Read this email carefully – a copy of it is posted on the Landing Page for Med Sci 2 students and you will be referred back to this email message if you send a query and the answer was provided in this email message. Do not email Kathy Boon or me any questions that might arise – Please direct all questions to the BMSUE Question Portal.

Enrollment dates/times: will be posted in your Student Center by end of day on Friday, July 14 and cannot be changed.

Review ALL of the information on the webpage for Course Selection for Year 2 (en route to BMSc) – this is so important!

Constraints – priorities, restrictions and reserved spaces in courses: Visit Access to Courses for information describing enrollment constraints on basic medical sciences courses. Here you can find constraint charts describing what kind of access a student can expect to a particular course based on their module/program during the enrollment period. A video is available from the summer of 2021 that offers a comprehensive explanation of constraint charts, enrollment periods, and using the wait lists for courses. I highly recommend you watch it to prepare for registration next week.

There are some spaces allotted to students in Medical Sciences 2 in the following 2000-level basic medical science courses: Anatomy and Cell Biology 2200A, Epidemiology 2200B, Microbiology and Immunology 2500A/B. There is unfortunately not enough space for all students who may wish to take them. These courses are also taken/required by students in Years 3 and 4. Some students will not be able to register in the course(s) they want during the Priority Enrollment Period and will receive the following message even though a course is not full:

“available seats are reserved and you do not meet the reserve capacity requirements”

This error means that you cannot register for one of two reasons:
- you don’t have priority access during the Priority Enrollment Period; or
- the limited spots allotted to students in your program/module have filled with students who registered before you.

We strongly recommend you register for an alternative course and then join the wait list for the course you want, indicating you want to swap the back-up course in which you’ve registered for the wait-listed course. Permission is NOT granted to override the constraints.

Special permission to register in courses without prerequisites, with timetable conflicts, in an increased/imbalanced: information is located on the Academic Counselling Office’s webpage for Special Permissions.

Back-to-back classes: Although it appears as though classes run for a full hour, there will be time for you to get from one class to the next since classes end at 20 after the hour, e.g., a class that runs from 9:30-10:30 will end at 10:20.

Be flexible: the schedule you plan will likely have to be revised as sections of courses may fill before your enrollment date/time, e.g., the section of Biology 2290F or G (you don’t take F and G) that you want to take may fill up and you have to choose a new one.

How to read course codes and what to consider when deciding in which term to take a course, Biology 2290F or G, for instance? The four digit numerical code describes/indicates what the course is, whereas the suffix (if present) describes when the course is offered. An F and/or G indicates the course is a 0.5/half course and is an essay course (has a substantive writing component). An F indicates it is offered in the Fall and a G indicates it is offered in the Winter. Similarly, an A and/or B indicates the course is a 0.5/half non-essay course; A corresponds to the Fall, B corresponds to the Winter. For a full list of course suffixes, visit the Academic Calendar.

You can seek advice from other students but no one knows what will work out best for you (and you may have no choice, depending on how full the sections are when it is your turn to register).
Which statistics course should you take – Biology or Statistics 2244AB – and in which term? These two courses are exactly the same and students registered in Biology 2244A will be in the same class as students in Statistics 2244A. Like Biology 2290F or G, no one knows what will work out best for you, first term or second term, and you may have no choice, depending on how full the sections are when it is your turn to register.

DO NOT: email me if the sections of the course you want fill up and you cannot register. I do not belong to a department that offers courses and I don’t have any authority/control over the enrollment capacities in courses. Only the departments offering the course should be contacted but DO NOT contact departments unless you have exhausted all possibilities.

Zoom meeting availability. Go to the Connect with a BMSUE Coordinator page and you’ll find a link for my availability and booking there. Kathy Boon and I have weekly zoom drop-in sessions. Feel free to attend if you have any pressing questions. Please note that this is an exceedingly busy time of year and there may be a wait to see one of us. Please be patient and we will invite you in from the waiting room as soon as we are able.

Other Helpful Resources:

  Registration Tips from A-Z
  Campus Maps
  Building Abbreviations

Best of luck with planning your timetable.

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