This email message is being sent to all students who will be registered in Year 4 BMSc next year, including students who are on internship placements for the upcoming year and students returning for an extra year of studies (“fifth year”).

Please read this email carefully as it contains a lot of important information.

Enrollment dates/times: will be generated by the Office of the Registrar and posted in Student Center around July 1st (and cannot be changed).

4000-level courses: only register in as many 4000-level basic medical science courses as you need to satisfy your modular requirements. We have a large Year 4 class and we want to make sure that students have a fair chance of getting into the courses that they need to satisfy their modular requirements. We will tolerate one extra half course at the 4000-level during the Priority Enrollment Period but not more. Enrollment in 4000-level courses will be monitored and students who register in more than one extra half course at the 4000-level will be contacted and told that they will have to drop the excess courses. Later in the summer, during the Adjustment Enrollment and General Enrollment Periods, students may register in 4000-level courses that further exceed the number they require for their modules.

Constraints – priorities, restrictions and reserved spaces in courses: the constraint charts have been updated. Constraints are not waived on basic medical science courses - please do not contact instructors, departments, the BMSUE Office (Jen and me), and Academic Counselling to ask if they will be waived. Plan for alternative courses and join wait lists properly, and you might be enrolled in the course later in the summer. We have worked with the basic medical science departments with constraints and reserving spaces in courses to do the best job we can to ensure that students who need specific courses for their modules will be able to register in these courses.

Error message when registering - “available seats are reserved and you do not meet the reserve capacity requirements”: means that you cannot register because you either don’t satisfy the constraint (priority or restriction) or the limited spots allotted to students in your module have filled (priority + reserved spaces). Constraints are not waived so please do not contact departments, the BMSUE Office (Jen and me), and Academic Counselling. Register in alternative courses, join wait lists properly and you might be enrolled in the course later in the summer from the wait list. See the webpage for Access to Courses for more information.

Special permission to register in courses without prerequisites or with timetable conflicts, or in an increased/imbalanced load: information about the process to request special permission is located on the Academic Counselling Office’s webpage for Special Permissions. Please note that basic medical science departments usually do not waive prerequisites and that they will not grant special permission to waive constraints.

Use the Academic Calendar for modular requirements and then double-check the worksheets for Honours Specialization modules and Double Major posted on the BMSc website. We don’t want you to send in your worksheet if you are sure you’ve met the requirements to graduate. The worksheets should be updated by end of day tomorrow for Honours Specialization modules on the webpage for Graduation Requirements. Worksheets for Double Majors in BMSc are being updated and should be re-posted by end of day tomorrow on the webpage for Graduation Requirements and on the webpage for Common Course Policy. We don’t make worksheets for all HSP + Major or Minor combinations. There is
one worksheet for Honours Specialization + Major to give students a feel for how the Common Course Policy impacts the completion of an HSP + Major.

We are doing everything that we can to prepare all of us for registration. There will be happy students and unhappy students because some of you will struggle with course registration during the Priority Enrollment Period due to constraints (priorities and reserved spaces in courses). The BMSUE Office (Jen and I) cannot register you in courses that are full - please don’t ask us since only departments that offer courses can grant this permission (and usually do not allow this). The BMSUE Office cannot register you in basic medical science courses for which you don’t satisfy the constraint – please don’t ask us, and don’t ask departments and Academic Counselling since constraints on basic medical science courses are not waived.

Your chances of getting into the courses that you need/want will increase if you (i) register at exactly your enrollment date/time, and (ii) join wait lists patiently and properly. See Access to Courses for some advice and check back later this week as we update this page.

The fall/winter timetable is up-to-date. If you don’t see a course listed in the timetable, then it is not offered for the upcoming year.

Notes about a few basic medical science courses:

Anatomy and Cell Biology 2200A and 3200B: these courses have switched terms for the upcoming year

Medical Sciences 4100F/G: was cross-listed with One Health 4100F/G but Medical Sciences 4100F/G will no longer be offered. One Health 4100F will be offered in first term, only, for the upcoming year.

Microbiology and Immunology 4400B: is new for the upcoming year and appears in the Academic Calendar and the Major in Microbiology and Immunology. The draft course outline for this course is posted on our webpage for updates. Micro Imm 4400B will not be included in the Honours Specialization modules offered by the Department of Microbiology and Immunology this year.

Pathology 4450A: was cross-listed with Biochemistry 4450A but Pathology 4450A will no longer be offered. Students in Major and HSP Pathology will not have access to Biochemistry 4450A. A new course, Pathology 4600B, will be offered this year and included in the Pathology modules. The draft course outline for Pathology 4600B is posted on our webpage for updates.

Pharmacology 2060B is restricted to Nursing students with NO EXCEPTIONS. It is still listed in modules and on worksheets since it can be used by students who completed it prior to September, 2022.

Please let me know if you are not coming back for the BMSc Program this fall. Students who are on internship placements this year: we already know this and you do not have to email me unless you want to be removed from this mailing list.

I’m hosting a Zoom session for Year 4 BMSc students today from 1:00-2:00 – click to join – and a recording will be posted on the landing page for Year 4 BMSc. If you join the meeting and don’t want your name to appear, then re-name yourself as “student”.

Jen and I continue to have Zoom drop-in sessions during which students enter the waiting room in the order of joining the session. We’ll bring students into the main room for a one-on-one discussion. Details about our availability for these sessions and individual Zoom appointments (heavily booked) are located on the webpage Connect with a BMSUE Coordinator.

Jen and I are stepping away from our computers from June 30-July 2, being back on line on July 3. Western is closed on June 30, in observation of Canada Day. We need to give our heads a rest as we’ve been working very hard to get through adjudication and registration preparation.

I have a backlog of email queries in my inbox and in the BMSUE Question Portal and will answer them as soon as I can.

... Kathy and Jen

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