

Navigate Student Planner (User Guide)

Use NIU’s Navigate Student Planner to search for courses and create a semester schedule that works for you. Remember to meet with your academic advisor. Once you and your advisor have identified your courses for the next semester, use Planner in Navigate Student. You can use Appointments in Navigate Student to schedule a time to meet with your advisor. This tool is meant to be used in conjunction with NIU’s four-year degree paths, undergraduate course catalog and in consultation with your academic advisor. Navigate Student Planner **should not** be used in place of regular academic advising appointments. You’re encouraged to meet with your advisor each semester to discuss course scheduling. All requirements are subject to change. **Placing courses on the Navigate Calendar is not the same as registering. You still need to register at your assigned day and time.**

Access Navigate Student at go.niu.edu/navigate.

Note: Planner appears only on browser versions of Navigate Student. (You can use your tablet or device’s browser.)

- Use your student **Z-ID** and **password** to log in.
- If you need help, contact the NIU Service Desk at 815-753-8100 or ServiceDesk@niu.edu.

Step 1: Search for and plan your courses for next term.

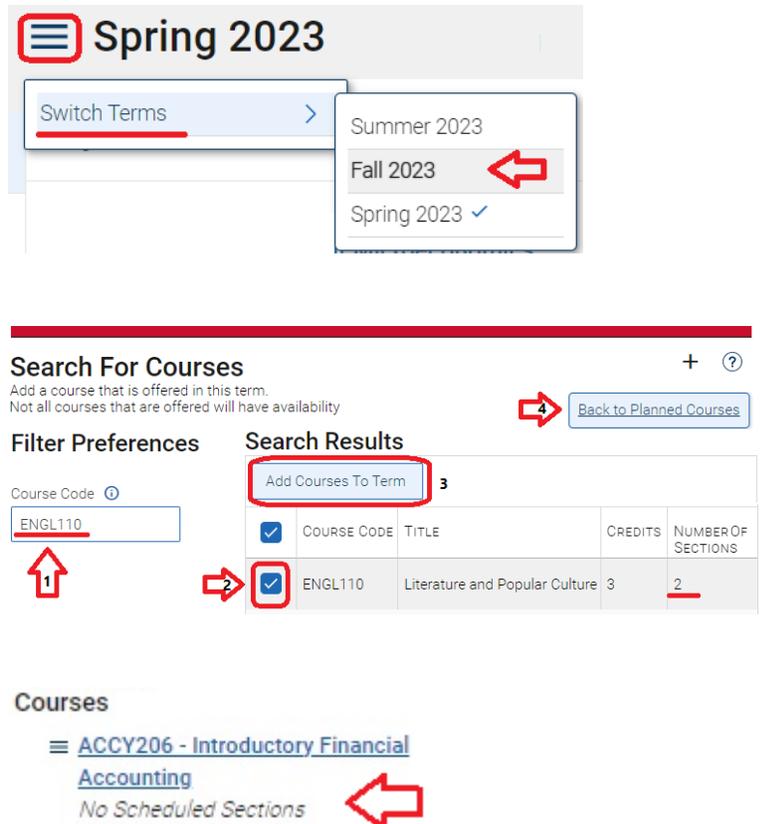
Click the **Schedule Courses** link located at the top of your Navigate Student home screen next to the Navigate logo.

- ❑ To switch to the semester view you want to plan, start by clicking on the  icon, next to the current term’s title, and select **Switch Terms**.
- ❑ Next, click the **Search for Courses** button.
- ❑ In the **Course Code** search box, type the course subject and number **without spaces** (Example: ENGL103).
- ❑ Press **Enter** on your keyboard or click the blue **Filter** button located at the bottom of the screen.
- ❑ From Search Results, click the box next to the class, and then click on the **Add Courses To Term** button.

Note: The course has **availability** if the **Number of Sections** column in search results is greater than zero.

- ❑ Repeat steps to add additional classes for next term.
- ❑ Click the **Back to Planned Courses** button after adding all of your classes to the term plan.

