Take a Deep Breath & Relax

- Take a class that sounds interesting. *Do something that stimulates you intellectually.*
- Get involved on Grounds. *Do something that fuels a passion.*
- *Do something to take care of yourself.*
Welcome to the College of Arts & Sciences!

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TOPICS TO BE COVERED

1. College Requirements

1. Plan for Today and Tomorrow

1. Advising in the College of Arts & Sciences

1. Advice
1. COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

- Competency Requirements
- Area Requirements
COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS

- First Writing Requirement
- Second Writing Requirement
- Foreign Language Requirement

Dual enrollment credit does **NOT** fulfill any of these three requirements.
FIRST WRITING REQUIREMENT
Must be met during your first year by:

- ENWR 1505/1506 sequence; OR
- ENWR 1510; OR
- ENWR 1507/1508 English as a Second Language sequence; OR
- Exemption
PLACEMENT IN ENWR

- SAT writing ≤ 480
  - ENWR 1505/1506

- SAT writing 490-470
  - ENWR 1510: Last Name A-K = Fall, L-Z = Spring

- Office of Admission or Academic Writing Program ESL notification
  - ENWR 1507/1508

- SAT writing ≥ 720, AP English Lang 5, OR portfolio submission before Aug 1
  - EXEMPTION
SECOND WRITING REQUIREMENT

- **Must** be completed at UVa with a course in the College.

- You **DO NOT** need to complete this requirement in your first year.
FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

- Placement based on SAT II or UVa Placement Exam.
- AP scores, higher-level IB, SAT II or UVa Placement Exam may exempt you.
- Dual enrollment credit does **NOT** fulfill the foreign language requirement.
- If you received high school credit, you must still take the UVa Placement Exam unless you took an SAT II language exam.
AREA REQUIREMENTS

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Historical Studies
- Non-Western Perspectives
- Math/Science

AP, higher-level IB credit & dual enrollment credit earned before matriculation may fulfill area reqs.
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Complete **two** classes from **two** departments:

- AAS (African American & African Studies; but NOT literature classes)
- AMST (American Studies)
- ANTH (Anthropology)
- ECON (Economics; NOT 3710, 3720, 4720)
- Linguistics classes above the 2000-level
- PLAP, PLCP, PLIR (Politics; NOT PLPT classes)
- PSYC (Psychology; not PSYC 2220, 3210, 4200)
- SOC (Sociology; NOT SOC 2600)
- WGS (Women, Gender & Sexuality)
- or EVSC 2030, GDS 2020, SAST 2700, ETP 3860 or 4810
HUMANITIES

Complete two classes from two categories:

- Literature
- Fine Arts
- Moral, Philosophical, & Religious
HISTORICAL STUDIES:

Complete one APPROVED class.

NON-WESTERN PERSPECTIVES:

Complete one APPROVED class.

Review course detail page in SIS course catalog & schedule of classes to find APPROVED classes.
MATH/SCIENCE

Complete 12 credits from at least 2 departments.

- ASTR (Astronomy)
- BIOL (Biology)
- CHEM (Chemistry)
- EVSC (Environmental Sciences) *NOT EVSC 2030*
- MATH (Mathematics) *NOT MATH 1000T or 1030*
- PHYS (Physics)
- STAT (Statistics)
- ECON 3710, 3720, 4720
- PSYC 2220, 3210, 4200

*MATH, STAT & ECON are considered one department.*
COMPETENCY & AREA REQUIREMENTS must be:

- Taken for a letter grade.
- Completed at U.Va.
MAJORS

- You must **complete a major** in one of the 50 college departments & programs.

- **Explore:** Gather info about different majors from department offices and websites.

- **YOU HAVE TIME TO DECIDE ON A MAJOR.**
TO GRADUATE:

- Complete **120** credits minimum.
- **60** CREDITS MUST BE EARNED AT U.VA.
- **102** CREDITS MUST BE "**INSIDE** " THE COLLEGE.

Architecture
Batten
Engineering
Commerce
Education
Nursing

**Mostly outside the college**

ELA
KINE (Phys. Ed.)
AIRS, MISC, NASC (ROTC)
INST (Interdisciplinary)
USEM 1570
2. FOR TODAY & TOMORROW

- Enrollment is a two-month process – orientation is JUST the beginning.

- Meet with OLs & faculty in course advising workshops – ask questions!

- Prepare a preliminary schedule (3-4 courses) from the 25 courses already in your SIS shopping cart.

- Enroll in 3 courses plus one COLA, USEM, ELA, LASE, INST, or KINE (physical ed.).
COLLEGE ADVISING SEMINARS
COLA 1500

- Fall semester only
- One-credit, graded seminars
- **ONLY** for First Years
- 80% academic content
- 20% advising
- Professor = **FACULTY ADVISOR**
3. ADVISING IN THE COLLEGE

- **Who? Where?**
  - Association Dean in Monroe Hall
  - Faculty Advisor – assigned in August
  - Faculty members – esp. course instructors and DUPs
  - University Career Center (UCC)
  - Other offices of the University (ODOS, CUE, ISO, OAAA)
  - Residence Life: RA and SR
  - Peers – especially OLs, ULink Peer Advisor

- COLLECT ADVISORS!

- Use **all** the resources available to you and ask questions. Seek advice from knowledgeable people!
4. ADVICE

- Review SIS tutorials: *Six Short Demos for Students by Students*

- RELAX and BE FLEXIBLE. Your class schedule will likely *not be complete* until early September.

- Know College deadlines: drop, add, withdraw.

- Confirm final exam schedule *before* you schedule a trip home.
- Enroll in 3 academic classes and a COLA, USEM, ELA, LASE, INST, or KINE (phys. Ed.) tomorrow.

- August 3 - September 8: complete and/or change classes to get to a normal 15-16 credit course load.

- Pay attention to distances between buildings. Locate your classes on a map (before asking OLs if you can make it!).

- Do NOT repeat any course for which you have earned credit via AP, IB or dual enrollment — you cannot earn credit for retaking the same class.

- Seek informed advice.

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[University of Virginia College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences]
- Look for something new. The College has 28 departments & 22 other academic programs to choose from—thousands of courses on every topic imaginable!
- Take ALL courses for a grade.
- You must complete your degree in 8 semesters (NOT including summer sessions or January Term or part time fall/spring semesters).
- LIKE the UVA College of Arts & Sciences on Facebook.
When in doubt, email or see your Association Dean in Monroe Hall!