

FIRST-YEAR COURSE SELECTION

Welcome to the **Faculty of Arts!** We are excited to be part of this academic journey with you. We know that selecting your courses for the first time can be stressful, but don't worry, just follow the steps below and remember that we are here to help you every step of the way.



1 SELECT YOUR MAJOR

The Faculty of Arts offers 21 different majors

As a first-year student, you are encouraged to **select a major** at the start of your academic journey.

- Already have a **designated major**? Find your major below and register for your required courses
- **Still undecided**? Please see the note at the bottom.

Ancient Studies (AR, HI)

TWO OF AR104, AR105, HI121

Anthropology (AN) *

AN100 AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: AR101, CS100, DH100, ES110, FS100, GG102, GS101, HI199, KS100, PO102, PP110, RE100, SY101, WS100

Archaeology and Heritage Studies (AR)

BOTH AR101, AR102

Communication Studies (CS)

BOTH CS100, CS101

Cultural Studies (KS) *

BOTH KS100, KS101

English (EN)

TWO OF EN107, EN111, EN112, EN113, EN119

**For students in the Sussex stream, please consult the registration guide

Film Studies (FS)

BOTH FS100, FS105

French (FR)

EITHER FR101 and FR102 **OR** FR150 and FR151 **OR** FR250 and FR251

**Consult the [French Course Registration guide](#) to determine your courses

Global Studies (GS)

BOTH GS101, GS102

History (HS)

TWO OF HI109, HI110, HI112, HI114, HI121, HI123, HI125, HI127, HI132

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International Education Studies (INED)

ALL OF GS101, GS102, INED103, INED104, and WS100 **OR** WS101

ONE non-English language credit (typically two courses)

Languages

EITHER SP101 and SP102 **OR** SP201 **OR** SP250

EITHER FR101 and FR102 **OR** FR150 and FR151 **OR** FR250 and FR251

**Contact the Languages and Literatures department at langandlitadvising@wlu.ca before registering

Medieval and Medievalism Studies (ML) *

BOTH ML100, ML103

Multidisciplinary Studies

Register in **5.0 credits** (typically 10 courses) at the 100-level

North American Studies (NO) *

NO105

Philosophy (PP)

BOTH PP110, PP111

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Political Science (PO)

BOTH PO101, PO102

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Religion and Culture (RE)

ONE OF RE100, RE101

ONE OF RE103, RE104, RE105

Sociology (SY)

BOTH SY101, SY103

Spanish (SP)

EITHER SP101 and SP102 **OR** SP201 and SP250

**See the [academic calendar](#) for courses based on your Spanish background

Women and Gender Studies (WS)

EITHER WS100 **OR** WS101

(*) denotes combination majors

Still Undecided?

That's Okay! You have until the end of your first year to choose a major that suits you. For your first-year course selection, take a look at the list above, narrow your interest to 2-3 majors, and register for their required courses.



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STRENGTHEN YOUR SKILLSET

With our first-year arts foundation courses

University learning can be different from what you've experienced before. We encourage you to pick one of these courses that are designed to help you **adjust** to first-year studies.

AF105S Skills for University

This course aims to support incoming first-year Arts students in establishing the necessary skills and strategies to navigate the transition from the high-school learning environment.

AF105W Writing for University

This course is designed to help students develop foundational descriptive and evaluative writing skills including summarizing, paraphrasing, and developing arguments.

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EXPLORE YOUR INTERESTS

Pick from these electives to discover new interests and areas of study

Your major will likely only require a few first-year courses, so you have the opportunity to choose **elective courses** that interest you. Here are some options to consider...

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Fall 2026

- AB101 Modern Standard Arabic I
- AN100 Cultures Today
- AR104 Greece: Minotaur to Alexander
- CS101 Canadian Comms. in Context
- DH100 Digital Creativity
- EN107 Literature & Catastrophe
- FR101 Introductory French I
- FS110 Film & the City
- GM110 Introductory to German I
- GS100 One Planet, Many Worlds
- HI127 Pirates! A World History

- IT101 Introduction to Italian I
- KS100 Studying Popular Culture
- ML103 Digital Valhallas
- NO105 Billionaires, Beavers & Bandits
- PO102 Politics Beyond Borders
- PP103 Philosophy of Happiness
- RE103 Love & Its Myths
- SP101 Intro to Spanish I
- SY103 Intro to Sociology: Social Life
- WS101 Gender, Power, Everyday Life

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FIND YOUR FIT WITH THE ELECTIVE GUIDE

Still unsure? Visit our Arts Advising website for curated course combinations in the Elective Guide

Creative Storyteller

Advocate

Tech-Savvy Modernist

Academic Weapon



Curious Explorer



History Detective



Deep Thinker



Social Butterfly



Linguist

FOR A LIST OF ALL COURSE ELECTIVES

Visit [Arts Academic Advising](#). See "Faculty of Arts Offerings" under *Preparing For Course Registration* to see everything we offer.