

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 45: Change the entry for LA 178, the First-Year Colloquium

Effective Date: Fall 2018

1. Delete: On page 49, the entry for the **First-Year Colloquium:**

First-Year Colloquium (3-4 semester hours)

The First-Year Colloquium, LA 178 or DEPT 178, introduces students to education in a liberal arts environment, assisting them in making the transition to UNC Asheville. LA 178 is required for all incoming freshmen and first-year students with less than 25 hours of college credit. To facilitate the first-year college student's transition to UNC Asheville, LA 178 will address topics that are important to a "first year experience," including time and money management, health, academic advising, effective use of college resources, and an appreciation of the rhythms of the academic year. Transfer students with 25 or more hours of credit may take LA 378, an optional colloquium course that addresses issues relevant to transfer students entering a new four-year institution.

LA 178 integrates information and intellectual approaches from different disciplines, directly addressing the nature of a liberal arts education. To introduce students to opportunities specific to our campus, they will be encouraged to see the campus within the civic and academic communities, understanding how they have the ability to influence and affect each. They can explore the responsibilities of the liberally educated and have an opportunity to experience cultural events and special opportunities offered by the campus.

Freshmen and first-year students must successfully complete LA 178 within their first two semesters at UNC Asheville. Students who fail to successfully complete the course in their first semester will be limited to 14 or fewer credit hours, which must include LA 178, in their second semester. Students who do not successfully complete LA 178 in their first two semesters of enrollment will not be allowed to continue in a full time status at the University until this requirement has been satisfied. Less than full-time status may impact the student's eligibility for financial aid, housing, veteran's benefits, intercollegiate athletics, and progress toward graduation.

Students may receive credit for only one section of LA 178 or 378. The First-Year Colloquium cannot count for any other LAC or departmental curriculum requirements. If a student does not receive a grade of C or better in LA 178 or 378 and wishes to replace that grade, they may do so by completing another LA 178 or 378 course, of equal credit and level, regardless of prefix.

Add: On page 49, in place of deleted entry:

First-Year Seminar (3-4 semester hours)

The First-Year Seminar, LA 178 or DEPT 178, introduces students to education in a liberal arts environment, assisting them in making the transition to UNC Asheville. LA 178 is required for all incoming first-year students and must be taken within their first two semesters at UNC Asheville. To facilitate the first-year college student's transition to UNC Asheville, LA 178 will address topics that are important to a "first year experience," including academic advising, effective use of college resources, and an appreciation of the rhythms of the academic year.

LA 178 integrates information and intellectual approaches from different disciplines, directly addressing the nature of a liberal arts education. To introduce students to opportunities specific to our campus, they will be encouraged to see the campus within the civic and academic communities, understanding how they have the ability to influence and affect each. They can explore the responsibilities of the liberally educated and have an opportunity to experience cultural events and special opportunities offered on campus and in the larger Asheville community.

Students may receive credit for only one section of LA 178. The First-Year Seminar cannot count for any other LAC or departmental curriculum requirement. If a student does not receive a grade of C or better in LA 178 and wishes to replace that grade, they may do so by completing another LA 178 course, of equal credit and level, regardless of prefix.

Impact: The following changes have been made to the description:

- Changes the terminology from "Colloquium" to "Seminar"
- Changes criteria from "all incoming freshmen and first-year students with less than 25 hours of college credit" to "all incoming first-year students"
- Removes LA 378 and the references to the course
- Removes the statement "Students who do not successfully complete LA 178 in their first two semesters of enrollment will not be allowed to continue in a full time status at the University until this requirement has been satisfied. Less than full-time status may impact the student's eligibility for financial aid, housing, veteran's benefits, intercollegiate athletics, and progress toward graduation."

Rationale: "Colloquium" and "Seminar" are synonymous, but seminar is the standard word referring to this type of course offered at universities nationwide.

The intent of the First-Year course is to assist with the transition from high school to college, including introducing students to the liberal arts, skill development, and campus resources. The appropriate population required to complete this course are first-year students who have not been enrolled in college after high school graduation. This population is properly defined as "all incoming first-year students", and includes students who complete early college programs during high school, regardless of the number of credits earned.

LA 378, the transfer version of this course is not offered and should be removed from the catalog.

Dr. Rodger Payne, current director of the First-Year course program, is supportive of these changes.

2. Delete: On page 213, the entry for **LA 178:**

178 Liberal Arts First-Year Colloquium (DEPT 178) (3-4)

A topical seminar for all incoming freshmen and first-year students with less than 25 hours of college credit. The course introduces the study and construction of knowledge in the liberal arts setting, and addresses perspectives on knowledge acquisition, skill development, cognitive growth and aesthetic appreciation. The responsibilities, challenges and rewards of college life, as well as the culture and opportunities specific to life in Asheville and at UNC Asheville will also be emphasized. May not be used to fulfill major or minor requirements. Students may receive credit for only one section of LA 178. No credit given if credit received for LA 378. Fall and Spring.

Add: On page 213, in place of deleted entry:

178 Liberal Arts First-Year Seminar (DEPT 178) (3-4)

A topical seminar for all incoming first-year students, this course introduces the study and construction of knowledge in the liberal arts setting. Perspectives on knowledge acquisition, skill development, cognitive growth and aesthetic appreciation may be addressed. The responsibilities, challenges and rewards of college life, as well as the culture and opportunities specific to UNC Asheville and the Asheville community, will be emphasized. LA 178 is open to first-year students only. May not be used to fulfill major or minor requirements. Students may receive credit for only one section of LA 178. Fall and Spring.

Impact: None anticipated.

Rationale: The description of LA 178 is being updated to reflect the changes in the description of the First-Year Seminar as part of the Liberal Arts Core. A statement is also being added to emphasize the course is for first-year students and can't be taken as an elective by continuing students.

3a. Delete: On page 213, the entry for **LA 378:**

378 Liberal Arts Colloquium for Transfer Students (DEPT 378) (3-4)

A topical seminar for students with prior college experience who are in their first semester at UNC Asheville. The course introduces the study and construction of knowledge in the liberal arts setting that is UNC Asheville. The culture and opportunities specific to life in Asheville and at UNC Asheville will also be emphasized. May not be used to fulfill major or minor requirements. Prerequisite: 25 or more transferable semester hours. Students may receive credit for only one section of LA 378. No credit given if credit received for LA 178. See department chair.

3b. Delete: In the various departmental course sections of the catalog, as appropriate:

178, 378 Liberal Arts Colloquia (LA 178, 378) (3-4)

Courses offered to fulfill Liberal Arts Core requirements. See Liberal Arts section of catalog for course descriptions. May not be used to fulfill major or minor requirements.

Add: In place of the deleted entries:

178 Liberal Arts First-Year Seminar (LA 178) (3-4)

Course offered to fulfill Liberal Arts Core requirements. See Liberal Arts section of catalog for course descriptions. May not be used to fulfill major or minor requirements.

Impact: None anticipated.

Rationale: The description of LA 378 is being deleted, and references to the course are being removed from the departmental course entries.