

1.Use-cases

Course Registration System - Use Cases

1. Primary Use Cases

UC-1: Register for Course

Actor: Student

Preconditions: Student is logged in and has completed prerequisites

Flow:

1. Student views available courses
2. Student selects desired course and section
3. System validates prerequisites using DAG traversal
4. System checks for timetable conflicts
5. System checks seat availability
6. If seats available: System enrolls student
7. If section full: System adds student to waitlist
8. System confirms registration or waitlist placement

Postconditions: Student is enrolled or waitlisted

Alternative Flows:

- 3a. Prerequisites not met then system will display an error with missing courses
- 4a. Timetable conflict then system will display conflicting course details

UC-2: Drop Course

Actor: Student

Preconditions: Student is enrolled in the course

Flow:

1. Student requests to drop course
2. System removes student from enrolled list
3. System checks if waitlist exists for that section
4. If waitlist not empty: System promotes first student from queue
5. System sends notification to promoted student
6. System updates seat count

Postconditions: Student removed, seat reallocated if waitlist exists

UC-3: Validate Prerequisites

Actor: System (Registrar Module)

Preconditions: Student attempts course registration

Flow:

1. System receives courseID from registration request
2. CourseGraph module performs DFT/BFT traversal on prerequisite DAG
3. System retrieves student's completed courses from hash map
4. System compares required prerequisites with completed courses

5. System returns validation result (pass/fail with missing courses)

Postconditions: Prerequisites validated or list of missing courses provided

UC-4: Check Timetable Conflicts

Actor: System (Registrar Module)

Preconditions: Student has existing schedule

Flow:

1. System retrieves student's current enrolled sections
2. System gets time slots for each enrolled section from array grid
3. System retrieves time slot for requested section
4. System compares time slots for overlaps
5. System returns conflict status with conflicting course if found

Postconditions: Conflict detected or registration cleared for timing

UC-5: Manage Waitlist

Actor: System (SectionManager Module)

Trigger: Student drops course

Flow:

1. SectionManager detects seat availability in section
2. System checks section's FIFO waitlist queue
3. If queue not empty: System dequeues first student
4. System validates student's current prerequisites (recheck)
5. System checks for timetable conflicts with student's current schedule
6. If valid: System will enroll student
7. If invalid: System moves to next student in queue
8. System updates seat count and waitlist

Postconditions: Seat filled or remains available if no valid waitlist student

UC-6: Balance Section Load

Actor: System (SectionManager Module)

Trigger: Registration request or periodic balancing

Flow:

1. System retrieves all sections for requested course
2. System calculates load factor for each section using heap
3. System identifies sections below capacity threshold
4. System suggests least loaded section to student
5. If student accepts: System registers in suggested section
6. System updates heap structure with new load

Postconditions: Student placed in balanced section

UC-7: Generate Enrollment Report

Actor: Admin/Registrar

Preconditions: System has registration data

Flow:

1. Admin requests enrollment report for specific course
2. Reports module queries hash map for course sections
3. System retrieves enrolled students for each section
4. System formats report with student details and seat counts
5. System outputs report

Postconditions: Report generated showing enrollment status

UC-8: Generate Waitlist Report

Actor: Admin/Registrar

Preconditions: Waitlists exist for sections

Flow:

1. Admin requests waitlist report
2. Reports module iterates through section queues
3. System retrieves student details for each waitlisted student
4. System includes position in queue and timestamp
5. System outputs report

Postconditions: Waitlist report generated with queue positions

2. Secondary Use Cases

UC-9: Add Course Prerequisites

Actor: Admin

Flow:

1. Admin specifies course and prerequisite course
2. System adds directed edge in prerequisite DAG
3. System validates no cycles created using topological sort
4. If cycle detected: Reject and display error
5. If valid: Confirm prerequisite added

UC-10: View Available Seats

Actor: Student

Flow:

1. Student requests seat availability for course
2. System queries SectionManager for all sections
3. System calculates available seats (capacity - enrolled)
4. System displays section details with seat counts

UC-11: Check Student Eligibility

Actor: System

Trigger: Before any registration attempt

Flow:

1. System checks student account status
2. System verifies student not already enrolled in course
3. System validates maximum credit hours not exceeded
4. System returns eligibility status

3. Use Case Relationships

Include Relationships:

- UC-1 includes UC-3 (Register includes Validate Prerequisites)
- UC-1 includes UC-4 (Register includes Check Conflicts)
- UC-2 includes UC-5 (Drop includes Waitlist Promotion)
- UC-6 included by UC-1 (Balancing during registration)

Extend Relationships:

- UC-5 extends UC-2 (Promote student only if waitlist exists)
- UC-6 extends UC-1 (Balancing suggested as alternative)