Note: If you view planned courses in the **Planner** view, **No Scheduled Sections** will appear below each new course. This means you still need to arrange the course on the calendar schedule which you will do in Step 3.



Spring 2023

Switch Terms >

- Summer 2023
- Fall 2023 ←
- Spring 2023 ✓

Search For Courses + ?

Add a course that is offered in this term.
Not all courses that are offered will have availability.

[Back to Planned Courses](#)

Filter Preferences **Search Results**

Course Code ⓘ

ENGL110

Add Courses To Term 3

COURSE CODE	TITLE	CREDITS	NUMBER OF SECTIONS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGL110	Literature and Popular Culture	3	<u>2</u>

Courses

≡ [ACCY206 - Introductory Financial Accounting](#)

No Scheduled Sections ←

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Step 2: Create your course schedule for next semester.

In this step, you will see for the upcoming term the available sections, days and times for each course planned in Step 2. Note: Courses planned in Navigate Student Planner System are **not** reflected in your MyNIU Shopping Cart.

Important: This step is not the same as registering for classes. You will still need to register for the classes you put onto your Navigate calendar. See Step 4 for how to register using Navigate Student Planner.

❑ Click **View/Edit Schedule** located at the bottom of current term section.

❑ On the next page you will see the **My Planned Courses** column, displaying each of the courses you just planned, and the **My Schedule** column.

Tip: If the calendar does not appear, click the oval icon to **Show timeline and calendar**.

❑ To the right of each course is a button to display the **Sections** or **Parts** if the course also has a lab or recitation.

❑ Click the **Sections** or **Parts** button to display the available section details.

Tip: Move the cursor over each section block to show where the class fits with your other scheduled classes.

❑ Planner will display conflict alerts if a section you're considering conflicts with another class at the same time.

❑ Click the ≡ icon to **Add Section** to your calendar.

❑ When your courses are posted to **My Schedule**, they'll disappear from your planned column.

❑ To remove a class from your schedule, click on the course on the calendar view and press the **Unschedule Course** link located at the very bottom of the pop-up box.

Note: If a course message reads "**No times available...**" the course may not be offered that term, no sections work with your schedule or all sections are full.

Check back daily for updates to class sections as some might be added or closed. Additions and closures appear the next day.

View / Edit Schedule

My Planned Courses

Section Search

ENGL103 Rhetoric and Composition I

Sections >

CHEM210 General Chemistry I

2 parts: REC (REQUIRED) | LEC (REQUIRED)



Parts >

CHEM212 General Chemistry Laboratory I

Sections >

ENGL103 - Section 0Y43

15 Seats

Aug 22nd - Dec 10th 2022, 15 Weeks

LEC

Mon Wed Fri 12:00 pm - 12:50 pm

Ron Rossway

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Conflicts with ARTH292 Introduction to Modern Arts and Design

ENGL103 - Section 0Y22

Aug 22nd - Dec 10th 2022, 15 Weeks

View Details

Add Section

Tue Thu 9:30 am - 10:45 am

ENGL103

Morning

ENGL103

Tue Thu 9:30 am - 10:45 am

Not Registered ●

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Unschedule Course

Important: Courses planned in Navigate Student Academic Planning System are **not** displayed in your MyNIU Shopping Cart.

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Step 3: Register for the classes you placed on your schedule for next semester.

After planning courses in Step 3, register for classes in Navigate Student Planner on your assigned enrollment date.

Note: Because this is a new system for NIU, if you experience any issues affecting your ability to register, you still can use MyNIU to search for the courses you planned in Navigate and register.

Any courses you planned in Navigate, but registered for in MyNIU, will show as registered in Navigate the next day.

Register for Courses that Require a Permission Number

Some courses require a **permission number** (PIN). If you have a permission number for one or more courses, register for those courses **first**:

- Click the **Enter Section PINs** button.
- Check the box **only** for classes requiring permission.
- Type the permission number you received from NIU into the **Enter PIN** field.
- Then press the **Register Selected** button.

