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2018-19 NEW STUDENT GUIDE

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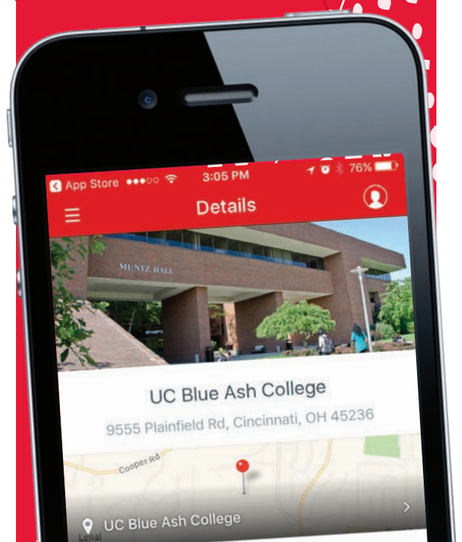
Welcome

We are glad to have you at UC Blue Ash College.

Please use this checklist to ensure you have everything completed during orientation and after in order to begin classes next semester. This New Student Handbook contains valuable information to help you be successful in your first year and beyond.

DOWNLOAD OUR APP
to stay informed about orientation and UC Blue Ash College.

- Search for "Bearcat App" in your app store or Google Play.
- Open the Bearcat App and search for UC Blue Ash College.
- Download our guide and stay connected.



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Orientation Checklist

Name:	*Major:*
Username:	*M#:*
Advisor:	*Advisor Contact:*

Check-In:
- ☐ Username and Password Set-Up
- ☐ Bearcat Card photo (Student ID)
- ☐ Parking Permit
- ☐ Verify Major
- ☐ Connect with Campus Resources

During Orientation:
- ☐ Learn about getting connected, the business of being a student, and college academic success during the **Welcome Sessions**.
- ☐ Note where all of the resources on campus are during your **Campus Tour**.
- ☐ Connect with peers during the **Peer Small Group** and ask your SOLs questions.

During Advising & Registration:
- ☐ Participate in **Advising Overview** presentation.
- ☐ Find your academic advisor; list them above.
- ☐ Verify your schedule with your advisor; they initial here: _____
- ☐ Register for classes.
- ☐ Print two copies of your schedule (one goes to your advisor).
- ☐ Complete Post-Orientation Survey found in your student email. (Sign into email with username and password at *ucmail.uc.edu*.)
- ☐ Check out: pick up ID in One Stop Lobby.

Before the First Day of Class:
- ☐ Register for and attend Convocation.
- ☐ Confirm Financial Aid.
- ☐ Pay your bill.
- ☐ Waive or pay health insurance.
- ☐ Login to UC Email and Blackboard. (Check for updates and important information from UC and professors.)
- ☐ Purchase laptop. (Go to *ucblueash.edu/laptop* for more information.)
- ☐ Purchase books.
- ☐ Find your classrooms.

Still have questions?
Contact Student Life & Engagement at (513) 745-5773 or *BAStdLfe@uc.edu*.

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Laptop Requirement

UCBA students will need a laptop computer that runs either Windows or Macintosh operating systems and can be brought to class when required for in-class computer usage. This laptop requirement ensures you will have adequate and timely access to the electronic resources necessary to be a successful UCBA student. Chromebooks or tablets cannot access all of the electronic educational material used at UCBA, so they are therefore not considered a suitable replacement.

Please note that UCBA's Emedia and Art and Visual Communications programs have more specific laptop requirements which can be found on their programs' pages. Students enrolling in transfer programs should also consider any laptop requirements of their intended transfer program.

Specifications for Windows Laptops

Feature	*Minimum*	*Preferred*
Processor	Intel Core i3	Intel Core i5 or i7
Memory	4GB	8GB
Hard Disk	256 GB HD	256 GB SSD
USB (2 or more)	USB2	USB3 or USB3.1 type C
Wireless	802.11 N	802.11 AC
Operating System	Windows 7	Windows 10
Screen	12 inch screen	15 inch screen

Specifications for Macintosh Laptops

Feature	*Minimum*	*Preferred*
Operating System	OS X 10.11	OS X 10.13
Memory	8GB	8GB
Screen	12 inch screen	13 inch or larger screen
Processor	Intel Core i5	Intel Core i7
Wireless	802.11 N	802.11 AC
USB/Thunderbolt		

Get Social With Us!

Stay up-to-date with the latest event information, photos, videos and stories about UC Blue Ash College. We're active on social media, and can't wait to get social with you!

UCBANOW!

