Read this email carefully – a copy of it is posted on the Landing Page for Year 3 BMSc students and you will be referred back to this email message if you send a query and the answer was given to you in this email message. If you have sent me an email query already and the answer is below, then I will consider your email answered and delete it.

Enrollment dates/times: will be posted in your Student Center by Friday and cannot be changed. I am just finishing up double-checking whom I expect to be in Year 3 BMSc and the various modules this year against the Office of the Registrar’s information (and am sending over fixes, as needed). I do this to make sure that Year 3 BMSc students are term-activated into the right modules and right level (Year 3) before enrollment appointments are generated.

Review ALL the information on the webpage for Course Selection for Year 3 BMSc – this is so important!

Constraints – priorities, restrictions and reserved spaces in courses: the constraint charts have been updated and I have added a video to help explain the constraint charts, what happens during the three enrollment periods, and using the wait lists for courses on the webpage for Access to Courses. Watch this video now so that you get a handle on the constraints.

We have a large class in Year 3 BMSc and there is a lot of enrollment pressure on basic medical science courses. Some students will not be able to register in the course(s) that 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 because you either don’t have priority access during the Priority Enrollment Period or the limited spots allotted to students in your module have filled with students who registered before you. Register for an alternative course, then join the wait list for the course that you want and indicate that you want to swap the alternative course in which you’ve registered for the wait listed course.

If you email me before your enrollment time to ask whether I think you will get into your course(s), then I will not respond to your email. I hope that everyone gets into the courses that they want but I can’t guess whether you’ll get into all of your courses. Make sure that you familiarize yourself with the constraint information - I can’t say this often enough.

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.

Worksheets for Honours Specialization modules are updated on the webpage for Graduation Requirements. Worksheets for Double Majors in BMSc are updated on the webpage for Graduation Requirements and on the webpage for Common Course Policy. There is no worksheet for an Honours Specialization + Major or Minor. Review the webpage for the Common Course Policy so that you’re aware that a maximum of 1.0 course that is common to two modules can be used toward both modules. As an example, to complete an Honours Specialization in IMS (10.0) + Major in Physiology (6.0), a total of 15.0 modular courses are required and likely would require an extra year of studies to complete. For those of you who registered in an Honours Specialization + a Major for Year 3, this is perfectly fine - you can drop the Major when you submit your ITR for Year 4.

Discovery Credits: significant changes to the Discovery Credit policy are posted in the Academic Calendar. Highlights of these changes include (i) a later deadline, and (ii) students may not declare a Discovery Credit for a course in a subject area in which they have previously received credit for a course numbered 2000 and above (e.g., a student who has completed Physiology 3120 cannot declare a discovery credit for any Physiology or “Physiology and Pharmacology” course during the upcoming Fall/Winter or onward).

My Zoom meetings with students are heavily booked. Go to the webpage for BMSUE Drop-in and you’ll find a link for my availability and booking there. Keep an eye on this schedule as I sometimes add a few more slots and sometimes students cancel.
I have done everything that I can to prepare all of us for registration. There will be happy students and unhappy students as some will struggle with course registration during the Priority Enrollment Period. I cannot register you in courses that are full - please don’t ask. I cannot register you in courses for which you don’t satisfy the priority – please don’t ask. You can contact departments that offer the courses but only after a course completely fills (and do not expect the department to squeeze in more students – this is not usually a possibility).

Your chances of getting the courses that you need/want will increase if you register at your enrollment date/time, use wait lists and register in alternative courses (if necessary) and hope that more courses become available when priorities shift and/or lift.

... Kathy

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