

**Syracuse University**

College of Arts & Sciences

Advising and Career Services

Recommended Course List  
for Majors in the  
College of Arts and Sciences

All students joining the College of Arts and Sciences may have an idea of what they want to major in and may have indicated a specific interest on their admission application. Before the end of their sophomore year (or before they earn 60 credits) they will need to officially declare a major. However, before that time, we recommend that students see if the major you are interested in is actually the direction you want to go. We have therefore created the list of courses below that each department recommends first year students take as an introduction to that specific major.

The Integrated Learning Majors (ILM) cannot be completed alone; they are integrated into a BA/BS with another primary major.

<b>Department</b>	<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>Recommended Course</b>
African American Studies	AAS/ANT 112, AAS 231 or AAS 232	
Anthropology	ANT 111, ANT 131, ANT 141 or ANT 145	
Applied Mathematics	At least two of the courses MAT 295, MAT 296, MAT 397, MAT 331, and MAT 375, according to math placement and AP Calculus credit. Students with AP credit for 295 and/or 296 enter the calculus sequence 295-296-397 at a higher level unless their math placement exam is weak.	
Art History	HOA 105 (Fall) and HOA 106 (Spring)	
Biochemistry	BIO 121, MAT 285 or MAT 295, CHE 106/107, CHE 109/129 (Honors)	CHE 275 and either BIO 326 or 327 (If entering with AP or external credit)
Biology	BIO 121, MAT 285 or MAT 295, CHE 106/107	
Biotechnology	BIO 121, CHE 106/107, MAT 285 or MAT 295	
Chemistry	CHE 106/107 or CHE 109/129 and MAT 295	
Citizenship & Civic Engagement	MAX 123 and or MAX 132	Any entry level course in any Maxwell Department
Classics	Latin Emphasis- LAT 101, 102, and 201 Greek Emphasis- GRE 101, 102, and 201	LIT 101, 102
Classical Civilization	Two courses must come from the courses taught within the Classics program (those with the prefixes LAT, GRE, and LIT)	LAT 101, 102, 201; GRE 101, 102, 201; HST 210, 310; LIT 101, 102; PHI 111; REL 205, 206
Communication Sciences and Disorders	CSD 212, CSD 315 (prereq: CSD 212)	BIO 121, MAT 121, PSY 205

Earth Sciences	EAR 110-210 EAR 203-210 EAR 105/104-210 *One of the above sequences	
Economics	ECN 203	
BA Economics Track	The Quantitative Skills in the Liberal Arts Core	ECN 301, ECN 302
BS Economics Track	MAT 295 and MAT 296	ECN 311, ECN 302
English and Textual Studies	Any 100-level course and have it count toward their major EXCEPT ETS 107	Courses highly recommended include ETS 114, ETS 118, ETS 121, ETS 151, ETS 153, ETS 154, ETS 170, and ETS 174
Energy and Its Impacts (ILM)	PHY 101 or CHE 103 or CHE 116 And/or ECN 203 or GEO 103 And/or BIO 121 or EAR 110	
Ethics (ILM)	ANT185 or PHI 192	
European Literature	Language course at appropriate level according to placement exam	
Fine Arts	HOA 105 or HOM 165	
Forensic Science (ILM)	CHE113 (spring semester)	
French and Francophone Studies	FRE Language course at appropriate level according to placement exam No knowledge in a language = 101 level Some proficiency-place into: 102, 201, 202 or 300-level course	FRE 202 and above for major
Geography	GEO 103, 155, 171	GEO 272; GEO 215; GEO 273
German Language, Literature and Culture	GER Language course at appropriate level according to placement exam No knowledge in a language = 101 level Some proficiency-place into: 102, 201, 202 or 300-level course	GER 202 and above for major
History	Any of the three foundation areas, depending on interest: HST 101-102; HST 111-112; HST 121-122 HST 210,211	Language Requirement
History of Architecture	HOA 105, ARC 133	

International Relations	PSC 124 or PSC 139 (Honors), ECN 203, ANT 185 or MAX 132	Language Requirement
Italian Language, Literature, and Culture	ITA Language course at appropriate level according to placement exam No knowledge in a language = 101 level Some proficiency- place into: 102, 201, 202 or 300-level course	LIT 200 level class; ITA 202 and above for major
Latino-Latin American Studies	SPA Language course at appropriate level according to placement exam	
Linguistics	LIN 201, 202	LIN 251; Language class for Requirement
Mathematics	At least two of the courses MAT 295, MAT 296, MAT 397, MAT 331, and MAT 375, according to math placement and AP Calculus credit. Students with AP credit for 295 and/or 296 enter the calculus sequence 295-296-397 at a higher level unless their math placement exam is weak.	
Middle Eastern Studies	HEB 101 or PRS 101 or TRK 101 or ARB 101 and JSP 135, REL 100 M002, REL 135, REL 165	
Modern Foreign Language	Language course at appropriate level according to placement exam. Students complete this major with the study of two languages that have an existing major.	300-level courses and above in selected languages
Modern Jewish Studies	REL/JSP 114 or REL/JSP 131 or REL/JSP 135	HEB language course at appropriate level
Music History and Cultures	HOM 165, 166, 195	
Neuroscience (ILM)	PSY 205, BIO 211	
Philosophy	PHI 251	
Physics	PHY 215 (Mechanics), PHY 221 (Mechanics Laboratory), MAT 295 (Calculus I), and please email Patty Whitmore (pawhitmo@syr.edu) with questions.	
Policy Studies (Public Affairs)	PAF 101, MAX 201, MAX 123 ECN 203	PAF 101, 110
Political Philosophy	Two from: PHI 107, PHI 175, PHI 192, or PSC 125; plus PHI 317/PSC 373 and PHI 417/PSC 382	
Political Science	Recommended courses for first-year students: PSC 121 or another 100-level introductory PSC course. We also recommend MAX 123 and MAX 132, although these courses do not count toward the PSC major. Students should take PSC 202 in their sophomore year.	
Psychology	PSY 205 and a Statistics course MAT 121 or MAT 221 or PSY 252	Natural Science

Religion	Any 100 or 200 level course, preferably other than 101	
Religion and Society		REL 101, 135, 142, 156, 185, 186, 205, 206
Russian and Central European Studies	GER or POL or RUS or TRK Language Course at appropriate level according to placement exam	
Russian Language, Literature, and Culture	RUS Language course at appropriate level according to placement exam No knowledge in a language = 101 level Some proficiency- place into: 102, 201, 202 or 300-level course	RUS 202 and above for major
Sociology	SOC 101	
Spanish Language, Literature and Culture	SPA Language course at appropriate level according to placement exam No knowledge in a language = 101 level Some proficiency-place into: 102, 201, 202 or 300-level course	SPA 202 and above for major; SPA 301
Women's and Gender Studies	WGS 101, 201	
Writing and Rhetoric	WRT 105, 205, WRT 255 (prereq: WRT 105 and WRT 205)	