



## A DISTINCTIVE OPPORTUNITY

Transfer students will have access to registration for many courses here on campus; however, since this is your first semester at Stockton, it may be challenging to get the perfect schedule. *The good news is that your required General Studies courses can be started immediately.* You will have the opportunity to take many other courses in future semesters. Please be *flexible* and realize that we have students, faculty, and staff here to help.

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## TRANSFER FAQ - WHAT TO EXPECT AT ORIENTATION

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### WILL I BE ON MY OWN TO PICK CLASSES?

A faculty or staff advisor will assist you in choosing your courses for the semester. The advisor will not *create* a schedule for you but will help you choose courses to fulfill your degree requirements.

### HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT COURSES TO TAKE?

The curriculum will be explained at the orientation session and an advisor will help you with course selection. We will teach you how to find courses that fulfill multiple requirements. For example, a General Studies course designated as both a Writing (W1 or W2) and Values (V) course would meet one “G” course and two attribute requirements.

### WHAT IF I CAN'T GET INTO ALL THE COURSES IN MY MAJOR?

Look for courses that meet requirements for your *degree*, not just for your major. General Studies courses, cognates (courses related to your major) and courses that are unrelated to your major “at some distance” allow you to explore academic interests outside your major or earn a minor in another subject.

### ONCE THE SEMESTER BEGINS HOW DO I FIND AN ADVISOR?

A few weeks after orientation you will be assigned a Preceptor—a faculty member within your program who is qualified to guide you in developing and pursuing your academic and career goals throughout your time at Stockton. *If you are undecided as to a specific major, you will most likely be assigned a Stockton staff member to get you started.* There are two advising days set apart each semester for meeting one-on-one with your preceptor to help you plan your course schedule for the upcoming semester.

## SHOULD I TAKE ALL MY COURSES ON ONE DAY?

No. A schedule with a balance of days and times is strongly advised. Be *flexible* with times and locations of courses. Most of the courses meet on the main campus, but courses are also offered each semester at our instructional sites in Hammonton, Manahawkin, Atlantic City, and Woodbine for the convenience of students commuting from those areas.

## ARE ON-LINE COURSES AVAILABLE?

On-line and hybrid (a combination of on-line and face-to face) courses are offered every semester, many in the General Studies curriculum. But remember that, especially in your first semester at Stockton, face-to-face courses are a great way to meet new people.

## GENERAL STUDIES COURSES

General Studies at Stockton is not considered to be a mere set of introductory courses in various disciplines but an ongoing process of broadening and enriching education throughout your college career. “G” courses give you an opportunity to learn about something other than what you learn in your program courses. Take advantage of them. If you would like to review the curriculum please visit:

<http://intraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/page.cfm?siteID=245&pageID=1>

1. **General Arts and Humanities (GAH)** – courses in the visual and performing arts, literature, history, and philosophy and religion
2. **General Interdisciplinary Skills and Topics (GEN)** – courses that develop skills which can be used in a variety of areas, such as writing, public speaking, and foreign languages
3. **General Integration and Synthesis (GIS)** – junior/senior level courses that bring views and methods of several disciplines together to examine a theme or problem
4. **General Natural Science and Mathematics (GNM)** – courses in life sciences, physical sciences, and mathematics
5. **General Social and Behavioral Sciences (GSS)** – courses in social issues and problems

## TRANSFER SEMINAR COURSES

Transfer seminars are courses scheduled each term that are specifically designated for first-semester transfer students. These courses contain additional opportunities and guidance to help transfer students with their transition to Stockton. Transfer seminars are offered in some program major courses, as well as in General Studies. While transfer seminars are not mandatory, it is highly recommended that you enroll in one during your first semester, if possible.