

## 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.

### Political Science

- It is important to note that Political Science requires students to take STAT 185: Intro to Statistics (4) as a major requirement. This also fulfills the ILS 4 hour Math requirement, so it is a good thing for intended Political Science majors to take in their first year, as it covers both areas.
- There are two introductory courses in Political Science that cover two basic areas of the discipline: POLS 220: Principles of American Political Behavior (3) introduces students to domestic political science. POLS 280: Principles of International Relations (3) is the introductory course for international political science.
- These can be taken in any order, but intended majors may want to give preference to the course that will allow them to take other courses more suited to their particular interests.
- POLS 220 is also a requirement for the minor, so students who decided they don't want to complete a major in Political Science may still want to take this course.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Semester: 10

(IT) LSIC 179: LS Intro Colloq (3)

(BF) STAT 185: Intro to Statistics (4)

*Choose:*

(MR)POLS 281: Prin of Intl Rel (3)

(MR) POLS 220: Prin of American Pol  
Behavior (3)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester: 3

*Complete:*

(MR)POLS 281: Prin of Intl Rel (3)

(MR) POLS 220: Prin of American Pol  
Behavior (3)