Check out UCBA*NOW*: The UC Blue Ash College News Center for news, events, stories, galleries, videos and more – it's everything you need to stay connected! *ucblueash.edu/now*

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facebook.com/ucblueash

Watch our YouTube channel
youtube.com/ucblueash

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Share your moments with us
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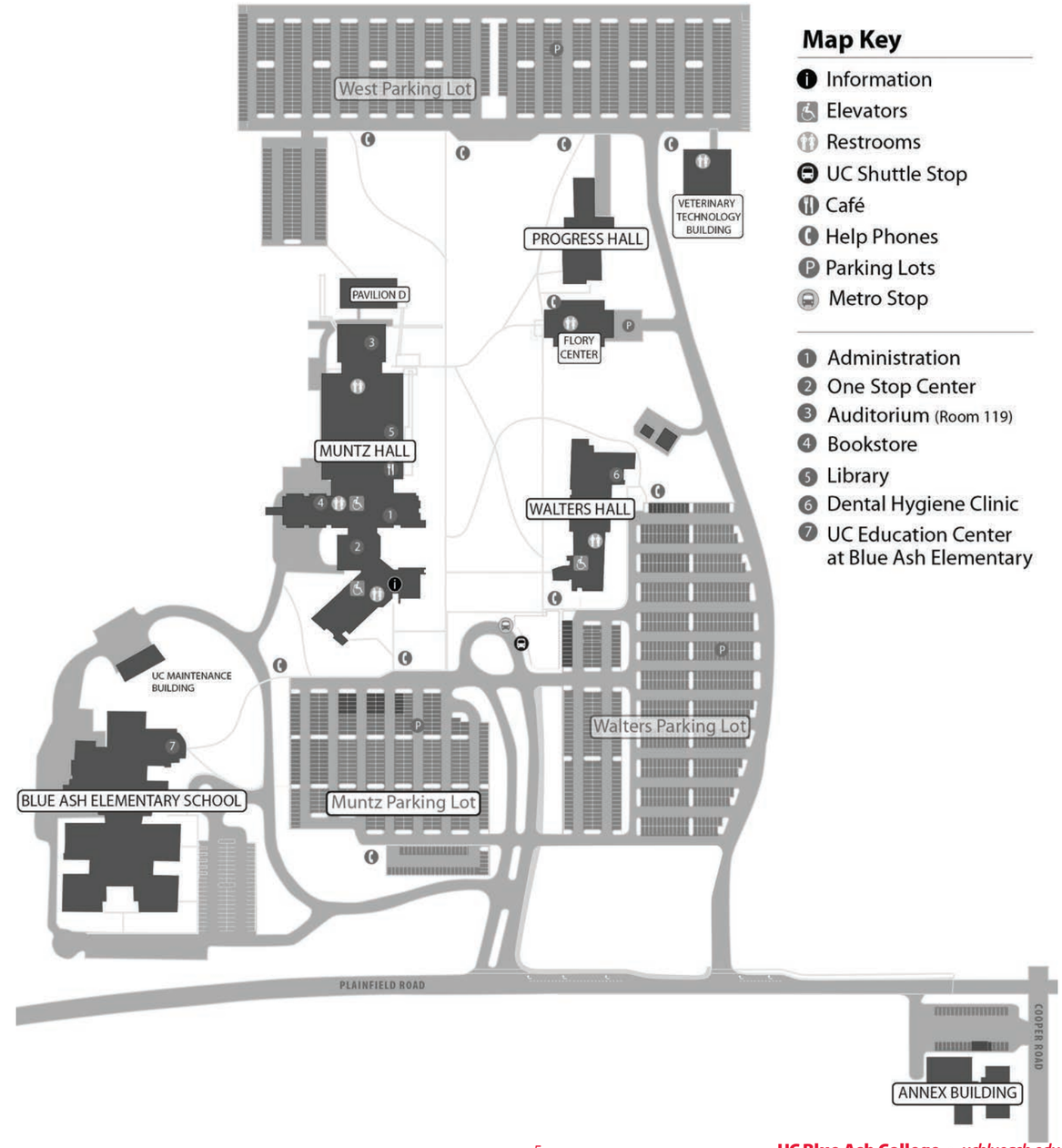
MAPS

Campus Map



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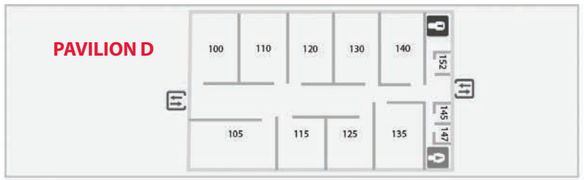

