Welcome to Rutgers and the beginning of your college career!

This booklet is a roadmap for your Academic Planning & Advising and course selection experience. It is our hope that you will use this guide to learn how to explore your academic interests and goals through the opportunities available at the School of Arts and Sciences.

Let’s get started!
Warning: Wordiness Ahead

This booklet contains a lot of words. We have added images to enhance the text, but words are the currency of education. We are hopelessly stuck with communicating important information about your education through words. Please be patient with us, read carefully, and ask good questions.

The Big Picture

School of Arts and Sciences students must earn at least **120 credits** to graduate.

You’ll earn credits by taking courses to complete the **SAS Core** Curriculum, a **major**, a **minor**, and **elective** credits.

Legend

It is important to understand the terms that we use to discuss the components of your degree, and how they interact.

**Credits**: short for “credit hours”; this is based on the number of hours per week a student is in the classroom or online learning environment.

**SAS Core**: 28 learning goals and proficiencies that all SAS students will fulfill before graduating. Each student will use a combination of courses within and beyond their major and minor to complete the SAS Core.

**Major**: a field of study chosen by a student to represent a principal interest, and within which a large portion of their credits are concentrated. **All SAS students enter their first year undeclared; most students aim to declare a major by the end of their 4th semester of study.**

**Minor**: a field of study chosen by a student to represent a secondary interest. Minors do not need to “go with” or match the major; in fact, there is a strong argument that they shouldn’t.

**Exemptions**: students completing a credit-intensive major, a double major, or admitted to the 5-year teacher education program through the Graduate School of Education are not required to complete a minor.

**Elective**: any course that does not fulfill a requirement within a student’s major, minor, or SAS Core, but earns credit toward graduation. **All students need electives to graduate.**
Match the background color of the box with the header color on one of the grids on pages 4 and 5 for first semester schedule suggestions.

Visit sasundergrad.rutgers.edu/majors for a full list of options.
Exploring Majors

These pages offer SUGGESTIONS for planning your Fall schedule; they are not prescribed schedules and should vary to accommodate your interests.

As you can see, we recommend 4-5 courses (12-16 credits).

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*For most Social Sciences & Humanities majors, request 1-2 courses from that academic department.

**Recommendations for specific majors:**
- Majors in bold on page 3: Request related foreign language course.
- Art, Dance, Music, Theater Arts: contact the appropriate MGSA department in the summer regarding portfolio review or audition. Information is available at www.masongross.rutgers.edu.
- American Studies: American Studies course, Development of US.
- Cognitive Science: General Psychology; a logic course; General Biology (for Cognitive Neuroscience track); Intro to Linguistic Theory (for Language track).
- European Studies and Medieval Studies: Development of Europe I; Emergence of Medieval Europe; Art History; foreign language.
- Psychology: Plan to take Quantitative Methods in Spring.
- Planning and Public Policy: Intro to Planning, Policy & Health; Intro to Microeconomics.
- Public Policy: Intro to Planning, Policy & Health; Intro to Microeconomics; American Government.
- Urban Planning: Intro to Microeconomics; Intro to Sociology.

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*For most Life Sciences majors, follow recommendations above. Request alternates from SAS Signature courses and/or Social Sciences, Humanities, and the Arts.

**Recommendations for specific majors:**
- Biomathematics: Calculus I for Math & Physical Sciences.
- Evolutionary Anthropology: General Biology or Intro to Geology; Intro to Human Evolution and/or Intro to Archaeology instead of General Chemistry and Calculus.
- Marine Sciences: Intro to Oceanography.
- Public Health: Intro to Planning, Policy & Health instead of General Chemistry.
- Transfer to School of Pharmacy: follow this curriculum; strongly suggest taking both sciences in Fall if you are eligible.

A note about General Physics: Students should plan to begin the General Physics sequence in the Spring or later.

