

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.

STEP 1: Select Your Major

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.

The Faculty of Arts offers 21 Different Majors:

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

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

Political Science (PO)

- **BOTH** P0101, P0102
- **For students in the Sussex stream, please consult the registration guide

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

Note that (*) 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.

STEP 2: 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.

STEP 3: Explore Your Interests from these electives

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...

Fall 2026 Offering

- 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
- PP103 Philosophy of Happiness
- RE103 Love & Its Myths
- SP101 Intro to Spanish I
- SY103 Intro to Sociology: Social Life
- WS101 Gender, Power, Everyday Life

Winter 2027 Offering

- AN100 Cultures Today
- AR104 Greece: Minotaur to Alexander
- CS101 Canadian Comms. in Context
- DH100 Digital Creativity
- GS100 One Planet, Many Worlds
- HI127 Pirates! A World History
- NO105 Billionaires, Beavers & Bandits
- PO102 Politics Beyond Borders
- RE103 Love & Its Myths
- SY103 Intro to Sociology: Social Life

STEP 4: Find Your Fit With the Elective Guide

Visit our Arts Advising website for curated course combinations in the Elective Guide. The themes include:

- Curious Explorer
- Creative Storyteller
- History Detective
- Advocate

- Deep Thinker
- Tech-Savvy Modernist
- Social Butterfly
- Academic Weapon
- 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.