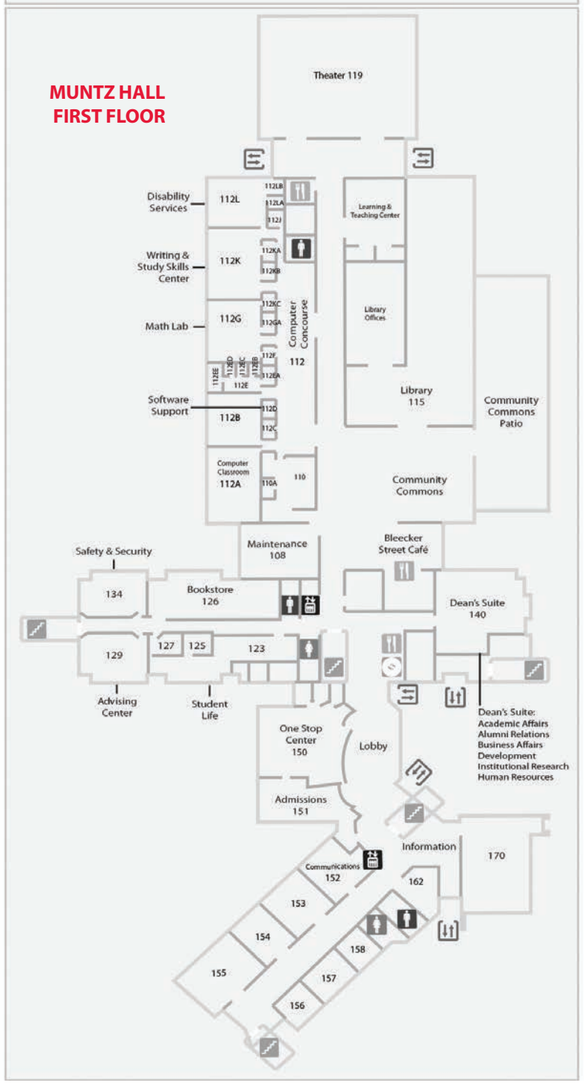

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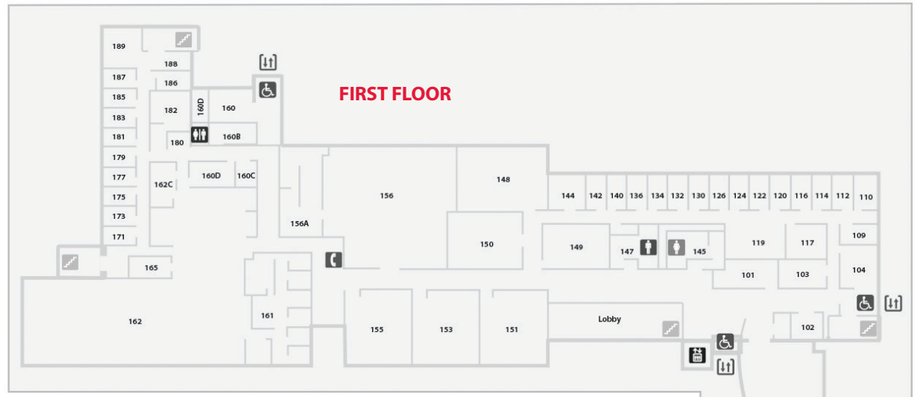