Health Professions: General Biology and General Chemistry are recommended in the first term; however, it is a challenging course load for new students. Students concerned about taking a heavy science course load in their first term should speak with an adviser about options for completing their science courses. Visit the Health Professions Office website at hpo.rutgers.edu.
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**Recommendations for specific majors:**
- **Pre-business and Economics:** Calculus I and Intro to Microeconomics.
- **Exercise Science—Sport Management:** Foundations of Kinesiology & Health, Intro to Communication or Intro to Media, General Psychology or Intro to Sociology.
- **Health Administration:** Intro to Microeconomics.
- **Human Resource Management:** General Psychology, Intro to Sociology. Intro to Human Resource Mgmt in Spring.

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**Recommendations for specific majors:**
- **Cognitive Science:** General Psychology; a logic course; General Biology (for Cognitive Neuroscience track); Intro to Linguistic Theory (for Language track).
- **Computer Science:** speak to an adviser about your background in programming for course recommendation.
- **Information Technology & Informatics:** Calculus not required.
- **Physics/Astrophysics:** speak to an adviser about the appropriate Physics course for your background.
- **Statistics or Statistics/Mathematics:** Intro to Computers 110 or Intro to Computer Science 111.

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*For Spring: Engineering Orientation Lecture*

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*Be sure that you have at least two courses requested that help you to explore possible majors—that is how you decide!

**CAUTION**

You have only 3-4 semesters to decide on a major, but 8 semesters to complete the SAS Core. Focus initially on interest-based courses over courses solely for requirements.
Incorporating Electives

**Exploration is the key** to crafting a meaningful academic experience. As you review your options, you’ll notice that courses of interest may be found in unexpected places.

To get you started, we’ve created some groupings here to illustrate the surprising places you will find courses to study certain themes.

Include electives in your course requests to personalize your academic journey!

**Film & Cinema**
- Black Experience & Film Medium (Africana Studies)
- Being Human (Comparative Literature)
- Intro to Film (English)
- Shakespeare in Film (English)
- Desire in French Literature & Film (French)
- Tales of Horror (German)
- Walking in the Metropolis (Italian)
- Korean Cinema (Korean)

**Law, Justice, and Politics**
- Intro to Forensic Anthropology (Anthropology)
- Intro to Criminal Justice (Criminal Justice)
- Crime Fiction (English)
- Intro to Ethics (Philosophy)
- Nature of Politics (Political Science)
- Law & Politics (Political Science)
- General Psychology (Psychology)
- Intro to Social Justice (Social Justice)
- Intro to Sociology (Sociology)
- Social Analysis of Social Problems (Sociology)

**All’s Fair in Love and War**
- Desire in French Literature & Film (French)
- Napoleon (French)
- World War II (History)
- Introduction to Gender, Race, and Sexuality (Women’s and Gender Studies)
- War: Critical Perspectives (Women’s Studies)

**American Identities**
- Black Experience in America (Africana Studies)
- The Contemporary American (American Studies)
- Asian American Experiences (Asian Studies)
- Race, Place, and Space in American History (History)
- American Jewish History (Jewish Studies)
- Immigrant States (Latino Studies)
- Minority Groups in American Society (Sociology)
- Introduction to Gender, Race, and Sexuality (Women’s & Gender Studies)

**Business**
- Intro to Microeconomics (Economics)
- Intro to Ethics (Philosophy)
- Intro to International Relations (Political Science)
- General Psychology (Psychology)
- Intro to Health Administration (Health Administration)
- Intro to Labor Studies & Employment (Labor Studies)
- Finance for Personal & Professional Success (Labor Studies)
- Work and Society (Labor Studies)
- Youth and Work (Labor Studies)

**The Power of Language**
- Language & Society in Africa, Middle East & South Asia (AMESALL)
- Extinction (Anthropology Signature Course)
- Intro to Linguistic Anthropology (Anthropology)
- Language, Power & the Power of Language (Arts & Sciences)
- Language and Identity in Modern China (Chinese)
- Being Human (Comparative Literature)
- Intro to the Study of Language (Linguistics)

*Rutgers offers courses in over 25 foreign languages!*

**Studies**
- Administration
- Arts
- Business
- Science
- Social Science
- World Languages
- Law
- Ethnic Studies
- Gender Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- History
- Languages
- Literature
- Film
- Film Studies
**Antiquity**

