

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.

Interdisciplinary Studies

Interdisciplinary Studies is a program that houses three majors: Ethics & Social Institutions, International Studies, and the Individual Degree Concentration. ESI and INTS have their own first-year recommendations in this document, but students interested in pursuing and Individual Degree Concentration should read the program guidelines at www.unca.edu/ist/individual.html, and then meet with the Program Director of Interdisciplinary Studies to discuss the feasibility of an individual degree. Requirements for an Individual Degree are extensive and this major must be declared before a student has completed 75 credit hours.