

SAMPLE COURSE MATRIX FOR STUDENTS PLANNING TO GRADUATE IN 5 YEARS

THIS MATRIX ASSUMES STUDENTS ARE COMMITTED TO COMPLETING 24 OR MORE UNITS PER YEAR; use this Matrix in combination with the CRJU roadmap (based on your catalog year) found here: <https://www.fullerton.edu/undergraduate/academic-roadmaps/index.html>

Tips for Building an Academic Plan:

- **General Education (GE) Requirements:** Space out GE appropriately throughout the 4 years.
- **CRJU Major Requirements:** The CRJU major is mostly upper-division coursework; plan to take CRJU upper-division courses in your junior year.
- **Free Electives:** Plan for “free electives” if you have them. These are typically units that help you reach the minimum 120 units to graduate. These courses can be any subject, 100-level or above as long as you have not taken them before. Alternatively, these courses can also be used towards a minor. See an advisor for support on minors & free electives.
- **Track Prerequisites:** Courses may have prerequisites that must be taken earlier in the program. Be sure to schedule these in the first 2 yrs.
- **Balance Course Load:** Spread out more difficult courses between semesters. Mix major courses with GE courses and electives.
- **Explore Internships:** Consider internship opportunities by junior year. You can complete an internship your senior year for course credit.
- **Maintain Flexibility:** Some courses might be offered only in certain semesters (e.g., Fall or Spring), so plan accordingly.
- **Meet with your Academic Advisor Regularly:** Meet with your advisor to discuss your degree completion goals and additional feedback for your academic plan.

Planning Matrix:

YEAR 1			
Fall 20__		Spring 20__	
Course Name	Units	Course Name	Units
Unit Total:		Unit Total:	
Winter 20__ (If needed)		Summer 20__ (If needed)	

YEAR 2			
Fall 20__		Spring 20__	
Course Name	Units	Course Name	Units
Unit Total:		Unit Total:	
Winter 20__ (If needed)		Summer 20__ (If needed)	

YEAR 3			
Fall 20__		Spring 20__	
Course Name	Units	Course Name	Units
Unit Total:		Unit Total:	
Winter 20__ (If needed)		Summer 20__ (If needed)	

YEAR 4			
Fall 20__		Spring 20__	
Course Name	Units	Course Name	Units
Unit Total:		Unit Total:	
Winter 20__ (If needed)		Summer 20__ (If needed)	

YEAR 5			
Fall 20__		Spring 20__	
Course Name	Units	Course Name	Units
Unit Total:		Unit Total:	
Winter 20__ (If needed)		Summer 20__ (If needed)	

* This plan is a sample only. It should not replace early and frequent consultation with an advisor, as requirements are subject to change, and the number of units each semester depends upon satisfactory performance and progress.

**Current University policy limits students to 18 units per semester, but students can petition to take > 18 units.