



Registering for
Eight-Week Courses



• What is Focus to Finish?

- Unique approach to shortening most courses from 16 weeks to 8 weeks
- Two eight-week terms offered each fall and spring semester
- **You focus on just two courses during each of those eight-week terms and finish those two courses before you move on to the next term**
- Because you focus on just two (three if you are an overachiever...and that's okay):
 - **You won't feel overwhelmed with 4-7 different courses and their assignments and deadlines.**
 - You won't feel the traditional 10-week burnout.
 - You won't have time to get bored with any one subject or forget an assignment.
 - **Quality** course experience, not **quantity**....you will work smarter, not harder!





Steps for Registering as Full-Time Student

- Consult the Career Pathway Map appropriate for the students major.
- <https://www.kilgore.edu/academics/career-pathways>
- Use the Career Pathway Map as your guide to completing a degree or certificate in the most efficient manner possible.
- Check your Advising Worksheet in Access KC to ensure all classes are meeting your degree requirements.



Student Success Tip #1 -- Where possible, use the recommended course sequence on the Career Pathway Map to ensure prerequisites are met for future required courses.





Steps for Registering as Full-Time Student



Student Success Tip #2 – Think about your work schedule and family commitments. Time spent to be successful in courses requires time spent in class, to study for tests, written assignments and projects.





Steps for Registering a Full-Time Student

Select the next 4-5 courses needed to maintain progress on your Career Pathway.



Student Success Tip #3 -- Avoid registering for sequenced courses in the same semester (Example: Avoid registering for English 1301 in Fall 1 term and English 1302 in Fall 2 term.). Instead, save the second course for the next semester.





Steps for Registering as Full or Part-Time

Full-time - Choose 2 courses to take in Fall 1 term and 2-3 courses for Fall 2 term.

- a. Keep in mind that some courses may remain 16-weeks long. Pay attention to start and stop dates!
- b. If you are taking a 16-week course, you should not register for 3 courses in an 8-week term.

Part-time – Choose 2-3 courses to enroll in

- a. Choose 1-2 of those courses to take in the Fall 1 term and 1 for the Fall 2 term.
- b. Financial Aid will only cover what students initially register for at the beginning of Term 1. The only way to add an extra class for term 2 is to pay out-of-pocket for the class and book.



Student Success Tip #4 – Balance courses carefully to ensure you do not overload a term with reading intensive or math intensive courses (Examples: Try to avoid taking a math and chemistry class in the same term; instead, take math in Fall 1 and chemistry in Fall 2).





Steps for Registering a Full-Time Student

Financial Aid Consideration – to qualify for the maximum financial aid possible, you must register for the entire Fall semester (Fall 1 and Fall 2 terms) prior to the start of the Fall semester.



Student Success Tip #5 – Look at the semester as a whole, courses you want to complete in the total semester, and register for both 8 week and 16 week courses at the same time. Financial Aid is awarded for the whole semester and will be based on the courses you are enrolled in at the beginning of the semester. You will need to buy all your books at the beginning of the semester and put the 2nd term books in a safe place!





Your Road to Success!

For more information or assistance in registering for eight-week courses, please contact your academic advisor or the KC Counseling Center.