REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Welcome to Caltech! Please find below documentation to assist you in understanding the enrollment process and the academic program for freshmen here at Caltech.

To begin the enrollment process, you are required to fill out two forms and a survey – the registration form, the patent agreement and Institute Requirement Selection Survey. In addition, a multimedia release is recommended but not required. You can download these forms and link to the survey at https://registrar.caltech.edu/2019FroshReg. Please complete this information and return the forms to the Registrar’s Office at Mail Code 125-87, Pasadena, CA 91125-8700 no later than June 15, 2019. If for some reason you are unable to mail these forms, you may fax them to us at (626) 395-6121. If you FAX the forms, please bring the original patent agreement with you when you come to campus. (Transfer and 3/2 students will receive a separate email before the end of May.)

Based on the results of your diagnostic examination, the Registrar’s Office will enroll you in the appropriate section of Mathematics (Ma 1a). You will also be placed in Chemistry (Ch 1a) and Physics (Ph 1a). These are required courses for which you must be enrolled. You may choose a freshman Humanities (frosh hum) course and elective courses including the Freshman Seminar classes. You may also opt to take a “Frontiers” class(es) and/or Physical Education (PE) courses. A list of frosh hums, recommended electives, and Freshman Seminar classes that are offered during the fall term are available within the Selection survey on the registration website (the above url). Freshmen cannot enroll in more than 45 units of academic courses (math, chemistry, physics, humanities, and one elective which includes a Freshman Seminar) excluding frontier and PE courses while on Pass/Fail. Typically, freshmen are enrolled in a total of 42-45 units in the first term. You may not enroll in more than 48 units. You can access the on-line course schedule for the days and times that the courses are offered for the fall 2019-20 term. The URL for the course schedule is http://schedules.caltech.edu/FA2019-20.html. Course descriptions can be found in this year’s (2018-19) online Caltech Catalog at http://catalog.caltech.edu. The catalog contains general information for undergraduates beginning on page 164 - Section Three, and course descriptions beginning on page 434 – Section Five. The new 2019-20 catalog is expected to be online at the end of August.

Also available on the registration website, is a grid for a Typical Freshman Year Schedule to help with details on your course planning. In August you will receive an email from the Registrar’s Office with a copy of your class schedule for fall and further instructions for orientation week.

We look forward to meeting you in-person! If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact us at (626) 395-6354 or regis@caltech.edu.