Registration begins tomorrow for students going into Year 3 BMSc. Your enrollment appointment time represents the first time that you can register for your Fall/Winter courses. You can continue to revise your courses until the last day to add courses (September 17).

See Course Selection for Year 3 BMSc for which courses to take during Year 3. Keep in mind that your course selection should be geared toward the module(s) in which you wish to register in Year 4 (but have a back-up plan). The number of spaces in each Honours Specialization modules is likely not going to increase for Year 4, even though we have a larger Year 3 class for 2020/21, because of departmental resources in offering the capstone courses in these modules.

When registering for courses, you must satisfy the prerequisites (found in the Academic Calendar) for each course. If you don’t satisfy the prerequisites to take a course, you may contact the department offering the course to ask if you might be granted special permission to register without the prerequisite. Keep in mind that prerequisites are in place for a reason and that special permission is not granted in many cases. Some departments may grant special permission for students to take a course without the prerequisite but they may wish to give students with the prerequisite a fair chance to register before students without the prerequisite. In these situations, special permission to take a course without the prerequisite will be accompanied by a date on which you may register in the course. It takes time for special permission requests to be reviewed and you can see what/when special permissions have been granted for you on Student Center > My Academics > View Special Permissions.

Although many courses are offered online this year, there are often dates/times associated with online courses so that instructors can hold live lectures which may/may not be recorded for later viewing. Many basic medical science departments have created condensed course outlines to provide a bit more information about the timing of their courses than is posted in the Fall/Winter timetable. Even though lectures may be recorded, if you want to register for two courses that have conflicting dates/times, then you have to see if both instructors would be willing to grant you special permission to register with a timetable conflict.

NOTE: Manual intervention is required for you to register in a course when you have special permission to either register in a course despite a timetable conflict or register on a particular date in a course for which you are missing the prerequisite. In these situations, you need the assistance of the Office of the Registrar (via either the live chat function that pops up in Draft My Schedule and on some of their webpages or the virtual helpline) to register in the course. Keep in mind that putting yourself on a wait list is not helpful for a course for which you have been granted special permission AND you need manual intervention to register in the course. You will not be enrolled from the wait list since you either lack the prerequisite or have a conflict (see wait lists for courses below).

Most basic medical science courses have priorities in place during at least one of the three enrollment periods and these priorities can include reserved spaces or limited spaces for students in certain modules. Take a very close look at the constraint charts for the courses offered by the various basic medical science departments to see what priorities are in place for students in your module. If you receive an error message during registration such as “available seats are reserved…” , then this means that you either don’t have priority for the course or the limited number of spaces available to students in your module have been filled. You cannot register for the course when you get this error message but you can put yourself on a wait list (see wait lists for courses below). Basic medical science departments do NOT grant special permission to waive constraints.

Wait lists for courses:
When you register for courses, you can put yourself on a wait list for a course that is full or for which you do not have priority access if the course has a wait list enabled. Make sure, however, that you know the impact of putting yourself on a wait list before registration begins (see Wait List a Class). If you come up as the next person on the wait list (and you satisfy the conditions to be enrolled from the wait list when the Office of the Registrar runs the wait lists), then you will be enrolled in the course. It is wise to indicate which course you would like to swap for the course for which you are joining the wait list. You can only indicate one course to swap – you cannot join a wait list for a full-credit course, e.g. Phys Pharm 3000E, and indicate that you want to swap two half courses to become enrolled from the wait list.

If you don’t have priority to register for a course and the course has a wait list enabled, then you can put yourself on a wait list even if the entire course has not filled to capacity. The Office of the Registrar will run wait lists once the priorities lift and you might be enrolled in the course on those dates (information for basic medical science courses is specified in the constraint charts).

Keep in mind that, to be enrolled from a wait list, you must meet the conditions for enrollment from the wait list: you must have the prerequisite, you must satisfy any priorities in place, adding the course will not cause a timetable conflict, and adding the course will not put you in a course overload (course overload = either more than five courses in one term or more than 5.0 courses for the Fall/Winter).

I hope that you find this information useful.

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