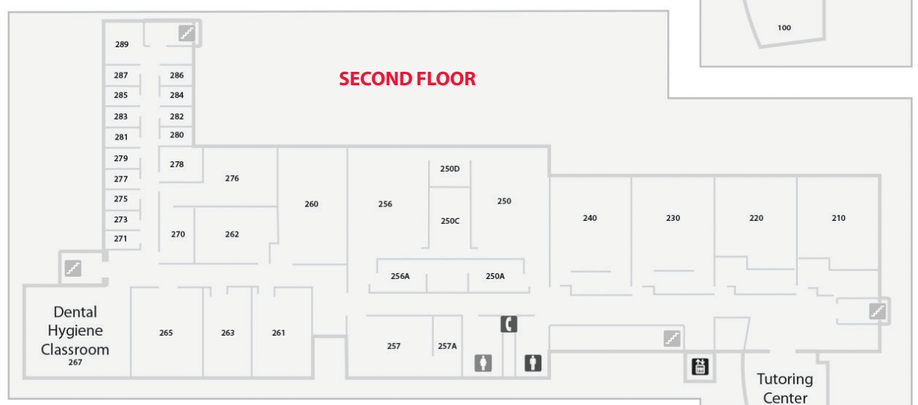

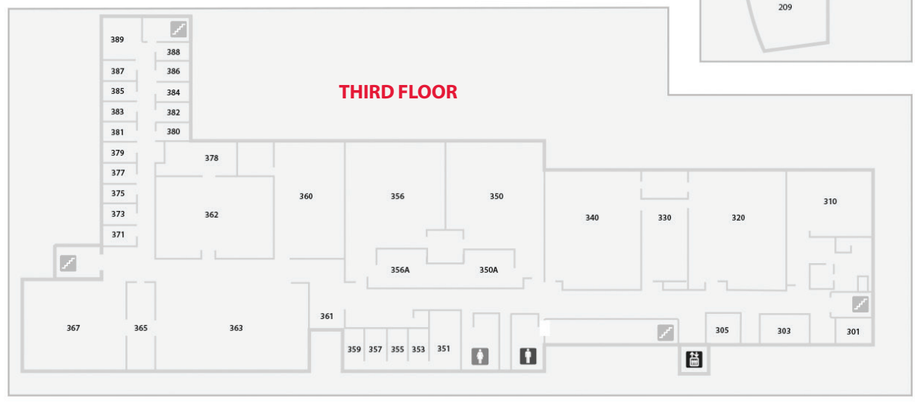

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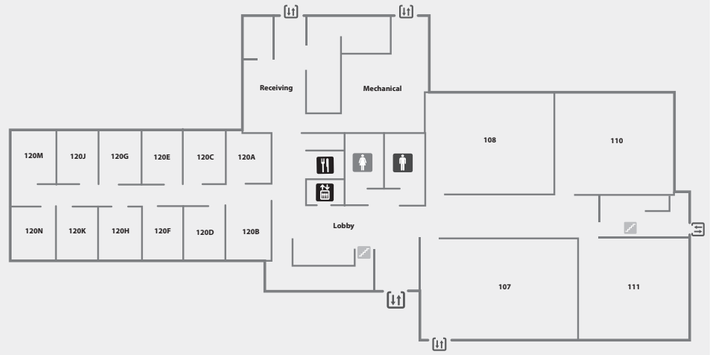
Progress Hall, Flory Center & Annex

PROGRESS HALL FIRST FLOOR



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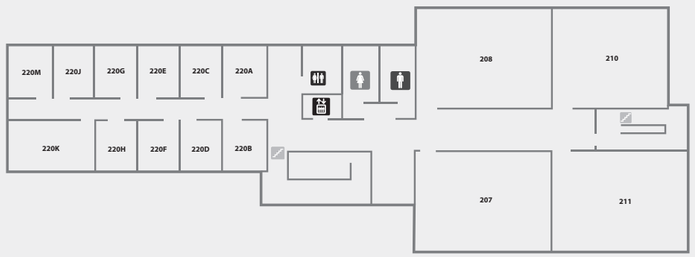
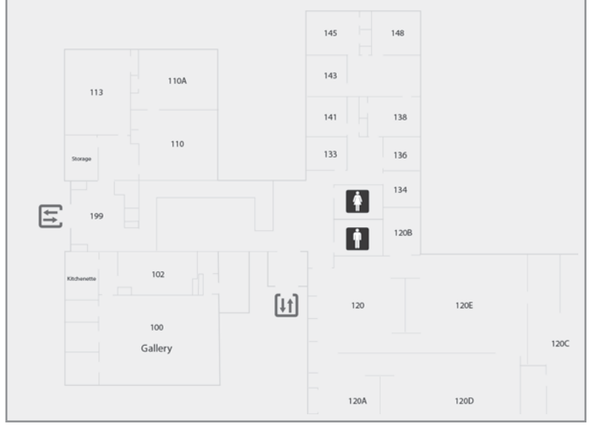


FLORY CENTER

ANNEX BUILDING
4131 COOPER ROAD



Advising Center

How to find your advisor:

1. Go to *ucblueash.edu/advising*
2. Click the **Advisors By Program** tab on the left side menu.
3. From the alphabetical list, find your major program and email advisor from your UC student email account.

Scheduling with your advisor or tutor through Starfish:

1. Log into your Blackboard account using your Central User ID and password.
2. Click on the blue Starfish icon on the left side of the screen. You may be prompted to click on an option. Choose **Schedule a Meeting**.
3. On your Success Network page, click on the person's name with whom you are trying to schedule.
4. You will see that person's calendar. Search for bolded dates. Click on the date and search for a time where you see **Sign Up** indicated. Click on the **Sign Up** link and finalize your appointment options in the pop up window.

