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Self-Assessment and Reflection

Annual advising provides an opportunity for self-assessment and reflection. Be prepared to discuss the following during your appointment:

- What challenges and struggles impacted your academics this past year?
- What classes did you feel unprepared for? And, why?
- When did you feel successful, and what were your biggest accomplishments? And, why?
- What are your goals and interests within the degree?
- Which classes had the biggest impact on you this past year? And, how have these classes helped shape your goals for the future?
- What kinds of experiential learning (jobs, internships, research, etc.) did you participate in this past year? And, what are your plans for the coming year?

Planning Tips for Basic Science and Math Sequences

If you plan on full-time enrollment, we recommend two basic science and math courses, along with one course from the Baccalaureate Core or ENSC Core/Specialization. Full-time financial aid is 12 credits.

If you plan on part-time enrollment, we recommend one basic science and math course, along with one course from the Baccalaureate Core or ENSC Core/Specialization. Part-time is 6-8, or 9-11 credits.

All of the basic science and math sequences may be taken in person, with prior approval. The Basic Science and Math Guidelines for ENSC will help you identify appropriate courses to petition.

1. Math

Complete this EARLY in your program of study! During your orientation appointment, you were given a recommendation on what level of math to start with. This may involve repeating a course or two (e.g. MTH 111 or MTH 112). Students may take MTH 251/252, and their prerequisites, online through OSU Ecampus, Chemeketa CC* or Blue Mountain CC*. If you do not feel confident taking math online, and can take it in-person, this is highly recommended.
2. Chemistry
The ENSC Ecampus curriculum requires a full year of general chemistry (CH 121/122/123), which can be taken online all four terms through OSU Ecampus. Use caution if you plan to take the full sequence during summer term – be aware they are only taught at an accelerated pace. Refer to the summer term website for complete details.

3. Biology
The ENSC Ecampus curriculum requires a full year of biology for science majors, equivalent to the 200-level sequence at OSU (BI 211/212/213). This must be taken in person with prior approval.

If you have not received preapproval of your biology sequence, talk to your advisor BEFORE you enroll! If we have not accepted an approved sequence in transfer before, you will need to petition the biology department. Your advisor can help identify the appropriate sequence to petition.

Financial aid through OSU will not cover your biology sequence unless you have partnered with an Oregon community college and take this in-person. See the Degree Partnership Program section below for more information.

4. Physics
The ENSC Ecampus curriculum requires two terms of algebra based physics (PH 201/202), or one semester. This is not currently offered online through OSU Ecampus. Therefore, students may take physics online through Chemeketa CC* or Eastern Oregon University**, or may request preapproval to take this locally. Refer to the CAP workbook for currently known availability.

5. Statistics
The ENSC Ecampus curriculum requires two terms of ST 351/352 which may be completed through OSU Ecampus. However, you may also take the MTH 243/244 at Chemeketa CC* to meet the degree requirements, though this will transfer as lower-division credit (ST 201/202). Remember – you need 60 upper-division credits to meet graduation requirements for a B.S. degree.

*Degree Partnership Program member institution. Financial aid may be used. See section below on how to apply.

**Agreement between OSU and EOU allows students to use financial aid. Apply with EOU as a non-admitted student and register for courses of interest. Contact your advisor for the CNSRL form (Student Authorization to Share Information Between Institutions). If you have any problems with your financial aid disbursement, contact the OSU Financial Aid office.

Declaring your Specialization
Paperwork needs to be completed so your specialization appears on your student records. Your advisor can do this on your behalf. You may declare or change this at any time. However, if you have not yet declared your specialization and have completed most of your Baccalaureate Core and Basic Science & Math requirements, come prepared to your advising appointment with a chosen specialization. Currently there are 9 specialization areas for the ENSC Ecampus degree.

Internship
If you plan to do an internship for academic credit (ENSC 410) in the coming year to meet your Experiential Learning requirement, refer to the internship guidelines found on the CEOAS website.
**CAP Workbook**

The Course Availability and Prerequisite (CAP) workbook is a great course planning tool. It contains information about all courses in the ENSC major, and allows you to ‘filter’ on information of interest. There is an instruction sheet if you are unfamiliar with using it.

The current version can be found on the current student advising webpage (#5 under Preparing for your appointment), or the ENSC Advising Blackboard Organization site (under Student Resources for Success).

If you do not have MS Excel on your computer, you can download a copy of the file to your desktop; then, login to Google Drive and upload the saved desktop file; right-click on the uploaded file and open it in Google Sheets. The functionality should be the same.

If you discover any errors in the data, or have any questions about its use, please contact your advisor.

**Degree Partnership Program**

Many lower-division courses may be taken online or in-person through a degree partner school. We recommend Chemeketa CC as they offer online speech (COMM 218), physics (PH 201/202) and statistics (MTH 243/244), which all meet ENSC degree requirements.

Applications are accepted each term – apply at least a term in advance of any coursework you plan to take. Refer to the priority registration schedule for individual colleges, as these will vary from OSU.

**Prerequisite overrides**

If a course lists an ‘enforced’ prerequisite in the restriction column of the Ecampus Schedule Classes, you must have that course on your student record, or you will need to request a course override to enroll. Contact the instructor directly to request the override, if you receive a registration error and feel you have met this with prior coursework.

*For your Biosphere requirement:* Your advisor can assist you in requesting the override for BI 370, if your approved majors biology sequence did not articulate equivalent to the OSU sequence (BI 211/212/213) -- the enforced prerequisite for BI 370.

If you have finished part of the sequence and are enrolled in the last course in the sequence, you may be able to enroll for BI 370 in summer or fall terms. You will need to provide your advisor with a screenshot of your unofficial transcript showing what you have completed and/or are enrolled in for this override request to be made.

**Repeating courses**

Repeating a course may be a good strategy for improving your cumulative OSU GPA. Go to the Registrar’s website for helpful information in understanding this important regulation.