NGSS February Student Information Sessions
Question & Answer

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Will the recording of this student information session be shared?	A link to the recording is available at: https://ngss.srfs.upenn.edu//ngss-path-at-penn-information-session.html
What will we be able to see between March 14 and April 4? Can we look at classes, or do we have to wait until April 4 to start seeing courses for Fall 2022 and planning to register?	What you are seeing now, including the search, will not be available on March 14. On March 14, you will be able to check your personal information including preferred name and pronouns. You will also be able to resume transcript ordering, which is suspended between March 3-13. Starting on April 4, you will be able to view classes and some registration tools, however, you will not be able to add classes to a cart until Advance Registration begins on April 18. The time between March 14 and April 4 is to allow your advisors and others to become familiar with the new system so they are able to help students.
What is the difference between "add to cart" and "add to plan" when choosing a course?	The cart is used for registration of class courses that are available for the semester. A plan is forward looking. You can put a course that is in the University catalog, regardless of whether it is offered during the term, on your plan for a future semester. When you get to registration for that semester, it is available in the plan to put in your cart.
So we can override course permit directly via Path@Penn, but what about waitlists? For example, CIS has a separate waitlist system, and for some courses students need to add themselves to the waitlist, say in a separate website. Will there be a link/notification when we try to add such classes?	Waitlists are not part of the system release on March 14. The project team is researching the many different wait list policies, procedures, and systems across schools and programs. These need to be sorted out and discussed first before a Path@Penn solution can be devised that will fit most schools and programs.
Can we plan different schedules with different times as we could previously?	Yes, students will have a primary cart and also an alternative cart in order to plan different schedules.
Is there a way to visualize various carts similar to the "mock schedules" on Penn InTouch?	Yes, you will have a calendar tool, which is different from Penn InTouch, available to visualize your carts.
Can you explain more about the course numbering system?	The course numbering system for summer 2022 and forward has been made more robust with a change from three digits to four digits. Some course numbering changes are intuitve but some departments have take this unique opportunity to renumber their courses to better reflect their curriculum. The project is working on tools and quick guides to help the transition from the old to new numbering.

Can we search courses based on the requirements/sectors they fulfill?	Yes, you can search for courses based on different attributes.
Do we still rank courses in the same way as Penn InTouch?	Yes, you have the ability to rank your classes as first, second, or third choice but the algorithyms of the advance scheduler will consult many more data points than does Penn InTouch.
Do we still have academic planning worksheets?	Yes, you will have a worksheet that will show your customized progress bars to meet your graduation requirements.
Is the swap used in case I do not get into a class A, but I know I could take it another semester and instead take class B?	Yes, the swap is an exciting improvement for students. It is specifically around registration during core selection when you want to drop one class, add another, only if you can take the second. There is no chance you would lose a seat in the first class if the second was not availble.
Will Path@Penn replace Penn In Touch for purposes of signing into the Penn Libraries?	Path @Penn will remember your PennKey for anything you are doing in Path such as registration or financial aid. But if Path provides a link to another system, such as Canvas, the Libraries, or Campus Express, you will need to sign in again with your PennKey credentials.
Will current spring 2022 students still be using Penn in Touch? When will spring 2022 students need to use Path at Penn?	During this spring 2022 transition, everyone will be using both the old and new systems. Through the end of June 2022, use Penn InTouch for the following: - Apply to graduate in May '22 - View Spring '22 class schedule and grades - View unofficial transcripts - Order transcripts - Make a change to your Spring '22 class registration or enrollment - View academic planning worksheets and understand your degree requirements If a student is planning for the future, then the new system Path@Penn should be used during the following dates: - April 4-17: Search for classes, explore academic programs and opportunities, get familiar with Path@Penn. - Beginning April 18: Students who participate in advance registration should, in consultation with their academic advisor, select courses and alternatives to request and submit that request prior to the deadline on May 1. Register for, add, drop, or swap courses in the fall during course selection. Register for summer classes. - Beginning May 2: Students who participate in advance registration should check to see their schedule. Pay their summer and fall bills. Apply to graduate in August '22 or December '22
I have already sent the application for financial aid 2022*2023. Will I be able to see if there are any missing documents now?	The current student registration and financial services website has a document portal you can view now: https://srfs.upenn.edu/financial-aid. Please consult that information ahead of the Path@Penn launch.
Is it correct that the PennKey sign-in system will remain the same and will not be changing with the transition to Path@Penn?	That is correct. PennKey is not changing as part of the project. You will use your PennKey to log into Path@Penn just like you do for Penn InTouch.

Will exceptions to general education requirements, such as counting a course that includes math as a pre-requisite towards the formal reasoning requirement, be instituted in Path@Penn?	Yes, a process, likely using Path Forms, will be available for students to request exceptions to degree requirements.
Is it possible to open and use multiple tabs in Path@Penn?	Yes, Path@Penn will function as any other website would within the browser you are using. Every time you click a link, it will open a new tab.
How can I place an order for a transcript this spring?	The only time the ability to order transcripts will unavailable is during the blackout period from March 3 to 13. Once your grades are in and your degree posted for spring 2022, you can use Penn InTouch. After spring course grades and graduation results are converted to the new system in June, Penn InTouch will be unavailable to you. You will need to use Path@Penn in the future for transcript requests.