Important Fall Semester Dates:

- Classes Start: **August 27, 2018**
- Last Day to Register for a class without instructor permission: **September 2, 2018**
- Last Day to Drop without a grade appearing on your transcript: **September 11, 2018**
- Meet with your advisor to plan for next semester: **Mid October**
- Last Day to Withdraw from a class with a grade of "W": **November 2, 2018**

Reminder: Your registration will be blocked until you have earned 24 credit hours. It is mandatory that you meet with your advisor before each registration period to lift this block. Please contact the Advising Center for additional information.

QUESTIONS

Advising Center
Muntz 125
(513) 745-5753

ADVISING

Logging in to UConnect and Blackboard
You must activate your central login username and password before you will be able to access any of your UC accounts (e.g., Blackboard, One Stop, UConnect).

Logging in to UConnect
1. Go to *mail.uc.edu*.
2. Enter your central login username and password.
3. Select the **Log In** button.

Logging in to Blackboard
1. Go to *www.canopy.uc.edu*.
2. Enter your username and password.
3. Select the **Log In** button.
4. Navigate through the main page, the tabs at the top and the item in the menu bar on the left to view your personal information and course information.

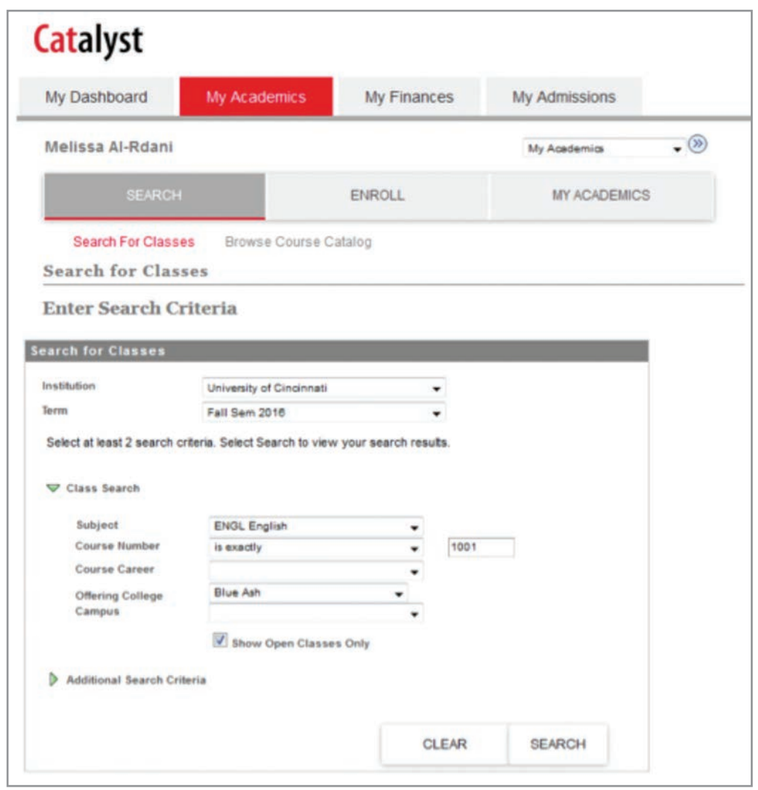
COURSE SEARCH REGISTRATION

To Search for Courses:

Course Search

1. Go to *catalyst.uc.edu*.
2. Log in with central username and password.
3. Take steps to release Bursar's Hold under the **To Do List** if you haven't already done so.
4. Select **My Academics** from the tool bar near the top of the page.
5. Choose **Classes and Schedule** and then Click on **Search for Classes**.
6. Select the **Term** for which you are searching under the pull down menu.
7. Under **Class Search** use the pull down menus to select:

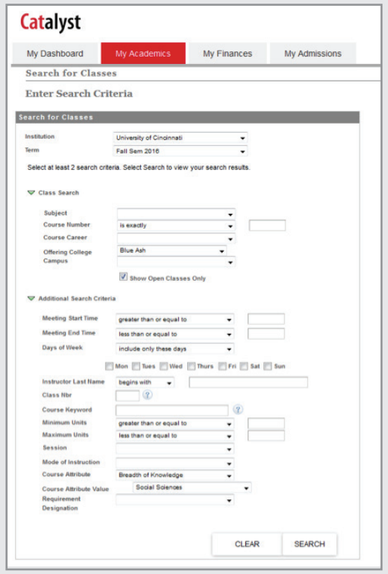
   • **Subject** (ENGL, MATH, BIOL, etc…)
   • If you know the **course number**, put it in the box to the right. If you don't know the course number, leave this blank and it will show all courses in the subject.
   • Under **Offering College**, select **Blue Ash**. (Do not select a Campus.)
8. Click the **SEARCH** button.



