

How to Use this Guide

This guide is meant to offer advice on courses to take in the first year of college in order to progress towards a degree for new students at UNC Asheville, or their advisors. Completing a degree will require completion of both the Integrative Liberal Studies (ILS) curriculum as well as major requirements set by the department you choose to declare a major in.

Please read the general plan first. This has information on 100-level requirements for ILS. Then you may review the section on your intended major. Designing your first-year plan will likely consist of beginning with the recommendations under your major, and then adding any and all ILS courses that you feel comfortable taking in your first year.

General Plan:

1st Semester: 14

LSIC 179: LS Intro Colloq (3)
LANG 120: Intro to Acad Writing (4)
FLAN 1--: Foreign Language I (3)
MATH ---: any 4 hour Math (4)

2nd Semester: 13

HUM 124: The Ancient World (4)
Lab Science: Main course (3)
Lab Science: Lab course (1)
FLAN 1--: Foreign Language II (3)
HWP 152-5: Health Requirement (2)

First Year Advising

This plan leaves plenty of room for first-year students to take intro courses for majors they might be considering. 100 level courses tend to be easier than higher level classes, so what would normally be a large number of hours per semester is not unreasonable for the first year.

- Every student needs to take their Liberal Studies Introductory Colloquium in their first semester. This is the *only* truly fixed requirement. Everything else is just recommended.
- Taking LANG 120 in the first year is recommended. Not everyone needs it in their first semester. Only students interested in a select few majors (Literature, Creative Writing, Management, Accountancy, Mass Communications) should focus on getting LANG 120 in the first semester. Everyone else, especially science majors, can easily wait until their second semester. For the incoming fall of 2009, only about half of the first-year students will be able to take LANG 120 in their first semester.
- HUM 124 is a 100-level ILS requirement, but does not need to be taken in the first year. Students are likely to do better in this course if they have already taken, or are taking, LANG 120.
- Students should also try to take a 4-hour mathematics course in their first year. Some majors require specific 4-hour mathematics courses. See recommendations by major.
- Students can take a placement exam for foreign languages that may exempt them from having to take foreign languages classes at all. Students needing intro level foreign language classes may have to wait until their second year to find course vacancies.
- There are a wide variety of courses that students may choose to fulfill their lab science requirement, and it is generally easy to accomplish this in the first year. It should be noted that the main section is usually a 3-hour course, and has a required co-requisite of a specific 1-hour lab section.
- It is generally recommended that students fulfill their 2-3 hour health and wellness requirement in their first year.
- To see if you have received credit due to high school courses, AP courses, or IB courses, send official transcripts and AP scores to the OneStop office. Otherwise, you may take courses that you already have credit for.

Key

(I) ILS

(M) Major

(B) Both Major and ILS requirement

(F) Flexible as to when the course is taken

(T) Time that the course is taken is important; should be taken when indicated in the plan

(R) Timing of course recommended, but not required.

Example:

(IF) LANG 120 indicates that LANG 120 is an ILS course, and can be taken in a different semester from the one suggested in the example First-Year Plan.

(MT) MATH 167 indicates that MATH 167 is a course for the major and should be taken in the semester suggested in the example First-Year Plan.