

SEARCHING FOR A CONTEXT & PERSPECTIVES COURSE

What is a Context & Perspectives?

As part of their degree requirements, all students are required to complete one course in each of the six Context & Perspectives themes:

- Institutions and Power
- Values, Ethics, and Society
 - Scientific Inquiry
- Race, Gender, and Inequality
- Culture, Change, and Behavior
 - Globalization

It is important to **no more than two courses can be taken from the same department** and count towards your Context & Perspectives requirements. Although NAS and PSY courses have different subject designators, they are from the same department. The same is true for the various ML courses (MLSP, MLIT, MLCH, MLFR).

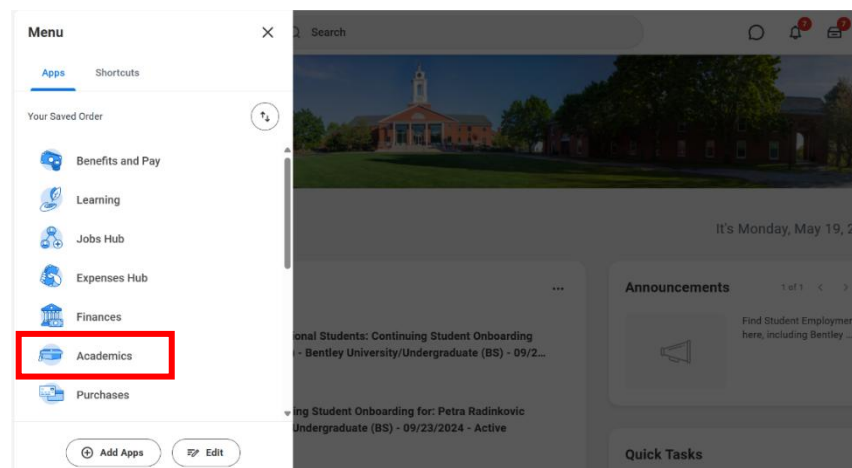
Additionally, courses are unique to each Context & Perspectives theme, so there will not be any course that can fulfill multiple themes.

Finding a Context & Perspectives Course in Bentley Find Course Sections

Schedule Planner is a helpful tool to explore schedule options but is not always the best to identify courses to fulfill your Context & Perspective requirements. By using Bentley Find Course Sections, you will be able to see which courses fill which Context & Perspective themes as well as see the course description and when it is offered.

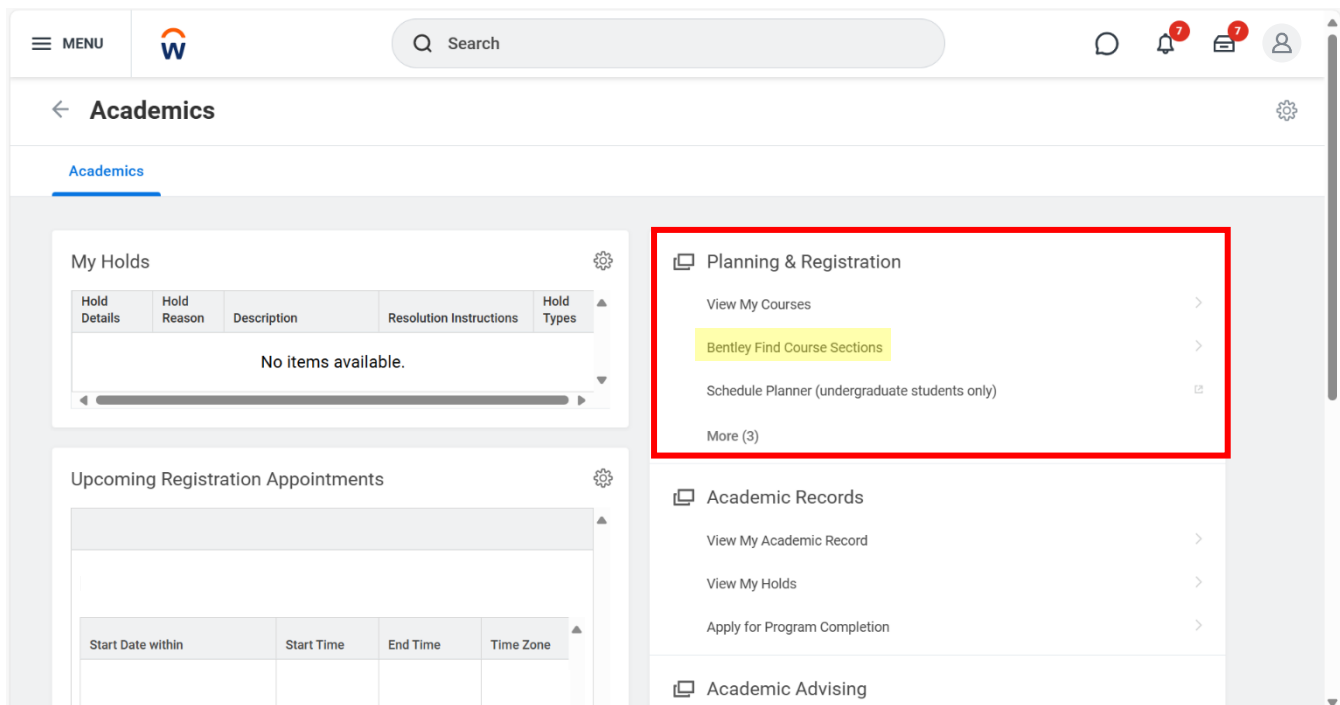
Step 1

Select **Academics** from the menu.



