

Waitlist FAQ's

- **Do all courses automatically get a waitlist?**
No, having a waitlist is not appropriate for all courses. A waitlist can't be attached to lecture / lab courses where the lecture and lab sections are taught using the same course number. Many 100 level courses have a percentage of their seats reserved for new freshmen. A waitlist can't be attached to a course with seat reservations.
- **How do I put myself on a course waitlist?**
If a course has a waitlist and the course is full, you will see a status of Closed - ## Waitlisted. You will have the option to click on the box and choose (**Waitlisted**) to add yourself to the waitlist. You will need to click **Submit Changes** to save your selection.
- **If I am on a course waitlist and a seat becomes available, what can I expect?**
If a seat becomes available, the system will send an email to your Catamount email account. If you want the seat, you will have **24 hours** to register for the course. You will need to go into add / drop, click on the box beside the course you're waitlisted for and select (**Web Register**). You will need to click **Submit Changes** to save this change.
- **How do I know how far back I am on the waitlist?**
When you add your name to the waitlist, the computer will display the number of people on the waitlist ahead of you. Your current position on the waitlist is displayed on the Student Detailed Schedule in myWCU and updates as seats are opened.
- **Once you notify me that a seat opened up, how long do I have to claim that seat?**
You will have **24 hours**, including weekends and holidays, to register. The deadline will be contained in the email you receive and is also displayed on the Student Detailed Schedule in myWCU.
- **What if I miss the 24-hour deadline to register?**
A notification email will be sent to the next person on the list and your name will be removed from the waitlist. You will need to re-add yourself back to the waitlist if you still want to be waitlisted.
- **Can I take myself off a waitlist?**
Yes, you can. Return to the add / drop page in myWCU, select the box beside the course you want to drop and click (**Web Drop**). You will need to click **Submit Changes** to save this change.
- **Why can't I waitlist for a different section of a course already on my schedule?**
Having waitlisted seats is all about providing an opportunity for as many students as possible to register for a course. In a sense of fairness to others, students can't hold waitlist seats for courses for which they are already enrolled in.