

## First-Semester Courses Open to First-Year Students

Below are listed the courses appropriate for first-year students. All are three (3) or four (4) credit courses unless otherwise noted. Courses that have prerequisites or require advanced placement are not listed, but if you qualify, you may register for them during Orientation.

Information on all course offerings is available online at the Randolph College website. See Registrar's webpage > Class Information > Course Offering List.

### Art

#### *Art History*

101. Introduction to the History of Art I: Ancient Egyptian to Early Renaissance (II A 2 or III B 2)

#### *Studio Art*

- 103R. Introduction to Studio Art (II A 2)

If you feel that your previous training justifies being placed in a more advanced studio course, list Art 103R tentatively, submit a portfolio of your work to the Chair of the Art Department during Orientation, and request a change of course.

- 181R. Introduction to Photography Identical with Communication Studies 181.

### Astronomy

102. Introductory Astronomy (I B or II D) Offered first semester.  
102L. Introductory Astronomy Laboratory (I B or II D) Offered first semester.

Astronomy 102L is a corequisite to Astronomy 102.

### Biology

Unless you receive credit for qualifying scores from AP, IB, or GCE A-Level examinations, or from transfer credit, you should enroll in a 100-level biology course.

- 100LR. Biological Principles Laboratory (1 credit hour) (II D)

Biology 100LR is a corequisite to Biology 103.

103. Introductory Biology (II D)

Biology 103 (or Biology 108 or 118, both offered second semester) is a prerequisite to the Core Program (200-level courses), which is required of

all biology majors.

### **Business**

151. Introduction to Business

### **Chemistry**

You should select a chemistry course for your first semester *only* if you have completed Mathematics 119 (Precalculus) or the equivalent, or received placement in a higher-level mathematics course.

105. General Chemistry (I B or II D)

- 105L. General Chemistry Laboratory (1 credit hour) (I B or II D)

Chemistry 105L is a corequisite to Chemistry 105.

### **Chinese**

See Foreign Languages.

### **Classics**

*Greek*

See Foreign Languages.

*Latin*

See Foreign Languages.

*Classical Civilization*

144. Three Ancient Cities (III B 2) Offered first semester.

177. Classical Philosophy (II B 2 or III B 2) Identical with Philosophy 177.

### **Communication Studies**

111. Introduction to Communication and Cultural Studies

Offered first semester.

- 159R. Public Speaking

181. Introduction to Photography Identical with Art 181.

## **Computer Science**

### 151. Computer Programming I

If you have had a course in computer science in high school, you should consult the Chair of the Mathematics Department during Orientation for placement in the appropriate computer science course.

## **Dance**

Dance composition and technique courses vary in value from 1 to 2 hours of credit. If you have had previous training in dance, consult the Chair of the Dance Department during Orientation concerning your level of placement.

### *Dance History and Composition*

#### 101. Composition (2 credit hours) (II A 2)

### *Dance Technique*

#### 131. Elementary Dance Technique (1 or 1 ½ credit hours) (II A 2 or IV)

#### 141. Elementary Ballet (1 credit hour) (II A 2 or IV)

### *Body Alignment and Conditioning*

#### 121. Pilates Mat Exercises (1 credit hour) (IV)

### *Repertory*

#### 155. Repertory (1 credit hour)

Students intending to take repertory must consult the Chair of the Dance Department. Auditions will be held during the first two weeks of the semester.

## **Economics**

#### 101R. Principles of Macroeconomics (II C)

#### 102R. Principles of Microeconomics (II C)

Economics 101R and 102R, which can be taken in either order, are prerequisites for all other economics and business courses.

## **Education**

#### 108. Educational Psychology and Classroom Management (II C)

Offered first semester.

## **English**

You must take English 103R (Writing in College) in the first year unless you have completed the equivalent or have been granted exemption by the Director of the Writing Program on the basis of a placement test administered during Orientation.

### *Composition*

101. English Composition I (I A)

For students whose native language is not English. By placement only.

103R. Writing in College (I A)

### *Literature*

111. Women Writers (II A 1 or III A)

All other literature courses have English 103R (or exemption) or the equivalent as prerequisite. If you are exempted from English 103R, you may register for one of the first-semester 200-level English literature courses during Orientation.

## **Environmental Studies**

101. Introduction to Environmental Studies I: Natural Science (III B 4)

## **Foreign Languages**

Upper-level courses in foreign language and literature are not listed here because they require placement determinations from the chairs of the departments. However, if you place in an intermediate or advanced foreign language or literature course, you may register for that course during Orientation.

