

Tips for Advising New Students

What to ask...	What to do...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you anticipate earning AP Credit? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IF YES, refer the student to the College Catalog for the RSC equivalent course. Note that students must earn AP exam scores of 3+ to get RSC credit (as indicated in the Catalog). ➤ First Year Students who anticipate receiving AP credit for ENG 101 should register for WLD 120 in the fall. Be sure to have them drop ENG 101, if they have been pre-registered for it. ➤ Remind students that if anticipated AP credit does not transfer in that they may need to amend their course schedules.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you a strong writer (as indicated by prior coursework and experience)? 	<p><u>For First Year Students and those not exempt from ENG 101 & WLD 120:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strong writers can wait until the spring to take ENG 101 and should register for WLD 120 in the fall. ➤ Students who need more writing support should register for ENG 101 in the fall and WLD 120 in the spring. ➤ FY students will have been pre-registered for ENG 101 and WLD 120 already, but they are free to amend their schedules to suit their needs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What prior experience do you have with a foreign language? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All RSC students* must complete 6 credits of a foreign language or have proficiency through the 202 level. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No prior experience ➡ register for FRE 101 or SPA 101 ○ 2 yrs HS/1 yr college ➡ register for FRE 102 or SPA 102 ○ 3 yrs HS/2 yrs college ➡ register for FRE 201 or SPA 201 ○ 4 yrs HS/3 yrs college ➡ register for FRE 202* or SPA 202* <p>* Students who enter at this level only need to complete 1 course.</p> ➤ Also, a student's transfer equivalency report (on <i>SageAdvisor</i>) indicates the RSC equivalent for the student's prior experience. ➤ A student may opt to take 2 semesters of another language at a Consortium Institution. ➤ A student can apply to study Italian or Mandarin Chinese through the Sage Language Acquisition Pgm (SLAP) at: https://www.sage.edu/slap/ * The foreign language <u>requirement may be waived</u> for ESL students, those with another Bachelor's degree and anyone age 26 or older.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What prior experience do you have with Math? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Those with just 2 yrs of HS Math ➡ may be at risk to take, but may attempt: MAT 109, 111, 121, 220 and PSY 207 ➤ Those with 3 yrs of HS Math ➡ may take MAT 109, 111, 121, 220, PSY 207 ➤ Those who completed Pre-Calculus with a C or better ➡ may take MAT 201 (Calculus ready), MAT 109, 111, 121, 220, PSY 207
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has all of your transfer credit been sent to RSC? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The student and advisor may review the Transfer Equivalency Report via <i>SageAdvisor</i> to confirm the courses that RSC has received. ➤ Current coursework that will likely transfer can be evaluated based on the course descriptions and with the assistance of Mary Dirolf (dirolm@sage.edu) in Student Services. ➤ If a student has concerns about completed coursework that does not appear on her evaluation, she should consult Mary Dirolf, bearing in

	<p>mind that RSC only accepts credit for courses in which the student earned a C- or better.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ You may also remind the student that her evaluation will only include transfer credit that counts toward her degree; superfluous courses will not be recorded.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you in the process of completing pre-requisite courses for the fall or spring or do you plan to take any this summer? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If a student is in the process of completing a pre-requisite course at another institution, <i>SageAdvisor</i> may not allow her to register for certain courses for the academic year. ➤ Students should email gonzas@sage.edu with the course description for the pre-requisite and the Director of Advising can provide Student Services with permission to override the pre-requisite and register the student for the course. Or, advisors may forward this information directly to dirolm@sage.edu to request the override from Student Services. ➤ Remind students that if they fail to earn a C- or better in the pre-requisite course, they will need to amend their schedule. Students should be sure to request that their FINAL TRANSCRIPTS be sent.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you an HEOP student? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If YES, HEOP students should register for the HEOP First Year Seminar SST 099 in the fall and in the spring. In addition, they should enroll in ENG 101 for the fall, instead of waiting until spring to take it.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you a Founders student? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If YES, Founders students should register for SST 111 in the fall and SST 112 in the spring. Please note that there are 2 sections of this course; students should register for the SAME section in the fall and spring.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you an Honors student? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If YES, these students <i>may</i> register for the following Honors courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FALL: ENG 248-01, PSY 348-01, THR 248-01 ○ SPRING: HST 248-01, PSY-335-01
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you applied to be in the World Wellness Learning Community? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This Learning Community is open to first year students interested in enhancing their academic experience with linked courses and a residence life component. Students should submit an application at http://www.sage.edu/llc. Once selected, they will be placed in the following courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FALL: ENG 101-01 and SCI 120-01 ○ SPRING: WLD 120-01
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you been assigned to an FYE 101 section? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ FYE 101: <i>First Year Experience Seminar</i> is a required, one-credit course for all first year students who enter in the fall. ➤ The Advising Office will assign all students to 1 of 10 mentor groups that correspond with a particular section of FYE 101 and will notify students and advisors once these assignments are made; thus, students should not register for a particular section on their own. ➤ Note that FYE 101 will meet on Fridays, 11-12:20.

Additional Notes

- Students should register via *SageAdvisor* in 2 steps—first for their fall courses and then for their spring courses. This will ensure that they will be permitted to register for their spring courses that have prerequisites in the fall (e.g., SPA 101 and SPA 102).
- Please feel free to contact the Advising Office with any questions (244-2272 or gonzas@sage.edu).
- Students and advisors can access helpful information through the Advising Office's Online Guide for Course Planning & Registration at: <http://www.sage.edu/rsc/resources/advisement/RSCpreregistration/>