Cornell College Self-Service
Registration
Student Instructions and FAQs

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Registration Process Overview:

1. Meet with your Advisor to discuss plans for your schedule.
2. Remember this is a LIVE process, so timeliness is essential. At your designated day/time, Log in to Self Service.
3. Click the Register tab. Then click Traditional Courses.
4. Select the Period you wish to begin with (Fall for blocks 1-4, Spring for blocks 5-8).
5. Select Section Search and search for the course you wish to add by typing in the Course Code, or by searching by Block (Session). Or use Advanced Search and search by Department or by General Education type.
6. Click the Add button next to the course you wish to add.
   - If a course is full, you can click the Wait button to be put on the waitlist, but make sure to add another course for that block in case a seat does not open up for the waitlisted course.
7. Either continue with another Section Search to add another course in a different block, or click Proceed to Registration if you want to finalize one class at a time.
8. Review your Cart and click Next if you wish to finalize, or click Previous or Remove if you need to make changes.
   - Review your courses thoroughly before clicking Next again because once you Finalize, you will not be able to drop a course until after Registration for all students is entirely complete and the add/drops function turns on. During Registration, you can add courses individually, but cannot drop courses once they are finalized.
9. There is no additional advisor approval at the end. Once you add courses and Finalize your schedule in the system, those are the courses you are in.
Advisor Meeting

Make sure you have met with your advisor and create a plan (and a back-up plan) for your schedule. If you fail to meet with your advisor a Stop will be put on your profile, and you will not be eligible to register until your advisor clears it with the Registrar’s office.

The purpose of this meeting is to review your progress toward finishing your major, and ensure you are meeting necessary graduation requirements. Use this worksheet to help outline your courses. Make sure you have identified a Plan A and a Plan B (and maybe even C) for each block in case a course you identified in Plan A that you want to take is full when your time to register opens.

Make sure your Self-Service login credentials are working properly so there are not delays in registering at your designated time. Because it is a live process, there is no advisor approval process at the end of registration, once you add the courses to your cart and Finalize your registration in self-service, you are in those courses.

While meeting with your advisor, it is important to identify any specific courses that you must take, or any that may fill quickly. While registering, you can add those high priority/popular courses first, and proceed to the Checkout to complete your registration for that course. You may then return to the system to register for your remaining blocks.

Logging in to Self-Service

At your designated date/time, log in to Self- Service with your Cornell username and password. Please go to the Cornell College website Current Students page to login to Self-Service Registration. (Your Registration day and time are based on your class standing and credits earned, therefore, the sooner you log into the system and complete your registration for both periods, the more likely you are to have more course options available to you.) Make sure you have previously identified a few options of courses you want to take in each block in case when you go to register, if a course is full, you are not further delayed by trying to identify an alternative course. This is a live process, so once you add courses to your cart and finalize your registration, you are in those courses. There is not additional advisor approval process at the end.

Please keep in mind, Cornell’s Self-Service Registration is similar to traditional online shopping sites like Amazon. Your spot in a class, or your “Purchase” is not complete until you have Finalized your Registration. Much like the Checkout process on Amazon, items in your cart, or your place in the class, will not be reserved until you have received the “Congratulations, you have completed Registration for
message. This is true for both single course registration, as well as registering for entire periods (semesters). If there is one course that is more popular than the other courses, you may choose to add that single course first, and Finalize the process by Proceeding to Checkout for that priority block. Once you have registered for an individual class, or an entire period, you can click “Modify Your Schedule” for another period. This will allow you to add the remainder of your blocks to your schedule for next year.

Registration

After logging in successfully, you can begin the Registration process by selecting the Registration tab. Then click the Traditional Courses heading. You will be asked to select a Registration period. You will then proceed to Section Search for the period you selected.

Registration – Section Search

There are 3 ways to use the “Section Search” link to find classes you want to review, or add.