General Education Elective Search

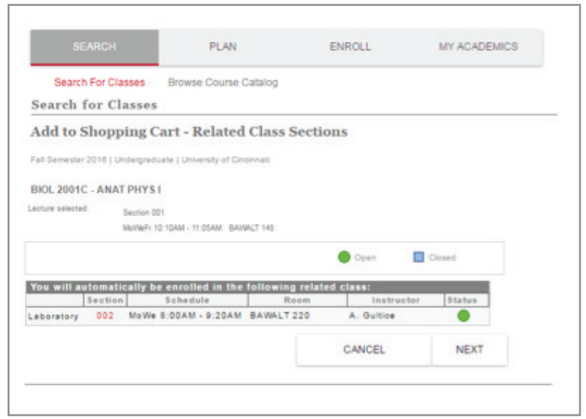
If you need to search for a General Education Elective, select Additional Search Criteria.

1. Leave the **Subject** and **Course Number** fields blank.
2. Under **Course Attribute**, select **Breadth of Knowledge**.
3. Under **Course Attribute Value**, select the general education requirement that you need (i.e. Social Sciences, Humanities, Historical Perspective, etc.)
4. Click the **SEARCH** button.

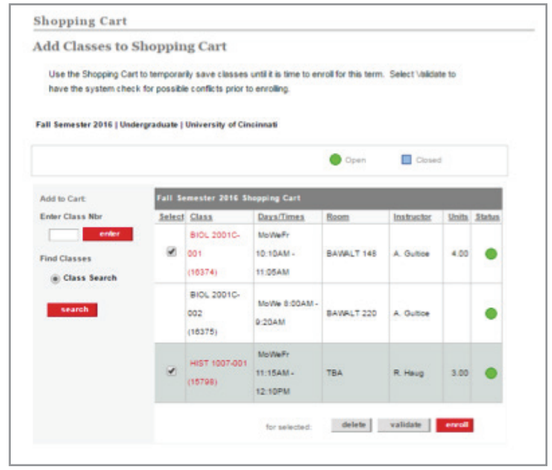


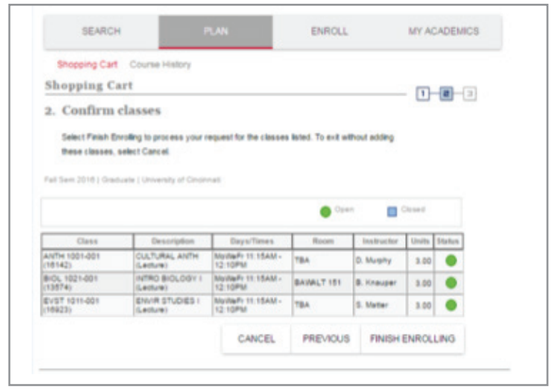
How to Register for Classes

1. From your search results, scroll through the course options. Once you find the class you are interested in, select the red **Select** button to the right of the course. This will give you prerequisite requirements and show co-requisite classes (such as required labs that are attached to specific sections of science lectures.) Alternatively, if you need more information about a course including the course description, click the red **course number information** to the right of the listing.
2. Once you confirm that you are able to take the class, click the **NEXT** button to add the course to your shopping cart. If the course has a co-requisite, you may go to a second screen where you again will select the **NEXT** button confirming registration for both parts of the class.



3. Go to your shopping cart, **select the box to the left of the course**, and hit the **ENROLL** button.
4. On the next screen, click the button that says **FINISH ENROLLING** to add the class to your schedule. *Note: we recommend that you enroll for each class individually during Orientation. In future enrollments, you can plan your classes ahead of time and register for them all at once.*





5. Once you finish enrolling for a course, you will select the **Search** tab to look for your next class. Once you finish adding all of your classes, select **MY CLASS SCHEDULE** to view your completed schedule.

One Stop Student Self-Help Guide

UC Blue Ash One Stop
Use this guide as a quick reference tool for easy instructions on how to do your UC-related business online.

