May I get on more than one waitlist for the same class?

Yes. You cannot register for the same class more than once, but you can on the waitlist. If both become available at the same time, you will have to choose which one you prefer to register for. If you are already registered for the same class but receive notification for a different time that you prefer, you will have to drop the class you are registered for while you add the new class.

If you change your mind about being on a waitlist, we recommend you drop yourself form the waitlist so that you do not delay the process for other students. That will be very nice of you to do, thank you.

May I get on the waitlist for a class that has a time conflict with another class?

Yes. You cannot register for a class that has a time conflict, but you can on the waitlist. You may have a preference for one class that is full, but register for another class at the same time in case you are not offered a seat from the waitlist. If you are unsure, please ask your academic adviser for assistance. If you are offered a seat from the waitlist with a time conflict, you will have to drop the class you are registered for while you add the new class.

Is there a way for me to see how close I am to the top of a waiting list?

Yes. You can view the Student Guide to Waitlisting <link> for instructions. The order is 0 (zero) to the maximum of the waitlist. A position of 0 (zero) means you have already been notified of an available seat and can register for the class.

What happens if I don’t register for a course within 24 hours after receiving an e-mail notification?

If you do not register within the 24 deadline, the next student on the waitlist will move to the top of the list. For this reason, it is highly recommended that you check your OU webmail often.

What if I am a senior? Shouldn’t I receive priority over a freshman?

Yes. You receive priority by class standing during Priority Registration. Priority registration occurs once at the beginning of the registration period. After the initial week of registration, all other registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. You can read more about important dates and priority registration at oakland.edu/regschedule.

At what point does a waiting list go away?

All waiting lists will be discontinued after the first week of classes. After the first week, an instructor’s signature is required to add a class.
Do all classes use a waitlist?

Individual instructors may choose to maintain their own waitlist and not use the automated feature. All courses with an electronic waiting list will be easily identified in SAIL.

Why can’t I get on a waitlist for a class that has a lab, recitation or other requirement?

Any class with a concurrent requirement e.g. lab, recitation, corequisite etc. does not have a waitlist since both requirements have to be registered for simultaneously.

I received a waitlist e-mail, but when I tried to register I couldn’t because of a registration hold. What’s wrong?

All registration holds must be resolved or an override provided before registration may occur. It is your responsibility to check your holds before adding yourself to a waitlist. You can read more about holds at oakland.edu/registrar/holds.

I accidentally dropped my waitlisted class. How do I get back in?

As long as you are still within the 24 hour deadline you can add the class by going to the Add/Drop Classes in SAIL. You will then need to type in the CRN in the Add Classes Worksheet and click submit changes. This will register you for the class. After the 24 hour deadline you may add yourself back to the bottom of the waitlist, and the available seat has been offered to another student.