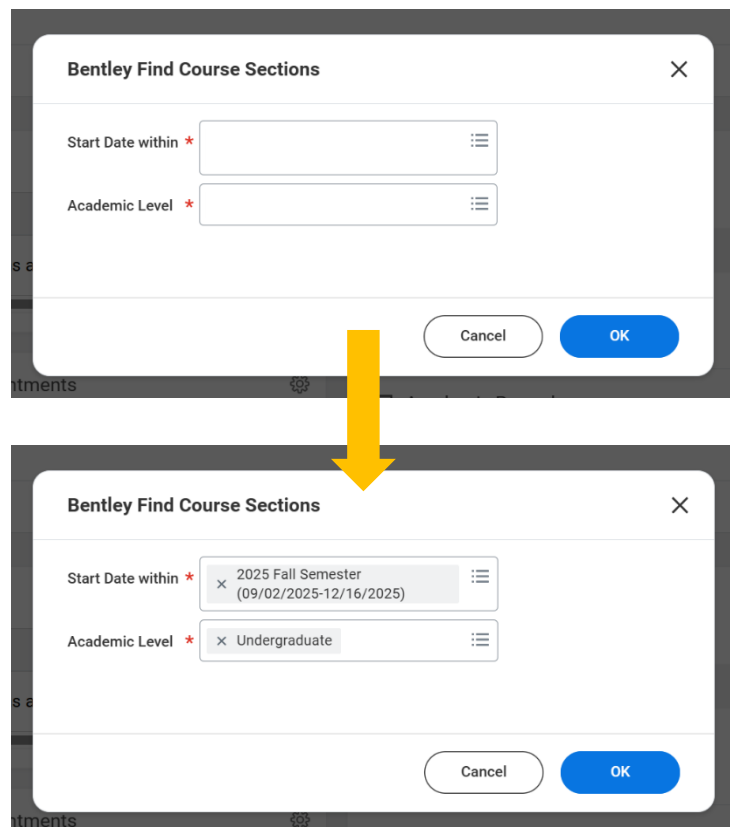
Step 2

Select **Bentley Find Course Sections** within the **Planning & Registration** section.



Step 3

In the pop-up, click in the **Start Date Within** box and type in the semester you wish to search (i.e., Fall 202X) and Select enter. Click in the **Academic Level** box and select **Undergraduate**. Select **OK**.



Step 4

Use the filters on the left to find open Context & Perspective courses.

In the **Section Status** filter, click the small arrow and select *Open*.

In the **Course Tags** filter, click the small arrow and select *More* to see the Context & Perspectives themes at the top of the list. To see which theme a tag represents, hover your cursor over the tag (don't click it unless it is a theme you still need).

To confirm which themes you still need to complete, review your Degree Works audit.

The screenshot displays a search interface with a left sidebar for filters and a main results area. The sidebar includes sections for 'Current Search' (Save, Clear All), 'Academic Period' (2025 Fall Semester), 'Subject' (Accounting, Career Development, Chinese, Computer Information Systems, Economics, More), 'Delivery Mode' (In-Person, Online), and 'Section Status'. The 'Section Status' filter is highlighted with a red box. The main results area shows '846 Results' and a list of courses, including 'AC 115-1 - Introduction to Financial', 'AC 115-10 - Introduction to Financial', 'AC 115-11 - Introduction to Financial', 'AC 115-12 - Introduction to Financial', 'AC 115-13 - Introduction to Financial', 'AC 115-14 - Introduction to Financial', 'AC 115-15 - Introduction to Financial', and 'AC 115-16 - Introduction to Financial'. A yellow arrow points from the 'AC 115-11' course to the 'Section Status' filter. On the right, a sidebar shows 'Section Status' (Open (481), Closed (365)), 'Course Definition', and 'Course Tags' (Context and Perspectives, Course Category: Arts and ...).

Step 5

Once you have identified a few Context & Perspective courses you may want to take in the upcoming semester, note of the course name, subject, and number (i.e., Film and Society – SO 295). You can then add the course to your **Courses List** in Schedule Planner.

The screenshot shows a 'Courses' list in the Schedule Planner. The list includes courses like 'EC 111 Principles of Microeconomics', 'EMS 101 Critical Reading and Writing', 'FDS 100 Falcon Discovery Seminar', 'GLS 299 Experimental Course in Global Studies', and 'SO 295 Film and Society'. The 'SO 295' course is highlighted with a red box. A yellow arrow points from the 'Add Course' button to the 'SO 295' course.