

Preparing for Your Advising Appointment

1. First Semester Freshmen: Attend All Required First Year Programming

(Check emails regarding Intro to Advising & Registration Basics)

2. Read About Your Major (and Minor)/Intended Major/Minor in Advance:

<http://catalog.bridgew.edu/>

Click: Academic Programs (on left of page)

Select: Major (minors listed here as well)

3. Review Your DegreeWorks:

DegreeWorks is a guide to use when planning your schedule. DegreeWorks tells you what is “Still Needed” to complete your degree and provides links to available courses with full descriptions (including any prerequisites needed).

- Go to the STUDENT PORTAL: mybsu.bridgew.edu
- Click INFOBEAR on left
- ENTER SECURE AREA and use SINGLE SIGN ON to log on
- Click: STUDENT
- Click: STUDENT RECORDS
- Click: DEGREEWORKS

CHECK YOUR CORE SKILLS FIRST. What is “Still Needed?”

In your first year you should complete:

- Writing Rhetorically: ENGL 101 (unless waived due to AP, Dual Enrollment, or Placement Test)
- Writing Rhetorically with Sources: ENGL 102 (unless waived due to AP or Dual Enrollment)
- Logical Reasoning: PHIL 111, COMP 111, or MATH 180 (*Math Majors-Need Calc 1 as a co-requisite*)
- Mathematics: (Pre-College Level Math if placed Math 090/095)
 - College Level Math: Math 105, 110, 140, 140ET, 150, 161E
 - See Placement Guide by Major: [Click Here](#)
- First Year Seminar: [Click Here](#)
- COMM 102 or THEA 210: Spoken Communication

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The remaining **Core** areas on your DegreeWorks must be completed prior to graduation. You will distribute these courses over your remaining semesters until all requirements are satisfied. You will take courses in your major as well. You can see the core advising guide [here](#).

Additional Core Requirements

- 2nd Year Seminar
- Additional Writing/Speaking Intensives
- 2 Fine Arts
- 3 Humanities
- 2 Natural Sciences (One must be a lab)
- 2 Social Sciences
- 2 Global
- 1 Multicultural
- 1 U.S Constitution
- Quantitative Skills (based on major) = **Core Skill**

Note: Many of the additional CORE classes double/triple count. You could take one history class, for example, and it may count for Humanities and Global.

Begin introductory courses in your major: If Undecided, Click “What If” on the left of the DegreeWorks Audit to explore majors and select introductory courses. Major courses may have prerequisites. If you see an asterisk* click on the course link to read about prerequisites. Speak with your Advisor regarding majors that require a formal declaration of the major.

4. Complete a Registration Form & Meet with Your Advisor

Write down the Course #, CRN, Title, Days, Times on a Registration Form

Review the form with your Advisor

[Form available here](#) (find the “Registration/Advising” form for the correct semester