

Before You Hit Send...

Before you send your course preferences, be aware of these important points:

1. Select courses that either have no prerequisite or for which you have already satisfied the prerequisite (either through transfer or AP credit); the course description will tell you what the course prerequisites are.
2. Check to be sure that you are not requesting a course for which you already have Advanced Placement or transfer credit, unless you have good reason for doing so. If you have not requested that AP or transfer credit be sent to Knox, do that right away. (Your adviser should be able to tell you at your first individual meeting whether your AP and transfer credit have been recorded on your Knox record.)
3. If you are thinking of majoring in biology and/or heading into a health-related field of study (e.g., medical school), it is best to start as a first-year student with General Chemistry I (CHEM 101) rather than with a biology course. Students generally do a bit better in their biology courses after having had chemistry, and starting with chemistry also provides better sequencing among the set of courses required for medical school. If you already have credit for Chemistry 101 and 102 from AP or International Baccalaureate exams, you may, of course, request enrollment in biology in your first term.
4. Register for zero-credit lab sections that accompany certain courses in the sciences. Be sure to check the options for lab meeting times (listed directly below the main course listing) and avoid conflicts between your chosen lab time and your other course preferences.
5. Sign up for beginning-level language courses **only if** you have no prior experience with that language. Sometimes new students who have high school credit with a second language skip the language placement exam with the intention of starting over with a language they took in high school. If this is your plan, your adviser is likely to ask you to take the language placement exam during your first days on campus anyway. It's best to take the placement test now so that you and your adviser can see whether you really should start over at the beginning.
6. You must take certain courses in both Foundations and Competencies in order to meet graduation requirements. Please be aware that there will be some slight changes in these that go into effect in the Fall of 2014. You will be able to choose whether to graduate under the requirements spelled out in the current catalog or in next fall's catalog. If you have questions about these changes, please contact askaprof@knox.edu now or talk with your faculty adviser in the fall. All other questions should be directed to askaprof@knox.edu.