ACADEMICS & ENROLLMENT

Add or Drop a Class
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **My Academics**
- Click **Classes and Schedule**
- Click **Add/Drop Classes**

View Your Class Schedule
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **My Academics**
- Click **View My Schedule**

View Your Degree Audit
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **My Academics**
- Click **Get My Degree Audit**

View Your Grade Report
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **My Academics**
- Click **Grade Transcript/Enroll Cert**
- Click **View My Grades**

Obtain Enrollment or Degree Verification
- Go to *onestop.uc.edu*
- Select **Academics & Enrollment**
- Click **Verify Enrollm't/Degree**

Order a Transcript
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **My Academics**
- Click **Grade Transcript/Enroll Cert**
- Click **Request Official Transcript**

FINANCES

Accept/Decline Financial Aid
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **My Finances**
- Click **Accept/Decline Financial Aid**

(View your To Do List for outstanding tasks.)

View Your Billing Information
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **My Finances**
- View **Term Bill**
- Select **Account Inquiry** for detailed transaction information.

Pay Your Bill
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **My Finances**
- Select **Make A Payment** in the **Account Summary** box

Enroll in a Payment Plan
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **My Finances**
- Select **Billing Information**
- Select **Payment Plan Enrollment**

Enroll in Direct Deposit
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **My Finances**
- Select **Billing Information**
- Select **Direct Deposit Enrollment**

(Visit onestop.uc.edu for detailed instructions.)

Download Your 1098-T
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **Download 1098-T** on **My Dashboard**

Check Status of Health Ins. Waiver
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **My Finances**
- Select **Student Health Insurance**
- Select **Health Insurance Waiver Status**

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

Check Your UC Student Email
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Click on the **App Launcher**
- Click **Student Email**

Delegate Access to Your Account Info
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **My Dashboard**
- Select **Quick Links**
- Select **Give Parent/Guest Access**

Check for Outstanding Required Actions
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Select **My Dashboard**
- View **To Do List**

(Click each item for additional info.)
- View **Service Indicators**

(Click each item for additional info.)

Update Your Address/Phone Number
- Log into Catalyst at *catalyst.uc.edu*
- Click on the **Profile Icon**
- Select **Update Profile**

Get Your Username/UCID (M#)
- Go to *onestop.uc.edu*
- Select **Personal Information**
- Select **Get My Username/UCID**

Financial Aid for 2017-18

Get a FAFSA PIN number
- Go to *www.fsaid.ed.gov* and select **Create An FSA ID**.
- Parent(s) will need their own FSA ID.
- If you have an FSA ID, but have forgotten it, select **Edit My FSA ID** and click **Forgot My Username or Password**.

Complete a FAFSA
- Go to *www.fafsa.ed.gov* and select **Start a New FAFSA**.
- Fill out the 2018-19 FAFSA with ***2016 tax information*** (1040's, W2's, untaxed income information).
- We suggest you use the **IRS data retrieval tool** to input tax information.
- You may need information for both student and parent(s).
- The school code for all University of Cincinnati campuses is **003125**.
- If you need assistance, call (513) 936-1772 for options.

Correcting a FAFSA
- Go to *www.fafsa.ed.gov* and select **Login** as a returning user.
- Sign in and click on **Make Corrections**.

Accept your Financial Aid
Once your admissions application is complete, you may go on-line to check your **Financial Aid Award Offer**. Please note that financial aid is awarded based on full-time status for the entire academic year. To better understand your award offer, please visit the UC Blue Ash One Stop Student Service Center, call 513-745-5740 or email *onestop@ucblueash.edu*.

- Go to *catalyst.uc.edu*. View your **To Do List** for any requirements and steps needed to secure your 2018-19 financial aid. **Accept/decline** your aid as needed.
  You may be asked to provide more information such as a **Verification Worksheet** and/or a **2016 Tax Return Transcript**.

  IRS Tax Return Transcripts may be requested and/or printed on-line at www.irs.gov. Select the **Get Transcript of Your Tax Records** *then click* **Get Transcripts Online**. *Copies of Federal 1040s will not be accepted. Students are encouraged to use the IRS data retrieval link. Simply sign into your FAFSA and click on* **Make Corrections**.

  Additional forms regarding SNAP and/or child support paid may be required.

- If you accept loans, you must complete the undergraduate **Direct Loan Entrance Counseling** and a **Master Promissory Note**. From *onestop.uc.edu*, select **Finances** and under **Financial Aid** select **Get Loan Counseling** and **Sign Promissory Note**. You will need your FSAID.

  Students may also go directly to www.studentloans.gov to complete these steps.

  If you accept a Parent PLUS loan and/or a Perkins loan, additional Master Promissory Notes will be required.