*Offerings in Classics, History, and Religion, plus:*
- Classical Lit. of Africa, Middle East & South Asia (AMESALL)
- Extinction (Anthropology Signature Course)
- Intro to Archaeology (Anthropology)
- Intro to Art History (Art History)
- Greek & Roman Mythology (Classics)
- Jewish Society and Culture (Jewish Studies)

**Technology & Data**

- Intro to Computers & Their Applications (Computer Science)
- Intro to Multimedia Composition (English)
- Maps, Power, and Digital Age (Geography)
- Intro to Meteorology (Meteorology)
- Intro to Media (Communication & Media)
- Information Technology & Informatics (Communication & Media)
- Structure of Information (Communication & Media)

**Health Professions**

- Intro to Human Evolution (Anthropology)
- Art and Medicine (Art History)
- Being Human (Comparative Literature)
- Current Moral & Social Issues (Philosophy)
- Intro to Ethics (Philosophy)
- General Psychology (Psychology)
- Sociology of Medicine & Health Care (Sociology)

**Around the World in 80 Days A Semester**

- Literary Egypt (AMESALL)
- Classical Lit. of Africa, Middle East & South Asia (AMESALL)
- Intro to the Literatures of Africa (AMESALL)
- Intro to Literatures of the Middle East (AMESALL)
- Women Writers of South Asia (AMESALL)
- Anthropology of Latin America (Anthropology)
- Art of India (Art History)
- Intro World Literature (Comparative Literature)
- Maps, Power, and Digital Age (Geography)
- Women & Gender in Africa (History)
- The Making of Modern India & Pakistan (History)
- Walking in the Metropolis (Italian)
- Sports in Latin America & the Caribbean (Latin American Studies)
- Intro to Modern Middle East (Middle Eastern Studies)
- Religion in Asia (Religion)

**I can take a class on that?!**

- Crime Fiction (English)
- Intro to the Graphic Novel (English)
- Maps, Power and Digital Age (Geography)
- Tales of Horror (German)
- Italian Culture (Italian)
- Sports in Latin America and the Caribbean (Latino Studies)
- Hero’s Quest: Religion, Myth & Harry Potter (Religion)
- Sociology of Food and Eating (Sociology)

**Current Events**

- The Contemporary American (American Studies)
- Global Climate System (Geography)
- Maps, Power & the Digital Age (Geography)
- Sea Change: Rise & Fall of Sea Level & the Jersey Shore (Geology Signature Course)
- Oil and Gold: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly (Geology)
- Intro to Modern Middle East (Middle Eastern Studies)
- Current Moral & Social Issues (Philosophy)
- Intro to International Relations (Political Science)
- Religions Now: 21st Century Controversies (Religion Signature Course)
- Intro to Social Justice (Social Justice)

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Review the separate **SAS Signature Course, Byrne Seminars, and First Year Interest Group Seminars** booklets to finalize your course requests!
Thinking ahead to the Fall….

It’s no secret that college students struggle in their first year; academically, socially, and logistically, Rutgers is an exciting, but sometimes overwhelming, place. Advisers are here to help you navigate, make sense of the road signs, and identify opportunities. We look forward to welcoming you into our community and helping you to achieve your goals here at the School of Arts and Sciences.

Once you have passed mile marker 5 and submitted your course requests, you’ll be on cruise control. While you are enjoying your summer, the Deans will review your selections, consider placement levels, AP scores, etc., and use the courses available to create a Fall schedule for you.

Your schedule will be released online on August 20th; you will receive instructions that week on how to access and read it.

Once you receive your schedule, you may want to make adjustments to times and locations, or even change courses. We understand and want to support you in taking the wheel on your academic journey.

Join the First-Year Deans one day before classes begin—Monday, September 4th—to learn how to make schedule changes efficiently and practically. We understand that you haven’t driven this route before and will offer good advice on the best ways to get you where you’re going!

What R U doing this summer?

Your advisers encourage you to use your summer to refuel, work, or spend time with friends and family! We do not recommend summer courses, but if you are considering them, please contact us. Any summer classes MUST be preapproved or you risk the credits not transferring.

Go to tinyurl.com/ruthinkingofsummer to see our blog post on summer classes and email us with questions!

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