Academic Life at Pace

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Before the Semester Begins

Confirm your student completes the following *as soon as possible,* if they have not done so already*:*

- ✓ Placement tests as applicable (English, Math, Language)

- ✓ AP/IB scores, **official** HS and/or college transcripts submitted to Admissions

- ✓ Tuition payment

- ✓ Housing payment (if applicable)

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Your Student's First Semester Schedule

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Already Off to a Great Start!

Your student's first semester schedule has been designed to help them **graduate on time**
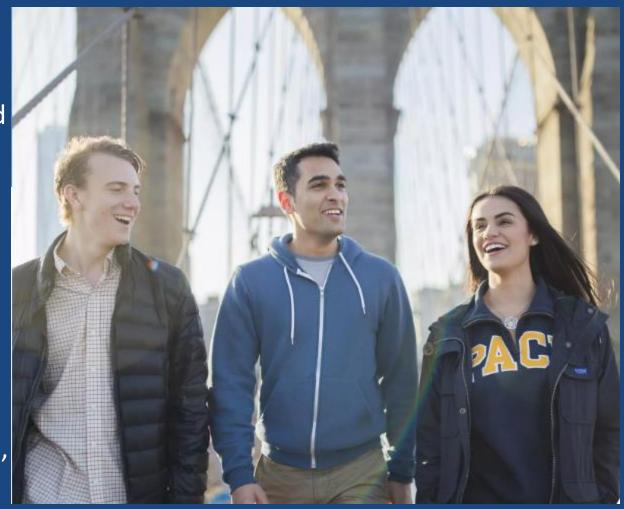
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How We Created Your Student's Schedule:

Your student's first semester schedule was created by an **Academic Advisor** based on the following:

- ✓ Your student's response to a **questionnaire**
- ✓ Your student's **transfer credits** (earned and/or awarded for eligible college-level courses and **AP/IB** scores)
- ✓ University **core curriculum requirements**
- ✓ Requirements for their intended **Major**
- ✓ **Placement** results, as applicable (Math, English, Language)
- ✓ **Special Program** requirements (Honors, Exploring Majors, etc.)

This will be the only semester we create your student's schedule for them; going forward students will select courses with **guidance from their Advisor** and register themselves for classes.

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University Core Curriculum: A strong *liberal arts* education

Foundation Courses

Areas of Knowledge

Inquiry & Exploration

University Core courses, *regardless of a student's major*, ensure that Pace graduates develop and achieve competency in a *variety of skills*.

Foundation Courses: Focus on *communication* and *quantitative skills* (English, Math, computing, public speaking, languages and science).

Areas of Knowledge: Focus on *humanities*, *social science*, *arts and sciences*.

Inquiry and Exploration: Allows students to **choose** liberal arts courses, including those to complete **a minor or concentration**, take courses of special interest, or complete arts and sciences courses if required for their specific majors.

Required Learning Experiences:
Learning Community, Writing-Enhanced, Civic Engagement and Anti-Racism Education.

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Typical First Semester Schedule for First-Year Students

- ✓ **English** (based on placement or College/AP credit)

- ✓ **Math** (based on placement, College/AP credit and Major)

- ✓ **1-2 Core requirements and/or Major-related courses** (e.g., CIS 101, ECO 105, CMS 111, etc.)

- ✓ **University 101 (UNV 101) – First-Year Seminar**

- ✓ **Honors course** (if applicable)

Generally 15-17 credits spread over the course of 5 days.

Yes, including Fridays!

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Typical First Semester Schedule for New Transfer Students

- ✓ **English** (if applicable, and based on placement or College/AP credit)

- ✓ **Math** (if applicable, and based on placement, College/AP credit and Major)

- ✓ **University Core** requirements/Inquiry and Exploration courses

- ✓ **Major-related** Course(s)

- ✓ **Honors course** (if applicable)

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Academic Advisement

Student Academic Advisement at Pace is

Proactive, Holistic, Collaborative

All Pace students are assigned a dedicated Advisor

- First-Year Student Academic Advisor is their UNV 101 Instructor (FY Advisor)
- Transfer Student Academic Advisor is determined by their school/program

Advisors provide students with **ongoing support** and relevant advisement to support them in **developing their goals**, achieving **academic success** and **planning for timely graduation**.

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Office of the First-Year Experience (FYE)

University 101 First-Year Seminar

Comprehensive First-Year Advising Program

Peer Leaders

Student Support Resources Pace Events and Activities

- **First-Year Seminar**, **University 101** (UNV 101), is a required, credit-bearing course designed to empower students with the skills to navigate the **transition from high school to college**, introduce students to the **Pace Path** and the **opportunities and resources** available at Pace, and facilitate their **success in the college environment**.

