
ORF 363/COS 323 Waitlist Information — Fall 2019

Dear students,

If you are reading this, I assume you have tried to register for ORF 363/COS 323 but have not been able to because the class is full. I greatly appreciate your interest in the course and hope that you can all take it prior to graduation.

As you may know, I raised the enrollment cap for this course from 80 to 110 last year by moving to a larger room. I hope this resolves some of the enrollment concerns, at least for our seniors.

The only waitlist for the course is the one that goes out (on hard copy) during the first lecture on September 12, 2019. You will write your name, major, and year on a sheet of paper that we hand out. The waitlist will subsequently be ordered according to the following rules:

- Seniors first, juniors second, sophomores & graduate students (as a group) third;
- Within each group: ORF first, COS second, Other third (“other” will be randomized);
- Within each subgroup (e.g., ORF seniors), the order will be randomized.

My recommendation to you: Show up to the first two weeks of class. Many registered students are shopping around and drop out after a week or two.

Frequently asked questions:

1. *Can I secure a place on the waitlist if I email you?*
No. The only way to enroll is via the process described above.
2. *I have special circumstances: I need this course to fulfill elective X or certificate requirement Y. Can I be given special consideration?*
Unfortunately not. Many students list reasons of this type and it becomes very tricky to treat everybody fairly. That’s why I try to keep the waitlist policy as simple and as transparent as possible.
3. *Will you be adding more seats?*
I do not plan to. I teach on the blackboard and try to make my lectures as interactive as I can. I think 110 is a reasonable upper bound for having a dynamic classroom (at least for me).
4. *Can you comment on my chances of getting in?*
The best I can do is to have an AI tell you your position on the waitlist upon request. In the past, we have had students drop after the mathematical review lectures or after the first problem set. It is probably a good idea (assuming you are interested) to keep coming to lecture during the first few weeks.

I hope this information helps, and I look forward to meeting you all very soon!

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