Students share their thoughts on registration

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As we approach registration season, students at the university are beginning to plan for their summer and fall classes.

The race for course seats begin, as class schedules are now available.

Undergraduate students must meet with their faculty advisor before their registration day to acquire the necessary registration PIN.

"A common misconception is that students can meet with any advisor to get their PIN," Christine Barrett, Associate Director of Academic and Career Advising said. "But PINs can only be given by your assigned faculty advisor."

Barrett also advises that students add classes to their cart ahead of time, in order to be prepared for registration.

"Try to register on your priority registration date so you get the best choice of classes," Barrett said.

However, if a student misses their registration date, they are still capable of registering at a later date but will likely be met with fewer class options.

Summer registration opens for all students on March 20 at 8 a.m..

No advisor PIN is required for the registration of summer courses.

Summer courses offer students the opportunity to get ahead, catch up or explore new electives.

Fall registration is more structured and runs from March 31 to April 31.

Students are assigned registration dates based on credits earned and academic status.

Graduate students and seniors with graduate program acceptances register first, followed by seniors, juniors, sophomores, continuing freshmen and non-degree seeking students.

It is important that before registration opens, students check their priority registration date through their student profile on MySCSU.

It is important to only look at credits earned and not degree works.

As degree works includes credits in progress that do not count towards credit standing.

Finance major Luis Duran, a junior, shared his experience with the process.

"I think trying to navigate Degree Evaluation on your own can be difficult, especially with prerequisites," Duran said. "But I meet with my faculty and they are very helpful."

Meeting with your advisor is crucial for not only getting your PIN to ensure that students stay on track with their degree and navigating any changes in requirements and prerequisites.

One concern brought up by students is the lack of class availability. Biology major Alex de Andrade, a junior, said she agrees with this strongly.

"I need more sections of my classes. It is very difficult to find the classes I need," De Andrade said.

She mentioned that some courses that are necessary for students are not always prioritized, making it difficult to stay on track.

Some have also voiced frustration over the dwindling amount of on-ground classes as opposed to hybrid or asynchronous courses.

While they can provide convenience and flexibility for some students, many struggle to thrive when not in person.

Before registration opens students are encouraged to use the Schedule Planner tool on MySCSU.

This tool allows users to select preferred courses and time blocks, generate multiple schedule options and send the best one to their registration cart.

On registration day, students can simply return to their cart and click "Register."

While registration can feel overwhelming preparing early, meeting with your advisors and using available tools can help things go smoothly throughout the process.

Staying informed and organized is the best way for students to set themselves up for success for the summer and fall semesters.



The Academic Advising Center in Room 102 in Buley Library on March 13.



Biology major Alex De Andrade, a junior.



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Finance major Luis Duran, a junior.

Midterm exams get mixed reactions from students



Psychology major Terez Johnson, a freshman.



Computer science major Hunter Juhjaz.



Healthcare studies major Abby Buckley, a junior.



Healthcare studies major RJ Fricke, a freshman.

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With midterm exams in full swing, students express their concerns as well as their excitement pertaining to what kinds of midterms they will have.

Computer science and business administration major Hunter Juhjaz, a freshman, said that he feels midterm check-ins are necessary to a certain degree depending on the type of material.

"Midterms whether it be an exam or project, some could be acceptable and it really depends on the workflow of the class," Juhjaz said.

Hunter expresses his nervousness for his midterms being a bit too spaced out and how preparation and studying for them can be challenging

"Definitely take advantage of every resource that you have here, take advantage of CASAS, take advantage of tutors and go to office hours," Juhjaz said.

Psychology major Terez Johnson, a freshman, said he is feeling pretty good as well as confident for his midterm exams. He said he has a couple exams but feels like he can ace them.

Terez explains how the impact can be positive because students are then more prepared and more focused on getting their work done, especially before the midterm because of how important they are in terms of grading.

"I'm looking forward to it because I feel like I've done good in all my classes all year, so I feel like it shouldn't be hard. I actually think they're gonna boost my grades," Johnson said.

Healthcare studies major RJ Fricke, a freshman, said he only has one actual quiz, otherwise his workload just contains several smaller assignments.

However, he did express his nervousness about one of them, but he assured himself by stating he is ready.

He points out downfalls such as not preparing for exams, but with also some reassuring words expressing how something like that could happen on a quiz if you "don't study".

"I love the projects and assignments because I feel like I can really take the time to put the time into it and really boost my grade," Fricke said. "It keeps my things in check and having these check-ins keep myself where I want to be in in school and in life"

Healthcare studies major Abby Buckley, a junior, said she does not have any midterm exams. However, she has a lot of tests that are not necessarily considered midterm exams.

Buckley said she believes that midterms can be important because they can boost your grade significantly, taking into account how they can be and usually are more cumulative than just a regular test.

"So I think that that's a positive, but a drawback of them would definitely be that they are weighted so heavily that if your class doesn't take them, then you're either missing out on those points, but it can be a good or bad thing," Buckley said.

Midterm grades for this semester are set to be due on the eighth week of classes and final exams are set to take place on May 11-17.

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