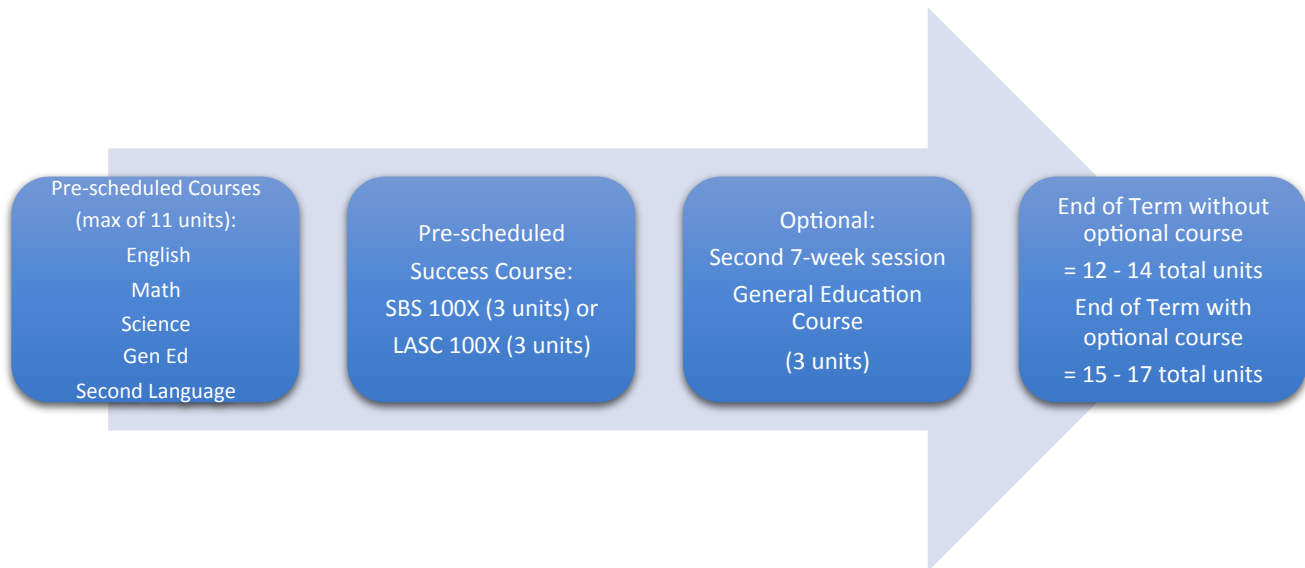


Wildcat Academy 2016-2017

Wildcat Academy (WA) will be composed of approximately 1,400 incoming freshmen. The goal of WA is to provide a successful first semester for the students who may have the most difficulty acclimating to our academic expectations. The services and structure provided will help ensure a successful first year.



- Students will be informed of their placement prior to orientation, by phone and email.
- Students are restricted to 11 units plus their 3-unit success course for the beginning of the fall 2016 semester with an option of adding a late-start general education course.
 - Students will be prescheduled in up to 11 units based on college, major and placement scores.
 - Students will also be prescheduled into one 3-unit developmental course taught by their college advisor(s). The college split is as follows:
 - SBS100X (3 units/16 week) will serve students in Agriculture, Architecture, COM, Education, Nursing, Public Health and SBS
 - LASC100X (3 units/16 week) will serve students in CLAS, Eller, Humanities and Science
 - Students may opt into a General Education course for the second half of the fall semester. Course list and registration will be discussed in the Success Course with their advisor(s).
- Students are able to end the semester with full-time coursework completed.
- The WA cohort excludes Engineering, Schedule for Success and NCAA Athletes.

Structured Support for Cohort:

- Academic Advisors
- Student Affairs Professionals
- Peer Mentors
- Faculty and Graduate Assistants
- Financial Aid Contact
- Access to Early Progress Grades

Questions and Contact Information:

- Please direct students and parents to wildcatacademy.arizona.edu for more information.
- There is a WA meeting at each Orientation session at 8:15am in Gallagher Theater, SUMC.
- Additional student questions can be answered during change of schedule at orientation from 3:00-5:00pm in the ILC, Tiers.
- Jen Ludwig is the contact for the program: (520) 626-3724, wildcatacademy.arizona.edu

FAQs: Potential questions from students and their family about placement into WA:

- **How was I chosen for this program?**

The UA provides a first year experience for students in a variety of ways, it's not a one size fits all model. This particular cohort, Wildcat Academy, is designed to help students build a strong beginning to their college career, to begin with a solid GPA and increased self-esteem. We have created a structure that provides a smooth transition from high school to college.

Students were selected to be a part of this program based on number of high school academic preparation factors. Students selected are strong students, we admitted them because we believe they will be successful, but we also believe they will be most successful with dedicated support in a program designed to increase success.

- **Why am I limited in units?**

The first six weeks of the semester is critical to the success of students. It will determine how successful of a semester they will have and be a predictor for their first year retention. Having a balanced load of courses with the right resources is critical to success.

Once students have had a chance to get situated and moving forward they will have the opportunity to add a 3-unit general education course specifically designed as a 7-week course for this particular cohort. This is of course optional, only for those students that want to increase in units by the end of the first semester.