QUESTIONS

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onestop@ucblueash.edu

Understanding Your Bill

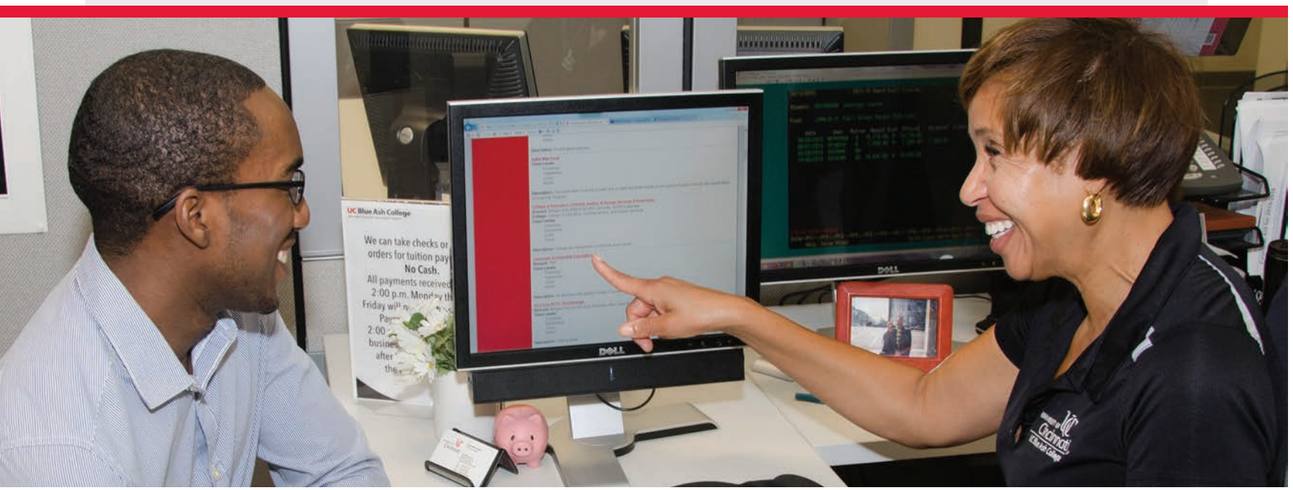
- Federal and State financial aid (grants and loans) posts to your bill 10 days prior to the start of the term. Students should check their bills before calling with questions.
- You may view your bill by logging into your Catalyst account and navigating to the "My Finances" tab. You will be able to see when grants, loans and scholarships have posted to your bill. You will also see when refund checks are mailed or funds are direct deposited. Bills are not sent by mail. *We suggest that students check their bills often, as changes in registration will be reflected on the bill.*
- If you would like a third party (such as a parent or guardian) to have access to your record to view/pay your bill, view financial aid or view class schedule and/or grades, The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) requires a release by the student. You can grant access by logging into your Catalyst account and selecting **Quick Links** and **Give Parent/Guest Access**.
- Direct Deposit allows you to receive any financial aid refunds directly to your designated bank account. Sign up on your Catalyst account under the **My Finances** tab and select **Billing Information** then **Direct Deposit Enrollment**.
- Students may sign up for a payment plan. Sign up on your Catalyst account under the **My Finances** tab and **Billing Information** then **Payment Plan Enrollment**.
- If your bill remains unpaid, late fees will be added. Late fees are assessed on the last day of every month. A $50 flat late payment fee plus 1.5% interest will be charged on balances greater than $200.
  For more information, visit www.uc.edu/af/bursar/paying_your_bill/latepayfees.html
- UC students enrolled in 6 or more credit hours are required to have health insurance; all students, therefore, are automatically enrolled in the University Health Insurance plan. If you have existing health insurance, you must waive the University Health Insurance by logging into your Catalyst account and navigating to the **My Finances** tab. Make sure your pop-up blocker is turned OFF. Health insurance must be waived each academic year. Please be aware of deadlines to complete this waiver.

  Students may check the status of their health insurance in their Catalyst account. Please allow up to 30 days for processing the waiver and removal of this fee from your bill,if approved. For more information, visit uc.edu/uhs/student_health_insurance or call 513-556-6868.

Waiving Your Health Insurance

The University of Cincinnati requires all students registered with 6+ credit hours to be covered by a health insurance policy; either the University's Plan policy or a policy that is equal to or better than UC's. Find more information about the UC Student Health Insurance plan at *uc.edu/uhs/student_health_insurance*.

Questions?
UC Clifton Lindner Center Room 334, (513) 556-6868.



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