If you have logged in before, then just log in and skip the next two steps.

If you have never logged in to NazNet, look for "New to NazNet" on the bottom left, in small letters.

Follow directions for "What's My User ID?"

Once in NazNet, click "My Class Schedule" to see yours.

<https://naznet.naz.edu/naznet/>