Creating Your Carts and Requesting Courses during Advance Registration

During Advance Registration, you will request top choice courses and backups by building a Primary Cart and an Alternatives Cart.

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**Adding Courses to Your Carts**

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**Designating Alternatives and Registration Priority**

During Advance Registration, add Alternatives (backups) to Primary (top) choices.

1. Click on a course in your Primary Cart and choose the Edit Registration Options button on the Course Details panel.
2. Use the Registration Options panel to assign courses from your Alternatives Cart to the First Alternative and Second Alternative dropdowns. You will also see Other as an option; choosing this indicates you would accept any section of the same class if you did not get into your Primary choice.
3. Indicate Registration Priority from the Registration Options panel to rank your requests. We recommend using “Auto” for all of your requests. “Auto” ranks your requests based on popularity (seats available and number of students requesting the class).

**Interpreting Your Carts**

You will notice colored icons next to courses in your carts and when searching for courses:

- A blue cart indicates that the course is in one of your carts.
- A black check mark shows you’re registered.
- A green check mark indicates you passed the course previously.
- A red line shows you are going to drop the section.
- A pencil shows you are changing the registration options.
- A triangle with an exclamation point shows a warning. Read the additional information available:
  - Section is closed/full
  - Permission is required
  - A hold exists that is preventing you from registering
  - A time conflict exists
  - A registration restriction exists
  - A required pre-requisite or co-requisite

**Requesting Your Courses**

You may make changes to your Primary Cart requests any time before the end of Advance Registration. The courses in your Primary Cart at the deadline will be the ones processed for Advance Registration. All course requests are processed at the conclusion of Advance Registration, so there is no advantage to requesting early and no guarantee that you will be enrolled in all your requested courses.