

Class of 2024,

We hope that you have been having a wonderful summer and are eager to begin your first semester at Meredith in just a few weeks! We know that you have been anxiously awaiting your first Meredith schedule, and we thank you very much for your patience and for all of the wonderful information you provided to us about your academic and career goals.

You can view your course schedule within MyMeredith (see the instructions below for accessing your schedule). Your schedule has been carefully crafted by a team of enrollment professionals. As discussed at StartStrong, we took into account many different variables when building your schedule, including your major areas of interest, career goals, areas of exploration, general education preferences, placement results, schedule restrictions, course time desires, program/team requirements, earned college credits, online vs. face-to-face, and more. We also collaborated with department heads, academic advisers, and deans to make sure that your schedule best fits your interests. Please know that we did our best to honor as many requests as possible.

If you requested a fully online schedule or are considering doing so, please note that not all courses are offered remotely. With a fully remote schedule you may not have any courses in your major interest area. Your schedule may consist of all general education courses, **and that is OKAY**. If you have questions about your major please consult with your faculty adviser.

You may want to refer to the following frequently asked questions as you review your schedule.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I access my class schedule online?

A: Simply log in to MyMeredith at my.meredith.edu using your NetID and password and visit WebAdvisor.* Once logged in, visit the Student Menu and click on Student Planning (located beneath the "Academic Planning" subheading). There, you may view your Fall 2020 schedule.

Please note that, while it is possible for freshmen to drop courses, it is not possible for freshmen to add courses. Therefore, please do not drop any courses! Dropping courses might also have a negative impact on your financial aid eligibility. If you need to request a change to your schedule, please fill out the [Freshman Course Change Request form](#) or wait until Orientation when you have a chance to meet your faculty adviser.

**If you are having difficulty with logging in to MyMeredith, please reach out to Technology Services at helpdesk@meredith.edu.*

Q: What if I want more online or more face-to-face courses?

A: As mentioned above, please know that not all courses are offered in both modalities (100% online or face-to-face via lecture or hybrid). Based on your interests, credits you're bringing to Meredith, and times of classes (just to name a few), it may not be possible to add more face-to-face courses at this time. Likewise, if you need a fully-online schedule, you may have to take a course that's not in your major at this time or a different general education requirement from what you had originally planned.

However, the good news is that seats will begin to shift before and during the add/drop period (first five days of class), so you will still have an opportunity to get seats in courses that may currently be closed. If you have questions or would like to submit a change request, please use the [Freshman Course Change Request form](#). If your request can be honored, it will be!

Q: I'm nervous about online courses. Are there resources to help?

Yes! **On August 7th**, Meredith's Tech Services will make the MC Virtual Backpack accessible to all students via Brightspace (where all of your courses' content are). Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to:

- Understand your readiness to be an online student.
- Understand how online classes work and what will be expected of you as an online student.
- Identify academic and student service resources available to you as an online student.
- Have a plan for how to succeed when your online class begins.



Q: Am I registered for general education courses?

A: Almost every course on a freshman schedule satisfies either a general education requirement, a major requirement, or both! To review how your courses fit into your degree plan, visit the “My Progress” section of Student Planning.

Q: What if I did not complete my foreign language testing (and was eligible to do so)?

A: If you didn't complete your first round of foreign language testing (the French or Spanish placement tests on MyMeredith) and were eligible to do so, then you were either placed in an introductory language based on your StartStrong registration form responses or you are not in a foreign language course this semester.

If you qualified for Additional Testing and have not yet done so, there will be an opportunity to take it in person at Orientation. A faculty member will assess your results, communicate them with you, and you will make any necessary schedule adjustments thereafter in consultation with your adviser.

Q: What is FYE 100?

A: FYE 100, First Year Experience is a class that facilitates a successful transition for women entering higher education and is strongly recommended for all students during their first year. Even if you have transferred a large number of credits into Meredith, you are still strongly encouraged to and could greatly benefit from taking FYE. By doing so, you will participate in the freshman StrongPoints experience and will begin your own personal strengths development.

Q: I have a physical education (PED) course. Does it really meet for only half a semester?

A: Yes! Please pay careful attention to the dates associated with all courses, particularly PED courses. Your PED course will either meet for the first half of the semester or for the second half, so don't show up to the wrong one! Also, please note that some PED courses are online this semester due to Covid-19.

Q: Why was I placed into a Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) course?

A: FCS-290 is an introductory class for students interested in fashion merchandising, interior design, child development and/or family and consumer sciences.

Q: I love my schedule but would like to make a change. How do I do so?

A: If you'd like to make a change to your schedule, speak with your faculty adviser: You can also fill out the [Freshman Course Change Request form](#). Your submission will be reviewed by a staff member in the Office of Academic Advising who will reach out to you soon via your Meredith email address.

Q: I love my schedule but would like more/fewer credits. What should I do?

A: Keep in mind that, for numerous reasons, the ideal schedule has 14-18 credit hours. If you would like more hours (up to 18), please use the [Freshman Course Change Request form](#) and let us know what you're thinking. If you don't have an activity course (PED or DAN), this might be a good place to start. If you need help finding a course or two, we're happy to help you via the form.

If you'd like fewer credits, we **strongly** advise you to attend all courses during the first week of class and *then* decide if you'd like to drop credits. You have a full week of add/drop time in which you can change courses at will. So, it's better to have more than enough credits now and drop them later than vice versa!

Again, thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to customize a college schedule just for you. We look forward to seeing you in just a few weeks!

Sincerely,

The Meredith College First-Year Enrollment Team