

1.0 Welcome

This is the first page students see when logging into the system. It provides an overview of their progress and offers them tools with which to start their search for classes. Customized course recommendations are offered as a possible starting point.

Pratt Course Cart

Reid Beels | Your Account | Your Courses | Sign Out

Term Selection
Spring 2007

Find Courses

Search: Everything for [input]
Browse: Department, Requirement, Campus

Welcome, Reid!

Help
Provides usage information about the page the student is viewing. Also includes facilities to contact the registrar for assistance.

Warning
Warnings can display information that is crucial to the student's registration process, such as holds or schedule changes.

Records Hold
There is a records hold on your account. This means that there is a problem with some part of your school records. You will not be registered for classes until it has been cleared. In order to clear this hold, you should contact the registrar.

Degree Progress
You have completed 107 of 143 credits towards your Communication Design degree. [View Details]

Recommended Courses for Spring 2007:

COMD-402 SENIOR PROJECT ★★★★★
There are 14 sections of this course, taught by 9 instructors.
This is the short description of the course. It isn't as long as the long description, which is really what separates the two. The only time that it's as long as the long description is if teachers are lazy and don't write a long description.
● You need this course to graduate.

COMD-311 INFORMATION DESIGN I ★★★★★
There is 1 section of this course, taught by James Spahr on Mondays from 5pm-7pm
This is the short description of the course. It isn't as long as the long description, which is really what separates the two. The only time that it's as long as the long description is if teachers are lazy and don't write a long description.
● This course is a studio elective. You need 6 more studio elective credits.

HUM-490 TOPICS IN THE HUMANITIES ★★★★★
There are 18 sections of this course, taught by 13 instructors.
This is the short description of the course. It isn't as long as the long description, which is really what separates the two. The only time that it's as long as the long description is if teachers are lazy and don't write a long description.
● This course fulfills the Liberal Arts requirement. You need 3 more LA credits.

Recommended Courses
Automatically generated list of recommended courses for the student. Based on previous progress, degree goal, and curriculum schedule.

Contextual Section Information
If only one section of a course exists, information will be shown for that section and all course links will point at the section detail page.

Ratings
Average course rating, aggregated from all sections. If section ratings vary highly, rating will not be shown at the course level.

Requirement Line
Specifies how the displayed course works into the student's graduation plan. Clicking on the department type (in this case, Liberal Arts) will initiate a search for courses.

Searching
Students can choose to search everything, by course name, or by instructor. They will then have the ability to refine their query.

Browsing
Browsing by a number of criteria provides an alternative way for students to begin their search.

Your Courses
Displays both the courses that a student has already registered for and a list of outstanding requirements for the current term.
Clicking on a requirement in the list will initiate a search for courses which fulfill it.

Your Schedule
A visual display of a student's schedule. This area is also used when browsing courses to display where how a prospective course would fit.

Scheduled Section
Clicking on a scheduled section will load its section detail page. From this page, the student is able to view information about the section or drop it.

Selected Courses:
COMD-402/05: 4 credits
Senior Project with Michael Gerbino
Meets Mondays from 10am to Noon.

Remaining Requirements:
Senior Project: 4 credits
Studio Elective: 3 credits
Liberal Arts Elective: 3 credits

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9am							
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11am		COMD 402					
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1.1 Degree Details

This expansion of the degree progress section provides a more in-depth overview of the student's progress towards their degree.

Progress Bar
The progress bar is visible on the welcome page and provides a quick overview of the contents of this view.

Visual Audit
All courses required towards the student's degree are shown grouped first by category (Foundation, major, LA, etc.) and then by their suggested sequence.

Completed courses are filled in which courses that still have to be completed are empty. This allows the student to quickly see what they are missing in a sequence.

The screenshot shows the Pratt Course Cart interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the user's name 'Reid Beels' and links for 'Your Account', 'Your Courses', and 'Sign Out'. The main header is 'Pratt Course Cart' with a 'Find Courses' section set to 'Spring 2007'. A 'Welcome, Reid!' message is displayed. A 'Records Hold' warning is present, stating that there is a problem with some school records and the student should contact the registrar. A progress bar shows '107 of 143 credits' completed towards a 'Communication Design degree'. Below this is a grid of course blocks, each representing a course. The blocks are color-coded: orange for completed, red for required, and blue for elective. A 'Your Courses' section lists 'Selected Courses' (COMD-402/05) and 'Remaining Requirements' (Senior Project, Studio Elective, Liberal Arts Elective). A 'Your Schedule' grid shows the student's current schedule, with COMD 402 on Monday from 10am to 11am. A 'Recommended Courses for Spring 2007' section lists 'COMD-402 SENIOR PROJECT', 'COMD-311 INFORMATION DESIGN I', and 'HUM-490 TOPICS IN THE HUMANITIES'.

Course Block
Each block represents a single course in a student's degree requirement. Blocks vary in size to reflect the course's credit value. Clicking on a block will display the course detail page.

Requirement Block
In cases where the student has a choice between multiple courses to fulfill a requirement, the name of the requirement will be displayed. Clicking on this block will initiate a search for courses that meet the requirement.

