

First Year Course Selection Guide

Spring 2018

Starting points for first-year students

Each Academic Center recommends particular courses as starting points for first-year students. More detailed information about these [Programs](#) are available on the Goucher website or on the [Goucher Academic Catalogue](#).

Center for Art & Media

- **Studio Art**

All Studio Art majors and minors must take ART 127 and choose either ART 102 or ART 114.

- ART 102 **Visual Thinking** *This course is highly recommended for students intending to major in Studio Art and interested in photography and mixed media.*
- ART 114 **Draw I: Intro Mat & Methods** *This course is highly recommended for students intending to major in Studio Art and interested in painting.*
- ART 127 **Object Context Mean: Fundamentals 3-D** *This course is required for all majors and minors in Studio Art.*
- ART 259.001 **Topic: Mixed Media** *Using a combination of materials, object, and processes students will create an expressive version of their artistic vision. Some of the possibilities include digitally generated imagery, found or collected objects, appropriated images, and traditional art materials. Appropriate for beginning level art students.*
- ART 259.002 **Topic: Seeing Color & Race** *This course focuses on the phenomena of color and its role and importance in culture and language. Appropriate for beginning level art students; activities include printmaking techniques.*

- **Communication & Media Studies**

- COM 105 **Introduction to Media & Communication** *This course is highly recommended for students intending to major in Communications.*
- COM 110 **Short Topics in Film and Media** *A 7-week, 2-credit course; in Spring 2018, the topic is "American Nightmares: Modern Horror Films"*
- COM 142 **News Reporting**

Center for Contemporary & Creative Writing

- **Writing Studies/Academic Writing**

- WRT 101 **Studio for Writers**
- WRT 181 **Writing Studies**
- WRT 181H **Writing Studies - Honors**

- **Creative Writing**

- WRT 107 **Creative Screenwriting**
- WRT 120 **Introduction to Fiction Writing**
- WRT 202 **Short Story Writing**
- WRT 205 **Introduction to Poetry Writing**

Center for Dance, Music & Theatre

○ Dance

- DAN 100 **Pilates Method of Body Conditioning Mat** *This course fulfills a technical elective for the dance major and minor.*
- DAN 102 **Pilates Method of Body Conditioning I: Apparatus** *This course fulfills a technical elective for the dance major and minor.*
- DAN 105 **Male Technique** - *This course fulfills a technical elective for the dance major and minor.*
- DAN 109 **Introduction to Dance Technique** *Highly recommended for students interested in returning to dance or trying a dance class for the first time.*
- DAN 115, 215, 316, 415 **Modern Technique I-IV** (by placement) *It is highly recommended that students intending to major in dance take at least 2 technique classes a semester.*
- DAN 121, 221, 320, 421 **Ballet Technique I-IV** (by placement) *It is highly recommended that students intending to major in dance take at least 2 technique classes a semester.*
- DAN 135 **Dance Seminar** *Intended dance majors should take this course spring semester of their first year.*
- DAN 201 **Intermediate Pointe** (by placement) *This course is recommended for students interested in advancing their pointe work and registration in one pointe class is required for dancers auditioning for a ballet residency.*
- DAN 233 **Africanist Dance Technique II**- (by placement) *It is highly recommended that students intending to major in dance take at least 2 technique classes a semester.*
- DAN 238 **Dance Technologies** - *This course is recommended for students intending to major in dance. Should be taken sophomore year or earlier.*
- DAN 301 **Advanced Pointe and Variations** (by placement) *This course is recommended for students interested in advancing their pointe work and registration in one pointe class is required for dancers auditioning for a ballet residency.*

○ Music

- MUS 107 **Music Salon** *Available to all students and required for majors or minors.*
- MUS 121 **Sight Singing** *Offered spring semester, required for music majors or minors.*
- MUS 131 **Basic Piano**
Students interested in MUS 140-149 can check with kendall.kennison@goucher.edu in the Music Program regarding audition requirements & procedures.
- MUS 140 **Goucher Chorus**
- MUS 141 **Goucher College Orchestra**

- MUS 144 **Small Ensembles**
- MUS 146 **African Drum & Dance Ensemble**
- MUS 147 **Opera and Musical Theatre Workshop**
- MUS 149 **Goucher Jazz Ensemble**
- MUS 160-187 **Private Music Lessons:** *Lessons offered for voice, mandolin, violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp, flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba, percussion, piano, organ, guitar, and accordion. An extra cost applies for private lessons, which can be reduced through participation in an ensemble (MUS 140-149 above). See catalogue or contact the Music Program for details.*
- MUS 210 **Computer Music**
- **Theatre**
 - THE 120 **Beginning Acting** *This course is highly recommended for students intending to major in Theatre. Students with prior actor training should see instructor regarding placement.*
 - THE 140 **Theatre Production** *This course is highly recommended for students intending to major in Theatre.*

Center for Data, Mathematical & Computational Sciences

The courses below may have prerequisites or are required by certain majors, so please refer to your DMC self-assessment for a more complete guide to course selection.

