

How do I choose my first semester classes?

STEP 1 Find your academic placements in English and Math.

- **MATH:** Check your Academic Planning sheet sent to you from the [GRCC Academic Advising & Transfer Center](#) as part of your orientation to see if math is required. Take [ALEKS](#) (math placement test) in your online center if it is.
- **ENGLISH:** Check your Academic Planning sheet sent to you from the [GRCC Academic Advising & Transfer Center](#) as part of your orientation.

(Can't find your Academic Planning sheet? Email us at advising@grcc.edu to get a copy.)

STEP 2 Determine your goal.

- I am still **deciding** on an academic goal (including knowing you want to transfer but are still deciding on what degree you want to earn after GRCC).
- I know I want to **transfer for a specific degree** after GRCC.
- I know I want to **earn a certificate/degree** and do not plan to transfer.

STEP 3 Use your resources.

GOAL	RESOURCE	DIRECTIONS
Deciding	Academic Pathways	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choose the Academic Pathway you want to explore. 2. Choose two or more Priority I classes.
Transfer	Pre-Major (any program with the "pre" prefix)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choose the Pre-Major you want to follow. 2. Choose two or more classes you want to take.
Earn a certificate/degree	Certificate/Degree (any program without the "pre" prefix)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choose the Certificate/Degree you want to follow. 2. Choose two or more classes you want to take.

STEP 4 Determine full time or part time.

- Working 30-40 or more hours a week? We recommend taking 2 classes
- Working 29 or less hours a week? We recommend taking 4-5 classes
- For every hour you are in a class, you need 2-3 hours of time set aside outside of class to complete all of your work and be successful!

STEP 5 Decide on classes and enroll!

Your first semester should include:

GOAL	RECOMMENDED CLASSES If part time, choose TWO classes to start with.
Deciding	ENGLISH (based on placement) MATH (based on placement) Priority I class Priority I class
Transfer	ENGLISH (based on placement) MATH (based no placement) Pre-Major program course Pre-Major program course
Earn a certificate	Program courses - choose number of courses based on full or part time
Earn a degree	ENGLISH (based on placement) MATH (based no placement) Program course Program course

[Enroll in classes](#) and set up an [Academic Advising appointment](#) in fall 2020!