- **Comprehensive First-Year Advising Program** (CFAP), to support FY students for the duration of their first year. Each **UNV 101 class** is taught by the students' **First-Year Advisor** (FY Advisor).

- A **Peer Leader** is assigned to each UNV 101 course to further support students in their transition to college.

- FYE Collaborates with various **Pace programs and student support services** to develop and promote numerous **events and activities** for FY students.

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What is the Pace Path?

Powerful academics. Dedicated mentoring. Immersive experiences.

The Pace Path is a combination of academic and experiential learning using *purposeful planning*, *advising*, and *mentoring. The Pace Path is an individualized program for all undergraduates that's tailored to a student's strengths, passions, and career goals.*

This is the Pace Path to success!

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Student Resources at Pace

Visit the Student Success Webpage

Faculty

Academic Advisors

Learning Commons

Career Services

Counseling Center

Student Engagement

Veteran Services

Student Accessibility Services

LGBTQA+ Center

Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Center for Undergraduate Research Experiences

Library

Center for Community Action and Research

Residential Life

International Students and Scholars

Athletics/Intramurals/Esports

University Staff and Administration

And so many more!!

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OnTrack for Student Success

OnTrack is an online tool that **connects students to the Pace community**: Instructors, Advisors and student support services. **Please note:** Incoming students will use this tool only after they begin attending classes in their first semester, though usage of OnTrack varies by program/major. It is not available during the summer.

We use OnTrack to help students be successful, **maintain progress toward earning their degree** from Pace, and provide them with a **centralized resource to access support** at Pace.

Every student at Pace has an OnTrack account where they can:

- Access their Pace "**My Success Network**", which displays the people and resources at Pace who are ready to support them.

- Check their **OnTrack Dashboard** which highlights items requiring their attention, including **academic concerns** or **Kudos** shared by instructors.

- Explore **Pace services**, **resources**, and **support.**

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The First Few Weeks

- ✓ Getting Involved - Campus Events and Activities
- ✓ University 101 and Peer Leaders (First-Year Students)
- ✓ Campus Resources
- ✓ Academic Advising
- ✓ The Pace Path

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Helpful Resources for Parents and Families

Parents and Families Hub

Visit the Parents and Families Website

- Search **A-Z index** for Pace services and offices
- Sign-up for **Pace Parent and Family Experience** newsletter
- Access **SetterSync** to view campus events for your student

Student Success Tools

Visit the Student Success Tools Website

Academic, Social and Financial resources to support your student throughout their college journey.

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Transfer Student Experience

Here to welcome and foster early connections and a sense of belonging for new transfer students!

Highlights:

- **Central point of contact** during the summer and first semester at Pace
- **Transfer Student Faculty Mentoring Program**
- Dedicated *Classes* **community and newsletter**
- **Programming** for **National Transfer Student Appreciation Week** and in collaboration with Student Engagement, Career Services, Advisors and other campus resources
- **Connection to resources and services** and more!
- Visit the New Student Experience Website

newstudentexperience@pace.edu

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Reminders for Parents and Families

✓ **Full-time student = full-time job**

✓ Encourage your student to **check their Pace email every single day**! We will always use your student's Pace email to communicate with them (important dates, deadlines, etc.). This includes email sent from Faculty/Staff.

✓ **There is *always* something to do** and opportunities for your student to get involved! Encourage your student to check **SetterSync** regularly for information about upcoming programs and events

✓ Ask your student to consider completing a **FERPA** (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) **waiver.**
- ▪ If they choose to complete the waiver, your student confirms to us the person/ people we have permission to share their information with, including grades and academic progress.

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Some Important Fall 2024 Dates

New Student Convocation: Tuesday, September 3

First Day of Classes: Wednesday, September 4

Last Day of Classes: Tuesday, December 17 (final exams scheduled during the prior week on the last class meeting day; Fall Semester ends)

EVENT	DATE	NOTES
Rosh Hashanah (First Night)	October 2	Asynchronous Evening Classes
Rosh Hashanah (First Day)	October 3	Asynchronous Day/Evening Classes
Yom Kippur (Evening)	October 11	Asynchronous Evening Classes
Yom Kippur	October 12	Asynchronous Day/Evening Classes
Diwali (Observed)	November 1	Asynchronous Day/Evening Classes
Election Day	November 7	Classes Meet as Scheduled
Veterans' Day	November 11	No Classes Scheduled
Undergraduate Study Days	November 26 – November 27	No Undergraduate Classes
Thanksgiving Break	November 28 – December 1	University Closed

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Welcome to Our Pace Family!

Any Questions?

newstudentexperience@pace.edu

Welcome from Our Student Success Team Leaders!

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