How Can I Prepare Academically?

Surprisingly, the best way to prepare for academic life at Hopkins is relatively simple: read EVERYTHING! Included here is a reminder of all the materials new students are asked to review in preparation for their academic journey here at Hopkins, along with several other helpful tips!

Transfer Student Academic Reading Review

All Transfer Students: Please visit the Fall 2021 Transfer Students Organization in Blackboard.

Krieger Arts & Sciences Transfer Students: If you are a student in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, you should look at the Transfer Roadmap and explore the Arts & Sciences Academic Advising Website.

Whiting Engineering Transfer Students: If you are a student in the Whiting School of Engineering, you should look at the WSE Academic Advising Organization in Blackboard and explore the Engineering Academic Advising Website.

Arrive and Thrive for Transfer Students (AS.360.105, sections 34 & 35)

You should consider registering into this one-credit course that helps to orient new students to the academic, support, and Life Design resources on campus. Students will learn how to navigate their academic experience at Hopkins, actively engage with their campus community, and start building their most professional network.

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Understanding the Writing Intensive Requirement

JHU requires all undergraduate students to fulfill a writing requirement. Writing requirements differ depending on your degree. For more information about the requirements for your student’s degree, visit the university’s Writing Requirement webpage.

Placement Tests

If you plan to take a math course in the upcoming fall semester, you may need to take the math placement test. Along with high school and college math experience, the placement test is an important advising tool to ensure students enroll in the proper level math course aligned with their academic goals and preparation.

Similarly, if you are planning to take a language course beyond the introductory level, you may also need to take a placement test. Placement tests are required in advance for Spanish, French, Spanish, Italian, and Chinese. No test is required prior to registration for any other languages. For more information about the required placement tests, visit the university’s Placement Exams webpage.

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Requesting Academic Accommodations

To register with Student Disability Services for academic accommodations, complete the Student Disability Services application form. You must have your doctor’s letter or other documentation from your healthcare provider to receive accommodations. To schedule a phone appointment or meet in person, call 410-516-2264. Student Disability Services is located in the basement of the Krieger Science Building, Suite 0009.

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