

Rumours about first-year courses and the number of online/distance courses that take per year are usually just rumours. Always check the Academic Calendar for anything related to your academics. Below are two questions that come up before registration:

How many first-year courses can I take?

- To graduate with a BMSc degree, you MUST have credit for a minimum of 13.0 senior courses (2000-level and above). Western's [graduation requirements](#) do not state that a maximum of 7.0 first-year (1000-level) courses can be taken. You can take/have transfer credits for more than 7.0 courses at the 1000-level, as long as you have credit for at least 13.0 courses at the 2000-level or above. See "First-year courses" (and other tips) on the webpage for [Registration Tips](#). There is also no graduation requirement of a particular number of 3000-level and 4000-level courses (just what your module or modules require). Always make sure that you check to see if any programs to which you may be applying after your Western degree have any requirements/preferences for first-year vs. senior courses.

How many online/distance courses can I take a year?

- You are allowed to take a maximum of 3.0 online/distance courses during *each* Fall/Winter session, as stated in the [Academic Calendar](#). Western uses online courses the same way as in-class courses for breadth, essay and graduation requirements (i.e. it makes no difference, for your graduation requirements, if courses are taken online/distance). Always make sure that you check to see if any programs to which you may be applying after your Western degree have any requirements/preferences for in-class vs. online/distance courses.

Below is the email message that I sent on June 21st:

I've posted a copy of this message on the [Landing Page for Year 3 BMSc](#) and will point you to it if you email me with questions that are answered in this message.

Registration will occur during the first week of July 3. The Office of the Registrar should be posting enrollment dates/times in Student Center at the end of June and you should get an email message to remind you to look for your enrollment date/time.

If you are not returning to the BMSc Program for the upcoming year, then I would very much appreciate it if you would email me back to let me know (and feel free to let me know what you're doing, instead, for the upcoming year).

Before you register for courses, make sure that you use the following resources:

- [Course Selection for Year 3 BMSc](#)
- [The Landing Page for Year 3 BMSc](#) – links to lots of things that you want to know
- [Fall/Winter Registration](#) – dates, tips, etc. for BMSc students

Most of the basic medical science courses have constraints in place (priorities, reserved spaces and restrictions)

Check the constraint charts on the webpage for [Access to Courses](#) very carefully when planning your course selection.

If you try to register for a course and get an error message that states "**available seats are reserved and you do not meet the reserve capacity requirements**", this means that you either do not have priority for the course, or the limited number of spaces that may have been allotted to students in your module have been filled.

Special permission will not be granted for you to register in a basic medical science course, overriding the constraints and/or reserved spaces.

Check the constraint charts to see when priorities and reserved spaces disappear for basic medical science courses. You will get a new enrollment date/time for July 19th when priorities lift for most Western courses.

The process to request special permission for timetable conflicts, permission to take an increased load of courses, etc. is outlined on the [BMSc website](#).

If you are registered in more than one module, e.g. Double Majors or Honors Specialization + Major, *and plan to complete these two modules*, then check out the Common Course Policy. A maximum of 1.0 course that is "common" to two modules can be used toward both modules. The [worksheets for Double Majors](#) are very helpful tools for course selection but do not send them in for review in Year 3 (only in Year 4 and if you are not sure if you satisfy the requirements).

Anatomy and Cell Biology (ACB) 3319 is no longer offered and has been replaced by two half courses that cover the material that was previously covered in ACB 3319 ([ACB 3200A](#) and [2200B](#)).

... Kathy