

# PLANNING for REGISTRATION

Office of the Registrar

Reed College, Summer 2025

# Do Your Research!

- Read through the [Reed College Catalog](#) for course descriptions, major listings, and degree requirements.
- Explore the [Schedule of Classes](#) for class meeting days/times, locations, and instructor(s).
- Be sure to take online [placement tests](#) over the summer.
- If you've taken AP or IB classes, you may find the [first-year student credit guide](#) helpful in determining how these credits may apply to your degree requirements.

# Complete the Planner!

## Part 1

### Tips for Completing the Schedule Planner

- HUM 110 is required in your first year. Plan to take it with the same instructor in fall and spring.
- Plan to take a course or courses that satisfy Group Distribution Requirements.
- Some majors require that you get started in that department right away. The Advising Handbook has sample schedules to assist with academic planning.

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## Part 2

More tips for Completing the [Schedule Planner](#)

- Some courses have multiple components, such as lectures and labs. Keep track of these separate components/meeting times on your Schedule Planner.
- Have second and third choice courses in mind in case classes fill. You can also add yourself to a waitlist.
- Plan to take Physical Education classes - they are a degree requirement.

# Who will help?

- Each student will have both a registration coach and an academic advisor who are members of the faculty.
- For some students the registration coach and the academic advisor will be the same person, for others there will be two different people to support you.
- Students will meet with their registration coach over Zoom in August to plan which courses to take for the first year.
- Each student will attend a 30-minute advising appointment during orientation week to make longer term plans and learn about academic support at Reed.

# What's Next?!

- You will receive an email on July 1 with the name(s) of your registration coach and academic advisor.
- This email will include instructions about scheduling a Zoom registration session between August 4-14.
- Before that Zoom session students will receive a video on to learn the nuts and bolts of registration online via SOLAR.
- Attend your 30-minute Zoom session and bring your completed Schedule Planner!
- Remember to get your 6 digit SOLAR PIN from your registration coach.
- Register online at [solar.reed.edu](https://solar.reed.edu) when registration begins on Monday August 18.

# What's After That?!

- You will meet with your academic advisor on Thursday Aug 28 during Orientation-week.
- Attend your 30-minute meeting and be ready to think big and explore your future at Reed!
- Bring your 4-year plan if you have one.
- Consider the possibilities of study abroad.
- SOLAR will still be open so you will be able to make changes to your schedule if your plan changes.

Just so  
you know!

- 1 Reed unit = 4 semester credits at other schools.
- 3.5 units = 14 semester credits. That's a good start for your first semester.
- The maximum course load is 4.5 units each semester.
- SOLAR will remain open for you to make changes, but all students should be registered for a full course load by Aug 21.
- SOLAR closes on August 28 at 5:00 pm.
- ADD/DROP begins September 2 – check the [Registrar's Office](#) webpage for more information.