1. You can search by specific course code (i.e. PSY 161, BIO 142, etc).
2. You can also search by block under the Session drop down menu.
3. You can also use the Advanced Search tab to search by department, or by General Education Type.

Once you have found a course you would like to add to your schedule, click the “Add” button next to the course you want to add. When you click the “Add” button, the course goes into your Cart, but it does NOT hold that seat for you until you Finalize your schedule. Just like ordering on Amazon, just because an item is in your Cart, it is not yours until you Finalize your entire order.
If a course is already full, it will show a Wait button. By clicking this you will get added to the wait list for the course. You still need to Add a different class in the meantime in case a seat never opens up for that Waitlisted course.

Continue adding courses for blocks in the period you’ve selected. Once the schedule in your cart is complete, “Proceed to Registration”

Checkout – Review Schedule

Review your entire schedule for the period to ensure it is correct, and that you have one class per block (or two if one is a waitlisted class). You are NOT allowed to have empty blocks in your registration. This can have negative implications on your enrollment status, your financial aid, and your tuition statement. You will also be charged a $25 dollar incomplete registration fee for each empty block in your course schedule. Make sure you are not repeating a course. Confirm the courses shown are the ones you’ve chosen. This is critical because once you click Next from the screen below, you will not be able to Drop courses until after the Registration period for ALL Students is closed. In other words, this is your FINAL opportunity to remove a course from your schedule until Registration is closed for ALL Cornell students.
If you approve of your scheduled courses, and you have one class in each block, click Next. You will then be brought to the “Finalize” screen. Click “Next” again and the message “You have successfully completed your registration for: [period]” appears. This will complete your schedule for that period.

There is no additional advisor approval process, once you have finalized your schedule, those are the classes you are in. When you think you are done, Click on “View Schedule” to see if all courses were added successfully.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What if I can’t meet with my advisor?
   You must meet with your advisor prior to registration beginning so your advisor can help you create your schedule. If you fail to meet with your advisor a hold will be put on your profile, and you will not be eligible to register until your advisor clears it with the Registrar’s office. If your advisor is off campus, and they did not direct you to consult with someone else in the department, you should meet with the department chair.

2. What if I don’t meet the requirements for a class I want to add?
   If you have errors in your selections such as not meeting the prerequisites it will show up after you click Proceed to Registration after you add a course or courses. You will need to remove those courses from your cart in order to proceed with the rest of the blocks. You can go back later to search for something else in those blocks that didn’t work. If you are planning on asking permission from the instructor that the prerequisite be waived for some reason, you will need to fill out an online add/drop form which will require instructor approval. Turn it in to the Registrar’s office once your registration time period has begun. In the meantime, add a different class to that block in case you don’t get in to the original class.
3. What if a class I want to add is full?

If a class is full, it will show a Wait button instead of Add. When you Proceed to Registration it will not actually add you to the course, but show that you are on the waitlist. If a seat opens up in the course Self-Service will automatically email the first person on the waitlist to notify them that a seat is open. That person will have 24 hours to log in to Self-Service to add the course. If they do not do so, Self-service will email the second person on the list, and so on.

4. Do I have to add all my classes at once?

You can Add courses one at a time, and click Proceed to Registration, and Finalize your selection for each class one at a time or you can add multiple courses to your cart for different sessions and click the “Proceed to Registration” once and finalize your schedule all at once.

5. Can I drop a class if I change my mind?

While this registration period is live and turned on, once you add and finalize a course for a block you can NOT drop the course. You will not be able to drop a course until after registration closes and the add/drops session begins.

6. How do I add an individual project, internship or vacation block?

Individual projects & internships both have paperwork that need to be turned in 1 week prior to the start of the block you are doing the project/internship. During registration, use a placeholder. PROJ 000 for Individual Project, or INTRN 000 for Internship. Vacation blocks are only open to seniors (use VAC 700). All non-seniors must petition to the Academic Standing Committee for a vacation block.