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Update on J-Term Registration Processes

Dear Students,

Various University offices have received questions from students regarding the J-Term registration process and the concern that many classes are filling before each enrollment group (4th-yr students, 3rd-yr students, etc.) has an opportunity to enroll. As is the case with other terms, 4th-year students enroll first in J-Term followed by third-year students, second-years, and first-years.

We are offering an expanded number of “standard” J-Term classes this year, which are designed to be small-group learning experiences. As always during J-Term, and much like a regular semester, some of these classes will fill on day one of registration. Some classes can be scaled up to accommodate large numbers, while others cannot. Similarly, not all University classes can be delivered in J-Term’s two-week intensive format. That said, several course sections have been added and enrollment caps in several classes have been raised today in response to strong interest in those courses.

The new [Signature Courses](#) were developed specifically for J-Term 2021. These classes address important contemporary challenges and questions and have high enrollment caps while still offering small group experiences through discussion sections. These classes meet a number of general education requirements, such as the second writing requirement or historical perspectives requirement, and may also meet major and minor requirements depending on a student’s program of study. *To determine whether a class fills a major/minor requirement, enroll in the class and check your AR Form or contact the major/minor department directly.*

Students in the College received a message on Tuesday outlining these same points and encouraging students to talk to an advisor regarding J-Term options. We echo this sound advice. If you have questions about what class will best meet your needs in terms of degree completion, reach out to your academic advisor. Questions about course registration can be addressed to the J-Term office at januaryterm@virginia.edu. While we cannot promise you a seat in the class of your first choice, we can promise you a seat in an engaging and inspiring class in J-Term 2021.

Sincerely, the J-Term/Summer Academic Program team