- **Data Analytics**-If you have any questions about the Data Analytics-Foundational level (DA-F) Goucher Commons graduation requirement, please email micah.webster@goucher.edu .
 - DMC 101 **Data Analytics** (satisfies the DA-F Goucher Commons graduation requirement)
 - DMC 105 **Computational Thinking with Data**
- **Computer Science**-If you have any questions regarding Computer Science, please email jill.zimmerman@goucher.edu
 - CS 119 **Foundations of Computer Science** *(This course is highly recommended for students intending to major in Computer Science.)*
- **Math** –If you have any questions regarding Mathematics, please email micah.webster@goucher.edu.
 - MA 160 **Pre-Calculus** *(this course is intended for those that ultimately want to study calculus)*
 - MA 172 **Calculus through Data & Modeling** *(this course is highly recommended for students intending to major in the STEM fields, and it also satisfies the DA-F Goucher Commons graduation requirement.)*
 - MA 214 **Multivariable Differential Calculus** *(students intending to major in math or physics should complete this course by the end of their first year.)*

Center for Education, Business & Professional Studies

- **Education**
 - SPE 100 **History, Philosophy & Legal Foundations** *Highly recommended for first year students intending to major in elementary education, major in special education, earn secondary education certification, or an education minor*
- **Business Management**
 - BUS 105 **Quantitative Reasoning for Business**
 - BUS 115 **Principles of Accounting** *This course is highly recommended for students intending to major in Business.*
 - BUS 130 **Intro to Small Business Management**
 - EC 111 **Essentials of Economics I** *This course is highly recommended for students intending to major in Business.*
- **Equine Studies**
 - EQS 100 **Introduction to Equine Studies**
- **International Business**
 - BUS 105 **Quantitative Reasoning for Business**
 - BUS 115 **Principles of Accounting** *This course is highly recommended for students intending to major in Business.*
 - BUS 130 **Intro to Small Business Management**
 - EC 111 **Essentials of Economics I** *This course is highly recommended for students intending to major in Business.*
- **Arts Administration**
 - BUS 170 **Intro to Arts Administration** *This course is highly recommended for students intending to have a concentration in Arts Administration.*
- **Secondary Education**
 - SPE 100 **History, Philosophy & Legal Foundations** *Highly recommended for first year students intending to major in elementary education, major in special education, earn secondary education certification, or an education minor*
- **Legal Studies**
 - PLS 204 **Law and Society** *Highly recommended for students interested in the Legal Studies minor, offered spring semester.*

Center for Geographies of Justice

- **Peace Studies**
 - PCE 110 **Intro Peace Studies: Power and Progress**
 - PCE 124 **Being Human**
- **Religion**
 - RLG 153 **Religion & Society** *This course is required for the Religion Major and Minor and a great course for non-majors interested in exploring how and why religion influences society.*
 - RLG 240 **Historicizing Islamophobia** *This course counts as a “Religions of the World” course for the Religion major and is an interdisciplinary course appropriate for non-majors with an interest in anthropology, sociology, political science, and history.*

- **Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies**
 - WGS 150 Women's Experiences in Global Perspectives
 - WGS 222 (with ENG 222) Topic: Working Class Women's Literature
 - WGS 250 Special Topic: Poetry not a Luxury
- **Judaic Studies**
 - JS 120 Elements of Hebrew II
 - JS 217 Judaism & Political Theology

Center for Hispanic and Latinx Studies

- **Spanish**
 - SP 110 Elements of Spanish I/SP 120 Elements of Spanish II/SP 130 Intermediate Spanish/SP 130S Intermediate Spanish – Community Based Learning/SP 130V Intermediate Spanish with a Virtual Component *These courses are highly recommended for students intending to fulfill their language and culture requirement.*
 - SP 230 - Intermediate Conversation and Composition *This course is highly recommended for students intending to fulfill their language and culture requirement and have placed at this level in the language placement exam. Contact Aida Ramos-Sellman if you have questions about Spanish placement (aida.ramos-sellman@goucher.edu).*
 - SP 235 - Advanced Conversation and Composition *This course is highly recommended for students intending to fulfill their language and culture requirement and have placed at this level in the language placement exam. Contact Aida Ramos-Sellman if you have questions about Spanish placement (aida.ramos-sellman@goucher.edu).*
 - SP 350 - Special Topics for Spanish Studies *This course is highly recommended for students intending to fulfill their language and culture requirement and have placed at this level in the language placement exam. Contact Aida Ramos-Sellman if you have questions about Spanish placement (aida.ramos-sellman@goucher.edu).*
- **Latin American Studies**
 - LAM/HIS 295 – Latin American History: National Period

