

Subject: Fall 2020 Academics Reminder

Dear Upper Class Students,

Welcome to the Fall 2020 semester! We write with a few reminders.

1. Check Academic Calendar

Please note that [New York courses](#) and [courses at NYU global locations](#) start on Wednesday, September 2, and [Abu Dhabi courses](#) start on Sunday, September 6. NYU Shanghai courses start on Monday, September 14. Check the [Shanghai Academic Calendar](#) for Add/Drop, Course Withdrawal, and Pass/Fail deadlines. Note that there are five legislative days (make-up days for classes) throughout the semester.

Check your schedule again to make sure that there is no real time conflict. Be aware that courses that do not appear to have a time conflict now, may have a time conflict once daylight savings time ends. Please refer to [this chart](#) for assistance. You can also use this [time zone calculator](#) to calculate times for current and future dates. Note that it is your responsibility to make sure that you do not register for classes that actually conflict.

2. Additional Courses

If you still need to complete or change your registration, you may consider the [list of courses offered at the global sites](#) that are open for online 100% remote synchronous learning. All Abu Dhabi courses are available for 100% remote synchronous learning. Some classes may work better for your schedule as they are offered in times closer to your time zones. Please check the [Global Courses Satisfying Shanghai Degree Requirements](#) sheet to know whether a course counts towards your NYU Shanghai degree requirements.

[These courses](#) have reserved seats for first-year students and will be released to all students starting 2:00pm on Thursday, September 10 China Time.

3. Instruction Mode

Faculty will email the enrolled students in their class with details of their instruction mode. Students need to wait for the email from the instructor. Students enrolled in synchronous courses are expected to be in attendance in the time listed in China standard time.

4. Chinese Course Enrollment

Elementary and Intermediate level Chinese courses have sections with three different instruction modes: In-person, Blended, and Online.

- **In-person:** For students who are able to arrive on campus by September 25 (after quarantine).
- **Blended:** For students who have selected the Transition Option. The class will have both synchronous and asynchronous components. The instructor will communicate with you about the details.
- **Online:** For students who have selected the Remote Semester Option. The sections are offered at different times of the day to accommodate students' time zones.

All Advanced Chinese sections have Blended options. For Post-Advanced level Chinese courses, students will receive information about instruction mode from their instructors.

Students are encouraged to take Chinese courses offered by NYU Shanghai, particularly for the Elementary and Intermediate level courses. If you prefer to take an Advanced or Post-Advanced Chinese course offered by New York based on your time zone, you should reach out to the World Languages Program (shanghai.worldlanguages@nyu.edu) for approval.

If you have any questions about your academic plan, please contact your academic advisor.

Best,
NYU Shanghai Advising

Title: Fall Course Updates

Dear First Year Students,

We would like to provide two updates as you plan for your fall classes.

1. Natural Science Courses

If you are not able to arrive in Shanghai at the beginning of the semester but are interested in pursuing natural science majors, you should follow the registration instructions below.

- If you are interested in exploring a major in **Physics**, you should enroll in:
 - PHYS-UA 91 Physics I (3 credits, offered by New York)
 - PHYS-UA 71 Introductory Experimental Physics I (2 credits, offered by New York)
 - CHEM-SHU 125 Foundations of Chemistry I (3 credits, offered by Shanghai)

- If you are interested in exploring a major in **Chemistry**, you should enroll in:
 - CHEM-UA 125 General Chemistry I with Lab (5 credits, offered by New York)
 - PHYS-SHU 11 General Physics I (3 credits, offered by Shanghai)

- If you are interested in exploring a major in **Biology** or **Neural Science**, you should enroll in:
 - PHYS-UA 11 General Physics I with Lab (5 credits, offered by New York)
 - CHEM-SHU 125 Foundations of Chemistry I (3 credits, offered by Shanghai)

All courses listed above can be taken remotely for the entire semester. Please note that [New York Fall 2020 semester](#) starts on **Wednesday, September 2nd**. If you need to make adjustments to your Fall 2020 course plan, please contact your summer advisor.

2. SCA-SHU 9634 Global Connections: Shanghai

SCA-SHU 9634 Global Connections: Shanghai is removed from the list of electives open to first year students as the instructor has indicated that the course is not suitable for first year students to take. Students should consider alternative courses on the [First Year Elective List](#).

If you have any other questions about planning for your fall semester, you may contact your summer advisor.

Please continue to consult the [Fall 2020 Advising website](#) for updates and important information regarding the fall semester.

Best,
NYU Shanghai Advising