

New Student Orientation

Lyman Briggs College
Pre-NSO Modules



What we will cover today:

1. Math Placement Testing
2. Foreign Language Placement Testing
3. Course Planning
4. Next Steps



Math Placement Testing:

- Math Placement:
 - You **MUST** take your math placement **BEFORE** NSO.
 - **REMEMBER...** Everyone starts in the course that is best for their success at MSU.
 - This is important! Take your time, and take the test seriously.
 - You can take it multiple times before NSO.
 - If you have a 28 on the math portion of the ACT or 660 on the SAT math, you do not need to take the math placement exam.
 - Scores must have been sent to MSU.



Foreign Language Placement Testing:

Foreign Language Placement:

- Not required, but based on your interests.
- Available for French, German, and Spanish.
- Exemptions are provided; however, there is no harm in taking the placement test.
- You will consult with a language advisor either during or after NSO.



Course Planning:

- **Major and Minor Requirements:**

- Declare your major by junior standing (56 credits).
- You can have multiple majors and/or minors.
- Pre-health and pre-vet tracks are NOT considered majors.
- Some majors have admissions requirements.

- **Elective/Exploratory:**

- You can take elective courses this year.
- They may help you determine your interests.
- Electives can lead to majors or minors.
- Electives are often needed to reach 120 credits for graduation.



Building your Curriculum

(what to take in your 1st year)

Mathematics is KEY for determining where you start in the sciences. Take your Placement exams!

Chemistry is a foundational science, preparing you for biology and organic chemistry.

General education prerequisites are important building blocks.



Pacing your Curriculum

Tier I writing should be taken during your first year.

Balance University requirements with major and college requirements throughout your time at MSU.

Meet with your advisor if you need help planning or revising your schedule.

Think long-term when you're planning!



Next steps:

1. Continue completing modules.
2. Complete ALL modules at least 1 week before your orientation date.
3. Review activities and resources for this module.
4. Check your MSU email regularly.
 - We will send you an email providing the specific time during your NSO date that you will meet with an advisor via zoom.
5. Complete placement testing.
6. Come back to this module, as needed, when you are completing your NSO homework.