Center for Humanities

- **Art History**
 - ARH 281 Modern Art: 1880-1914 *Permission is required to take this course, please email the instructor for permission and then forward that email to registrar@goucher.edu to be manually registered for this course.*
- **English**
 - ENG 114 Literature for Everyone
 - ENG 222 (with WGS 222) Topic: Working Class Women's Literature
- **History**
 - HIS 103 Mass Violence and International History
 - HIS 109 Topic: Sensual Spirituality: The Precarious Nature of Female Piety in Western Christianity

- HIS 288 **Empires of Difference**
- HIS 289.001 **Topic: The Foolish Shall Serve the Wise: Race, Religion, & Power in the Atlantic World**
- HIS 289.002 **Topic: Maryland Forced Servitude – in Black & White 1745-1864**
- HIS/LAM 295 – **Latin American History: National Period**
- **Philosophy**
 - PHL 157 **Individual, Community, Cosmos** *This course is highly recommended for students intending to major in Philosophy.*

Center for Natural Sciences

- **Biology**
Email Program Contact, Mark Hiller at mark.hiller@goucher.edu
 - BIO 102 **Explorations in Biology II: Life in Context**
- **Biochemistry & Molecular Biology**
Email Program Contact, Mark Hiller at mark.hiller@goucher.edu
 - BIO 102 **Explorations in Biology II: Life in Context**
- **Chemistry**
Email Program Contact, Kevin Schultz at kevin.schultz@goucher.edu
 - CHE 111 **Principles of Chemistry I with Lab** *(this course, along with BIO 101, is highly recommended for students intending to major in Biology/Chemistry, or Biochemistry/Molecular Biology)*
- **Physics**
Email Program Contact, Sasha Dukan at sasha.dukan@goucher.edu
- **Environmental Studies: Environmental Science Concentration**
Email Program Contact, German Mora at german.mora@goucher.edu
 - ES 100 **Introduction to Environmental Sciences**
 - ES 140 **Introduction to Environmental Studies**
- **3+2 Engineering**
Email Program Contact, Sasha Dukan at sasha.dukan@goucher.edu
All incoming freshman interested in the 3+2 Engineering program are encouraged to complete the Math Self-Assessment to determine initial placement into a calculus course MA 172 or MA 180. Students who have previously studied calculus are invited to take a second exam to exempt from MA 172 or MA 180. Students with AP credit in mathematics are also eligible to exempt introductory courses.
- **Pre-Health**
Email Program Contact, George Delahunty at george.delahunty@goucher.edu
 - BIO 102 **Explorations in Biology II: Life in Context** & CHE 111 **Principles of Chemistry I with Lab** *These courses are highly recommended for students interested in the Pre-Health program.*

Center for People, Politics & Markets

- **Sociology/Anthropology**
 - SOA 100 **Culture and Society**

SOA 200 level courses are available to new students if they contact and receive permission from the instructor. Please email the instructor for this permission and forward this permission to registrar@goucher.edu to be manually registered for those courses.

- **Economics**
 - EC 111 Essentials of Economics I *This course is highly recommended for students interested in majoring in Economics, Business and Environmental Studies.*
- **International Relations**
 - PSC 250 Theories of International Politics
- **Political Science**
 - PSC 121 Comparative Politics
 - PSC 250 Theory & Methods of International Relations
- **Environmental Studies – Environment & Society Concentration**
 - ES 100 Introduction to Environmental Sciences
 - ES 140 Introduction to Environmental Studies

Center for Psychology

- **Psychology**
 - PSY 105 Introduction to Psychology *This course is highly recommended for students intending to major in Psychology.*

Center for the Study of Modern Languages, Literature & Cultures

- **Arabic Studies**
 - ARB 110 Elements of Arabic I/ARB 120 Elements of Arabic II
- **French**
 - FR 110 Elements of French I/FR 120 Elements of French II/FR 130 Elements of French III
- **German**
 - GER 120 Elements of German II
- **Russian/Russian Studies**
 - RUS 120 Elements of Russian II
- **Hebrew**
 - JS 120 Elements of Hebrew II
- **Italian**
 - IT 120 Elements of Italian II/ IT 130 Intermediate Italian

[Goucher Commons Requirements](#) (GCR's)

Physical Education Courses

- PE 022 Cardio Combo
- PE 050 Strength Training
- PE 052 Full Body Workout

- PE 062 Tai Chi Chuan
- PE 108 Ballroom Dance
- PE 127 Ultimate Frisbee
- PE 351 Self Defense
- PE 362 Yoga
- PE 234 Beginning Riding *An extra cost applies for riding lessons. Contact the Riding Program (Jennifer Smith at Jennifer.smith@goucher.edu) for details.*

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