4. Use Case Priorities

Critical (Must Have):

- UC-1: Register for Course
- UC-2: Drop Course
- UC-3: Validate Prerequisites
- UC-4: Check Timetable Conflicts

Important (Should Have):

- UC-5: Manage Waitlist
- UC-6: Balance Section Load
- UC-7: Generate Enrollment Report

Nice to Have:

- UC-8: Generate Waitlist Report
- UC-10: View Available Seats
- UC-11: Check Student Eligibility

2. Class diagram/pseudocode

Class Diagram:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAG7I9Aewno/QzWL0b02HIEu8MdL5Frmsg/view?utm_content=DAG7I9Aewno&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utllid=h93cf0d180b

3. Data structure specs

Students

Attributes:

- `studentIDs[]` (int) : Unique ID for each student
- `studentNames[]` (char* array) : Names of students
- `completedCourses[][]` (2D char* array) : Courses already completed
- `enrolledCourses[][]` (2D char* array) : Courses registered this semester

Courses

Attributes:

- `courseCodes[]` (char* array) : Unique course IDs
- `courseTitles[]` (char* array) : Names of courses
- `prerequisites[][]` (2D char* array) : Prerequisite course codes for each course

Sections

Attributes:

- `sectionID (char*)` : Unique section ID
- `courseCode (char*)` : Which course this section belongs to
- `capacity (int)` : Max seats
- `enrolledStudents[] (int array)` : StudentIDs currently enrolled
- `enrolledCount (int)` : Number of students enrolled
- `waitlist[] (int array or linked list)` : FIFO queue for waitlisted students

Timetable

Attributes:

`timetable[] [] (2D char* array)` : Each student's registered timeslots

Reports

Attributes:

- `reportID (int)` : Unique identifier for the report. Example: 1, 2, 3.
- `type (char*)` : Type of report. Values: "enrolled", "waitlisted", "available seats".
- "enrolled" will show which students are enrolled in a section
- "waitlisted" will show which students are in the waitlist queue
- "available seats" will show remaining seat count per section

- *data (char* array)* : Report content, depending on the report type:
- **Enrolled Report:** studentIDs in a section, e.g., { "S1:101", "S1:102" }
- **Waitlisted Report:** studentIDs in waitlist queue, e.g., { "S1:105" }
- **Available Seats Report:** sectionID and remaining seats, e.g., { "S1:38" }

4. File formats

This project uses multiple text-based files to store and manage data.

All files are simple **.txt** formats so they can easily be read using **fstream** in C++.

1. **courses.txt**

Stores: Course information

Includes:

- Course code
- Course name
- Total seats
- Seats already filled

2. **students.txt**

Stores: Student information

Includes:

- Student ID
- Student Name
- Program / Department

3. prereq.txt

Stores: Course prerequisite pairs (prerequisite graph)

Includes:

- Course
- Its prerequisite course

4.completed.txt

Stores: Courses that each student has completed (for prerequisite checking)

Includes:

- Student ID
- Completed course

5.registrations.txt

Stores: Registration output results

Includes:

- Student ID
- Course ID
- Status (Registered / Waitlisted)

6.waitlist.txt

Stores: Students waiting for seats in courses

Includes:

- Course ID
- Student IDs in waiting queue

5. Sample datasets

Dataset 1: Student IDs (1D array)

```
int studentIDs[] = {101, 103, 102, 105, 104};  
  
int studentCount = 5;
```

Dataset 2: Student Names (parallel pointer array)

```
char* studentNames[] = {"Zeenat", "Kashaf", "Meryam", "Amna",  
"Bisma"};
```

Dataset 3: Completed Courses (2D array of strings)

Each student may have completed multiple courses (empty string if none):

```
char* completedCourses[5][3] = {  
    {"OOP", "Math101", ""},  
    {"OOP", "Math101", "DSA"},  
    {"Math101", "", ""},  
    {"OOP", "", ""},  
    {"", "", ""}  
};
```

Dataset 4: Enrolled Courses (2D array of strings)

Courses student is currently registered for (empty string if none):

```
char* enrolledCourses[5][3] = {
```

```

        {"", "", ""},
        {"", "", ""},
        {"", "", ""},
        {"", "", ""},
        {"", "", ""}
};

```

Dataset 5: Course Codes (1D array)

```

char* courseCodes[] = {"CS101", "CS201", "MA101", "CS301"};

int courseCount = 4;

```

Dataset 6: Course Titles (parallel pointer array)

```

char* courseTitles[] = {"OOP", "DSA", "Math101", "Algorithms"};

```

Dataset 7: Prerequisites (2D array of strings)

```

char* prerequisites[4][2] = {

    {"PF", ""},

    {"OOP", ""},

    {"", ""},

    {"DSA", ""}

};

```