When a requirement is completed, the number of the course taken to fulfill it will be inserted.

2.0 Results

This framework displays the results of search and browse operations. It allows students narrow their search by adding criteria or expand it by removing them.

Current Criteria
Displays the current search criteria and allows for the search to be widened by removing individual constraints.

Search
Allows the student to narrow their search by adding additional keywords. A new search can also be initiated from here.

Add Criteria
The browse view is expanded to display all topics that contain results of the current search. The number of results in a given topic is shown in parenthesis. Clicking on a topic will add it as a constraint to the current search.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Pratt Course Cart" with a search bar containing "Google". The page header includes "Reid Beels | My Account | My Courses | Sign Out". The main content is divided into several sections:

- Find Courses**: A header for the search results.
- Your search returned 40 results. Now showing 1--3. Sort By: Relevance**: A summary of search results and a sorting dropdown menu.
- Current Criteria**: A section showing "Keyword: design [remove]" and "Campus: Brooklyn [remove]".
- Narrow Your Search**: A section with a search input field and a tree view of "Add Criteria" including Department (School of Architecture, School of Art and Design, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Requirement (Your Major: COMD (2), Liberal Arts (2)), and sub-categories like Communication Design (2), Digital Arts (1), History of Art and Design (4), and Critical and Visual Studies (2).
- Your Courses**: A section showing "Selected Courses" (COMD-402/05: 4 credits, Senior Project with Michael Gerbino, Meets Mondays from 10am to Noon) and "Remaining Requirements" (Senior Project: 4 credits, Studio Elective: 3 credits, Liberal Arts Elective: 3 credits).
- Your Schedule**: A section with a calendar icon and a printer icon.

Annotations on the right side of the page:

- Sort**: Points to the "Sort By: Relevance" dropdown menu. Description: "Allows the student to change the sort order of search results. The default sort, 'Relevance,' gives higher weight to courses which meet the student's outstanding degree requirements."
- Course Eligibility**: Points to a grey bar stating "You have not completed the necessary prerequisites to register for this class." Description: "If a student is not eligible to take a course, they are notified of why in the search results."

3.0 Course Detail

General information about a course is displayed along with an interactive list of all course sections. Students can add or drop sections directly from this page.

Back to Search
The search module of the sidebar is replaced with a link back to the most recent result set.

Requirement
If the course being viewed meets an outstanding requirement, it is highlighted in the requirement display.

Sections
All sections of the given course are displayed.

Action buttons to the right of each section allow the student to interact with them. The action buttons change depending on the status of the section and the student's current schedule.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Pratt Course Cart" with a URL of "file:///Users/reidab/Documents/coursecart_wireframe/course.html". The page header includes "Reid Beels | My Account | My Courses | Sign Out".

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a sidebar with the following sections:

- Find Courses**: Includes a "Return to Search Results" link.
- Your Courses**:
 - Selected Courses:** A green box for "COMD-402/05: 4 credits Senior Project with Michael Gerbino Meets Mondays from 10am to Noon." with a checkmark icon.
 - Remaining Requirements:**
 - Senior Project: 4 credits (highlighted in yellow) with a gear icon and text: "The course you are viewing fulfills this requirement."
 - Studio Elective: 3 credits
 - Liberal Arts Elective: 3 credits
- Your Schedule**: A calendar grid showing the current schedule. A blue box labeled "COMD 402" is placed in the 10am slot on Monday.

The right column displays course details for "COMD-401 SENIOR PROJECT":

- Welcome, Reid!**
- COMD-401 SENIOR PROJECT**
- Course description: "This is the long description of the course. It's longer than the short description, which is really what separates the two. The only time that it's as long as the long description is if teachers are lazy and don't write a long description."
 - Note: "You need this course to graduate."
- There are 4 Sections of this course:**
 - Section 0**: Meeting Time: Mondays, 5pm-7pm. Avg. Rating: 30% (6 users). Seats Filled: 16/20. Action: "Add this section".
 - Section 1**: Meeting Time: Mondays, 11am-12:30pm. Avg. Rating: 60% (1 user). Seats Filled: 8/20. Action: "Drop this section".
 - Section 2**: Meeting Time: Mondays, 11am-12:30pm. Avg. Rating: 60% (1 user). Seats Filled: 8/20. Action: "Join this instead of COMD-402".
 - Section 3**: Meeting Time: Thursdays, 2pm-5pm. Avg. Rating: 43% (6 users). Seats Filled: 20/20. Action: "Section Full: Contact Instructor".

Annotations on the right side of the screenshot explain various UI elements:

- Availability**: Visual and textual display of current enrollment.
- Section Rating**: Ratings collected from routine course evaluation, administered online, contribute to this average. The number of responses is shown in order to give context to the rating.
- Registered**: If a student is already registered for a section, this icon will be displayed.
- Conflict**: If a section conflicts with a student's existing schedule, this icon will be displayed.
- Full Section**: If a section is full the availability bar will darken and the student will be given the option to contact the instructor.