

Important Information for Students Interested in Entering the Junior Core Early

IMPORTANT NOTE: All requests are considered on a case-by-case basis and are subject to space availability. In some instances, even when the requirements listed below have been met, your request may be denied.

1. The privilege of entering the Junior Core early may be granted Spring semester of your sophomore year only, if you have completed the following requirements:
 - a. You are a student who is in residence at University Park and enrolled in “BA” or “DUS.”
 - b. You have completed all entrance-to-major courses and an approved freshman seminar by the end of the Fall semester of your sophomore year.
 - c. You have achieved a grade of “C” or higher in all entrance-to-major courses.
 - d. You have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 by the end of the Fall semester of your sophomore year.
 - e. You have met with your academic advisor to discuss taking the Junior Core a semester early.
2. After meeting with your advisor, contact the Junior Core Office to get added to the Angel group “Early Entrance to the Junior Core”. You may phone 814-865-2673, email: core@smeal.psu.edu, or come to the Junior Core Office in 202C Business Building. Once added to the Angel group, take the early entrance quiz. If you score 100% on the quiz, you will automatically be on the list of students requesting early entrance into the Junior Core. The quiz is for information gathering only - it does not test your knowledge in the entrance to major courses.
3. You must follow Junior Core policy and take the correct pair of Junior Core courses first. The correct pair will correspond to the major you will be entering:

<u>These majors take BA 301 and BA 304 FIRST:</u>	<u>These majors take BA 302 and BA 303 FIRST:</u>
Accounting (ACCTG)	BA Economics (BA EC)
Actuarial Science (ACTSC)	Mgmt Info Systems (M I S)
Finance (FIN)	Marketing (MKTG)
Management (MGMT)	Supply Chain & Info Systems (SC&IS)
4. You may request specific sections of Junior Core courses, but there will be no guarantees of availability for specific sections.
5. When creating the remainder of your Spring schedule, you should schedule at least 8 credit hours (so when the 2 Junior Core classes are added, you will be in full time status). Also, leave slots open where the Junior Core courses would fit in your schedule.
6. The Junior Core Office will add the Junior Core classes to your schedule on a CONDITIONAL basis after the late drop period has ended. (around the 3rd week in November). After the Fall grades have been posted, if it is determined you did not achieve a “C” or higher in your entrance to major courses, or achieve a 3.0 GPA, the Junior Core classes will be dropped from your Spring schedule.
7. You will not be notified when the Junior Core courses are added to your schedule. It is your responsibility to check your schedule and make sure they have been added. However, if there are any problems with your schedule, we will contact you via your Penn State email account.
8. Once the Junior Core courses have been added to your schedule, you will not be able to switch sections on your own because you don’t meet the controls for these courses. You may call the Junior Core office at 865-2673 or email core@smeal.psu.edu to make section changes. We will not make section changes until all early entrant candidates have been scheduled. Also, please note that you will not be switched to a section that is full.
9. When it comes time to schedule your next pair of Junior Core courses (either in Summer or Fall), you will need to contact the Junior Core Office to schedule the appropriate pair for you. Because you are entering the Junior Core early, you will be considered “out of sequence” and you will not meet the controls for scheduling the other pair. As soon as it is your time to schedule, call the Junior Core office at 865-2673 or email core@smeal.psu.edu so we may assist you in scheduling the next Junior Core pair.