Chinese 101. Elementary Chinese (I C)

French 101. Elementary French (I C)

Greek 101. Elementary Ancient Greek (I C)

Latin 101. Elementary Latin (I C)

Spanish 101. Elementary Spanish (I C)

Reminder—when filling out your *Course Preference Form*: foreign language departments determine placement based on your high school preparation and conduct placement tests during Orientation if a determination cannot be made based on that preparation. If you have prior course work in a language you are planning to study, in selecting your course preferences for first semester, you will simply choose the foreign

language on the list with the indication “continuing.”

If you plan this fall to begin a language you have not previously studied, you should choose the elementary course.

Keep in mind that placement determinations in foreign languages, as well as in mathematics, are mandatory and cannot be changed without consultation with appropriate departmental personnel.

### **French**

*See Foreign Languages.*

### **Greek**

*See Foreign Languages.*

### **History**

#### *European History*

- 101. Modern Europe to 1750 (II B 1 or III B 2)
- 104. Modern Europe from 1900 to the Present (II B 1 or III B 2)

#### *American History*

- 135. United States History since 1900 (II B 1 or III B 1)

Offered first semester.

#### *Asian History*

- 123. Introduction to East Asian Civilization (II B 1 or III B 3)

### **Interdisciplinary Studies**

- 107. First-Year Seminars (1.5 credit hours per seminar)

*Two First-Year Seminars (one in each semester) are required in the first year of all first-time, first-year students and transfer students with fewer than 18 hours.*

- 141. Library Research (1 credit hour)
- 132. Creative and Critical Problem Solving (2 credit hours)

Offered first semester.

## **Mathematics**

First-year students taking a mathematics course are assisted by the Department in the selection of the course best suited to their preparation. Departmental placement is provided after consideration of the student's high school record and all available mathematics aptitude and achievement test scores, or after placement testing during Orientation. The choice of course, therefore, will depend on the student's high school preparation, interests, and departmental placement, which will be made available to the student's Faculty Advisor during Orientation.

109R. Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning (I B)

113. Elementary Mathematical Modeling (I B)

119R. Precalculus (I B)

149R. Calculus I (I B)

150R. Calculus II (I B)

Members of the Department of Mathematics have prepared a form, which will enable you to provide specific information on which your placement in the appropriate mathematics course will be based. The information you provide is vital to the mathematics placement process, so submit the *Mathematics Information Form* online.

## **Music**

### *Music History*

119. America's Music (III B 1)

### *Music Performance*

Students may register for one or two credit hours in performance courses. The *Academic Catalog* has detailed information on music performance courses open to first-year students.

### *Music Theory*

107. Music Theory I (II A 2)

If you believe you have had preparation equivalent to Music 107 and want to be considered for a more advanced course, you can consult the Chair of the Music Department during Orientation.

## **Philosophy**

132. Knowledge and Reality (II B 2) Offered first semester.

- 133. Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics and Public Life (II B 2 or III B 4)
- 177. Classical Philosophy (II B 2 or III B 2) Identical with Classics 177.
- 183. Faith and Doubt (II B 2) Identical with Religious Studies 183.

## **Physical Education**

### *Activity Courses*

Most physical education activity courses are quarter courses, or 1/2 credit-hour courses. The *Academic Catalog* provides detailed information on activity courses.

### *Academic Courses*

- 161. Introduction to Athletic Training
- 163. Concepts of Lifetime Fitness and Nutrition (IV)
- 165. Lifetime Wellness

## **Physics**

You should select a physics course for your first semester *only* if you have completed Mathematics 119R (Precalculus) or the equivalent, or received placement in a higher-level mathematics course.

- 105. Introductory Physics (Algebra-based physics) (I B or II D)
- 105L. Introductory Physics Laboratory (1 credit hour)
- 115. General Physics (Calculus-based physics) (I B or II D)
- 115L. General Physics Laboratory (1 credit hour) (I B or II D)

Physics 105L is a corequisite to Physics 105.

Physics 115L is a corequisite to Physics 115.

## **Political Science**

- 101R. The American Political System (II C or III B 1)
- 105. Comparative Democracies (II C)
- 107. Peace and Conflict Resolution (III B 4)
- 113R. World Politics and Organization (II C or III B 4)

115. Introduction to East Asian Politics and Culture (III B 3)

### **Psychology**

101. Introduction to Psychology (II C)

### **Religious Studies**

111. Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (II B 2)

183. Faith and Doubt (II B 2) Identical with Philosophy 183.

### **Sociology**

- 101R. Human Societies (II C or III B 4)

### **Spanish**

See *Foreign Languages*.

### **Theatre**

- 107R. Production Laboratory (½, 1, or 1 ½ credit hours) (II A 2)

- 111R. Stagecraft (II A 2)

- 117R. Basics of Design (II A 2)

123. Beginning Acting (II A 2)

142. Introduction to Theatre (II A 1 or II A 2) Offered first semester.