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Schedule of classes available online

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"The online version will make the most current information available in real time – if a department makes a change to a course offering, the information is immediately updated and available online," said Registrar Steve Shablin "A disadvantage to the printed version of the schedule of classes is that it becomes out-of-date the moment it's printed."

The movement toward placing documents online began with the development of the university's **student e-mail policy**. This fall, OU began sending official university business, such as tuition and fees bills, financial aid, schedule of classes, and information on grades and graduation, to students through their free OU e-mail accounts.

"Several other university publications are moving to the Web, and we're following that institutional trend," Shablin said. "Placing the schedule of classes online also places OU among other institutions. For the majority of Oakland students, the Web has become the way to transact business. Giving them access to this information online also means it's always available, day and night."

Over the next few weeks, students will receive a mailed postcard informing them of where to access the schedule online. Students were also informed via an e-mail broadcast. Flyers will also be produced and sent to offices that have student contact.

The **Winter 2004 Schedule of Classes** can be accessed at <https://sail.oakland.edu/schedule.htm>, or by clicking the SAIL button on the Oakland University home page, then selecting "Class Schedule." A limited number of schedules have been printed and will be distributed to many offices that received copies in the past. Students can also obtain a copy of the schedule by visiting the Registration Office in 100 O'Dowd Hall beginning Monday, Oct. 27.

Winter 2004 registration by class standing will be held Nov. 10-19. Open registration is Nov. 20-January 5. The last day for SAIL phone/Web registration is Jan. 5. Winter classes Students should check their oakland.edu e-mail account for information about registering for winter 2004 classes.

For more information on registration or the Schedule of Classes, contact the **Registrar's Office** at (248) 370-3450 or registra@oakland.edu.

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