

# FAQ's on Elective Courses

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Students often feel upset and thwarted when it comes to signing up for elective courses. But there is actually no need to feel intimidated and frustrated. Read the answers to the frequently asked questions below to understand the concept of electives and to know what they are and how to sign up for them. For more on electives, watch [All You Need to Know About Elective Courses](#), or [Click Here](#) to schedule a 5-minute meeting with your chairman.

## **What is an elective course?**

An elective course (aka an “elective”) is a course you can choose to take as part of your study program.

## **What is the point of electives?**

There is a dual philosophy behind the concept of electives. Elective courses lend a degree of flexibility to a curriculum and provide students with the chance to pursue interests that lie outside their major, or, conversely, give them the opportunity to explore areas that shed further light on their major.

## **What is the difference between elective courses and regular courses?**

Electives live on your department flowchart just like regular courses do. The only difference is they are not fixed courses. Students are given a list of electives to choose from.

## **Can I graduate without taking an elective course?**

No

## **What type of elective courses are there?**

Elective courses often come in two bundles: science electives (more suitable for scientific departments) and social science electives (more suitable for humanities).

## **How can I know I am eligible for an elective?**

Contact your chairperson.

## **Which elective should I choose?**

It's up to you. You will be given a list of electives you are eligible to and you can choose any elective from the list.

## **How many electives should I take?**

It depends on your department flowchart. For the English department, there is one elective you need to take.

## **In which year of study can a student take an elective?**

Electives do not have a department or college prerequisite course, so students can take them in any study year they want. However, it is recommended you take your elective as soon as you can in order not to cause any delay in your graduation process. If you postpone taking an elective, it will be carried over to the next semester and sit on your list of remaining courses.

## **When can I sign up for electives?**

During the course registration period at the beginning of a semester.

## **How can I sign up for an elective?**

Visit your chairperson to fill out and sign the Elective Course Registration form during the course registration period. [Click Here](#) to schedule a 5-minute office meeting with your chairman a day ahead of your visit.