

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 36: Add new prefix, FYS First-Year Studies and new course, FYS 178, First-Year Seminar;
Edit the First-Year Seminar entry under Liberal Arts Core;
Delete DEPT 178 from all Departmental Course Listings**

Effective Date: Fall 2020

1. **Add:** On page 65, new prefix, **FYS, First-Year Studies** after Ethics and Social Institutions:

FYS First-Year Studies

2. **Delete:** On page 50, the entry for **First-Year Seminar:**

First-Year Seminar (3 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.

Add: On page 50, in place of deleted entry:

First-Year Seminar (3-4 semester hours)

The First-Year Seminar, FYS 178, introduces students to education in a liberal arts environment, assisting them in making the transition to UNC Asheville. FYS 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, FYS 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.

FYS 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 FYS 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 FYS 178 and wishes to replace that grade, they may do so by completing another FYS 178 course, of equal credit.

3. **Add:** On page 153, before the entry for French:

FIRST-YEAR STUDIES (FYS)

First-Year Studies classes are intended to support students in their transition to a university setting.

First-Year Studies Courses (FYS)

178 First-Year Seminar (3-4)

The First-Year Seminar, FYS 178, introduces students to education in a liberal arts environment, assisting them in making the transition to UNC Asheville. FYS 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, FYS 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. The First-Year Seminar 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 FYS 178. Fall and Spring.

171-4, 271-4, 371-4, 471-4 Special Topics in First-Year Studies (1-4)

Courses not otherwise included in the catalog listing but for which there may be special needs. May be repeated for credit as often as permitted and as subject matter changes. See program director.

Impact: Regarding University funding impact, an analysis by IREP (Jeff Konz) confirmed that using a single prefix is close to revenue-neutral. This rests on using a prefix that is in Category II of the funding model. The new FYS prefix would need to be given a CIP that is in that group--the most likely are 24 (Liberal Arts and Sciences, Humanities) or 30 (Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies). IR agrees that any prefix that is trans-disciplinary would have to fall into either category, so we should be fine with FYS.

Instructional FTE would not change as it is based on the instructor and not the prefix. It would move the SCHs to "out of the department", similar to what occurs with the Humanities and ARTS programs.

Using a single prefix will help to standardize the experience of the FY seminars and will more clearly communicate to our first-year students what is being offered in the course.

Rationale: Currently listing the first-year seminars under the individual department prefixes often confuses our first-year students. The students think they can only take seminars that are in their intended major or they are "turned off" by a seminar based solely on its departmental prefix. Using the shared prefix FYS emphasizes the first-year transitional content that is shared across courses, rather than the possible discipline-specific content that can still be reflected in the course title.

Provost Campbell is in support of this proposal to move to a single prefix.

4. **Delete:** On page 214, the entry for **LA 178, Liberal Arts First-Year Seminar:**

178 First-Year Seminar (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. The Liberal Arts First-Year Seminar 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.

5. **Delete:** In all departmental listings, the entry for DEPT 178:

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

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

Impact: LA 178 is being replaced by FYS 178, and all First-Year Seminar courses will have the FYS prefix, so these entries are no longer needed.

Rationale: These are editorial changes based on adding FYS 178.