* If you are uncertain if a course requires a permission number, press the blue **Register** button. Any courses requiring a PIN will appear on the Transaction Summary as an alert with a message that a permission number is needed to register.

Register for Courses (Not Requiring Permission Number)

- Click the blue **Register** button to register for the courses you have added to your Navigate calendar.
- After pressing Register or Register Selected, a **Transaction Summary** page will display the registration status of the courses you submitted.

Note: Variable-hour Courses (Courses with a range of credits). These appear with the minimum credit value in Navigate. To register for **more** hours than shown, **use MyNIU** to register for the variable-hour course(s).

Waitlist

You may also select whether you would like to be added to the waitlist if one exists for the class.

- Click the  icon and select **Add to Waitlist**.
- A transaction screen will provide you with an update on your waitlist request.
- Waitlist courses do not appear as registered classes.** If space becomes available, the class will appear on your schedule of registered classes.

+ Enter Section PINs Register (1)

Enter PINs

Enter the required PINs below to register or drop classes.

Register Courses Drop Courses

CSCI297 Directed Study (Section 0HP3)

*Enter PIN

Enter PIN 

Register Selected Cancel

Transaction Summary

GEOG101 Introduction to Environmental Geography - LEC

 This course may count towards a General Education, Human Diversity, or University Honors requirement. The requirement designation option has been set to yes. Oct 04, 2022 1:46 PM

Fall 2022 13 Credits scheduled

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 ETT229 - Section 0Y02 Waitlist Available 

View Details

Add to Waitlist

Shinan Wu

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FLSP101 Beginning Spanish I - LEC

Oct 18, 2022 10:27 AM

 Class 1954 is full. You have been placed on the wait list in position number 1.



Step 4: Change your schedule: Dropping and swapping classes

You can drop courses and swap sections or courses from the **Registered Courses** and **Scheduled (Not Registered)** courses lists located below the Timeline and Calendar in Navigate Student Planner.

Note: Course changes are reflected in also in MyNIU within minutes the same day.

Dropping a course (Note: This option will be available only during add/drop period.)

- ❑ From the **Registered Courses** list, Click the ☰ icon and select **Drop Course**.
- ❑ Press the **Drop Course** button in the confirmation box that displays confirming your request.

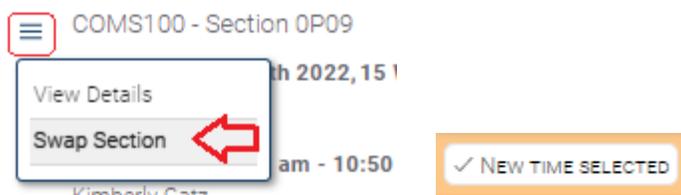
Swap a Course or Section

To make changes to classes for which you are registered, you can use **Swap** feature by clicking on the ☰ icon next to class(es) listed in your **Registered Courses** (located below the Timeline and Calendar).

- ❑ Click the ☰ icon next to the class you wish to swap for another time, then select **Swap Time**.
- ❑ You will see a notification under the class you selected to swap.



- ❑ A list of available course sections will appear on the left-hand side of the screen. Select a new section and use the ☰ icon to select **Swap Section**.
- ❑ You will see a second notification banner under the newly selected course.



- ❑ Next, click the **Swap** button located at the top right-hand corner of the screen.

- ❑ A confirmation screen will show the **Swap From** course/section and the **Swap To** course/section.
- ❑ Click **Confirm Swap** to proceed with the swap.

Confirm Your New Times

Choose Action

✗ SWAP FROM	+ SWAP TO
ARTH282 - Section 0Y01	ARTH282 - Section 0002 8 Seats
Aug 22nd - Dec 10th 2022, 15 Weeks	Aug 22nd - Dec 10th 2022, 15 Weeks
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Confirm Swap Cancel

