Welcome to Franklin Pierce University! Soon you will receive a separate information packet with specific information on course selection and registration, but here is a brief overview of what classes you might expect to take in your first semester at Franklin Pierce. We strive to provide comprehensive information in the course registration packet and online; however, we are available to discuss your choices individually.

For personal assistance with your first semester course schedule:

- **On-campus meeting:** Contact the Admissions Office to make an appointment with a faculty or staff advisor. Advisors will meet with you to discuss your major interests and help you build a course schedule appropriate to your academic interests.

- **Phone conference:** Call the Admissions Office for assistance with general questions. Admissions Counselors and Advising Specialists are available most days to assist you.

You will be able to access course information and register for appropriate first-semester courses online. Franklin Pierce University is on a two-semester calendar. Full-time students take 12–16 credits each semester, a credit load that represents four to six courses. Your first semester schedule will likely consist of the following courses:

- **First Year Inquiry Seminar**
  All first year students and freshman level transfer students take this 3-credit course. In this course, students foster the skills of inquiry and analysis, as well as informational literacy. In addition, students engage in a number of learning opportunities to explore majors and careers. Each section of the course has a unique theme defined by an overarching question, which is designed by faculty to introduce you to the ideas and concepts of the course through a specific academic field or area of interest. The current list of themes will be available online soon and further information will be available in your registration packet.

- **General & Liberal Education coursework**
  Most students take a required writing course in the first semester and a required math course in the first year of study. Two additional courses meeting General & Liberal Education requirements are recommended for the first year. At least one of these courses might be taken in the first semester. We can assist you in choosing classes based on a number of factors including your SAT/ACT scores; any AP, CLEP, or transfer credit you are bringing in; your schedule outside of academics (including athletics), and your desired major area(s) of study.

- **Courses in your potential major(s)**
  You may already know exactly what you want to major in, or you may be considering a few different areas of study. You may even be completely undecided at this time. Wherever you are in your decision-making process, we can help you identify appropriate first-semester courses to begin in your academic major right away or allow you to explore multiple areas of interest.

- **Elective courses**
  For most Franklin Pierce students, approximately one-third of the courses they take over their four years are electives. These may include courses in a second major (including Education), courses in a minor or certificate program, or courses unrelated to a student’s major which he or she takes to explore/enhance other interests. For your first semester, we can help you identify an elective course that allows you to explore your interests in a variety of academic areas.

Please use the information you receive in your registration packet to select your first-semester classes, or plan to seek assistance from an advisor during an on-campus visit or phone conference. Don’t hesitate to call us at (800) 437-0048 if you have any questions about course selection or visiting campus.
Once your course registration has been processed, you will be able to view it online. Instructions will be provided during the registration process. In the online environment, each course will have a link identified as “Look up course textbooks.” When you click on this link, you will be provided with textbook information including title, author, publisher, and ISBN number. You can use this information to purchase or rent your textbooks at the Franklin Pierce University Bookstore or a retailer of your choice.

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