

Academic Roadmapping Across Four Terms: A Guide for UG1 Students at FLAME University

Planning your courses across the first year of your undergraduate journey can seem overwhelming at first. This guide will help you understand the structure of your academic year, the requirements for each term, and the process of selecting your elective courses, ensuring a smooth and strategic approach to course registration.

Academic Structure: First-Year Breakdown

FLAME University follows a semester-based system, with each semester divided into **two terms**, resulting in **four terms** over your first year.

- **Two Semesters:** Semester 1 (Term 1 & Term 2) and Semester 2 (Term 3 & Term 4)
 - **Four Terms Total:** Each term requires you to take **5 academic courses + 1 sports course**.
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Foundation Courses (7 Courses)

You will complete **7 compulsory foundation courses** during your first year. These courses are assigned randomly across the four terms, with **Financial Literacy** being the only course that spans across **two consecutive terms**. The courses are:

- **Academic Writing**
- **Critical Reasoning**
- **Environmental Studies (EVS)**
- **Ethics**
- **Public Speaking**
- **Digital Literacy**
- **Financial Literacy (2 terms)**

Note: The section assigned to you for your foundation courses remains the same throughout the year.

Course Distribution Across Terms

(Note: the elective courses and the sports courses are completely your choice and have to pick them at the course registration that happened at the beginning of each of the terms.)

Term 1

- **2 Foundation Courses** (randomly assigned)
- **3 Elective Courses**
- **1 Sports Course**

Term 2

- **1 Foundation Course** (randomly assigned)
- **4 Elective Courses**
- **1 Sports Course**

Term 3

- **2 Foundation Courses** (randomly assigned) + **Financial Literacy** (starts this term)
- **3 Elective Courses**
- **1 Sports Course**

Term 4

- **1 Foundation Course** (leftover from the 7) + **Financial Literacy** (ends this term)
- **4 Elective Courses**
- **1 Sports Course**

Elective Course Selection: The Five Universes of Knowledge

Throughout your first year, you need to select **2 courses from each of the 5 Universes of Knowledge**. The five universes are:

1. **Fine & Performing Arts**
2. **Social Sciences**
3. **Physical & Natural Sciences**
4. **Humanities**
5. **Global Studies**

Important: Prerequisites vary across majors and minors, especially for advanced courses. Plan your electives accordingly if you have a specific major or minor in mind.

Sports Course Requirement

- You must take **one sports course per term**, which adds up to **four sports courses** by the end of the year.
 - You can stick to the same sport or try different ones each term.
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Tips for Academic Roadmapping

- **Plan Ahead:** Look into prerequisites early, especially for Marketing, Design, or other specific major/minor interests.
- **Balance Your Workload:** Mix more demanding courses with lighter ones to manage workload effectively.
- **Diverse Exposure:** Make sure to explore all **five Universes of Knowledge** to fulfill your elective requirements.
- **Consult Advisors:** Your assigned peer mentors can help you with potential course conflicts or clarifications.

Good luck with your academic journey at FLAME University! Plan strategically, stay organized, and enjoy the diverse learning opportunities your first year offers. 🎓📖🏆