First-year Inquiry (FYI) classes are for you! These courses, designed for new freshmen/transfer students at NC State, feature a small class size (capped at 19 students) that encourage active learning and inquiry, develop critical and creative thinking skills, build academic community, and foster a close intellectual relationship between students and faculty. This spring, we are offering five sections of FYI with in-person/hybrid and online options. These courses are a great springboard for Spring Connect students! Make sure to register for the section of the course with the “Q” designation.

**COM 112 Interpersonal Communication**

Explores self-concept, language and culture, self-disclosure, active listening, verbal and nonverbal communication, and conflict management. This class is all about relationships! We discuss how we form, maintain, and sometimes end friendships, as well as family, romantic, and workplace relationships. We will examine our own lives, as well as examples from social media, television, movies, and other media. Each week we will enjoy discussions that apply what we learn to real-life examples, as well as methods to improve our relationships. (section 005Q, T/R 10:15 -11:30 am)

**HI 216 Latin America Since 1826**

Designed to introduce students to the history of Latin America during the national period. It takes a thematic approach, with numerous case studies, examining such topics as the enduring influence of colonial structures and practices, tensions between nineteenth century Liberals and Conservatives and divergent approaches to economic development. It also explores revolutionary movements, migration issues, U.S. regional influence, the New Left and the rise of drug cartels. (section 002Q, M/W 1:30 - 2:45 pm)

**STS 323 World Population and Food Prospects**

Examines the dynamics of population size and food needs, production, distribution, and utilization. The course also analyzes the consequences of inadequate nutrition, food choices and efforts to increase the compatibility of effective food production systems. (section 002Q, T/R 4:30-5:45 pm)

**WGS 200 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies**

Spans the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. In this class we will use academic sources, social media, documentary, television, movies, and other sources to explore where and how gender shows up in our lives alongside other identities. People of all genders will learn more about the systems, practices, and possibilities for what gender does and can mean in our lives. By the end of the class you will be better prepared to engage in discussions about gender in everyday life including in relationships, institutions, history/ies, and possible futures. (section 002Q M/W 11:45 am-1:00 pm)

**MUS 210 Introduction to Popular Music: 1950s - 1970s**

Examines the stylistic development and cultural impact of popular music from the 1950s through the 1970s. Musical styles discussed include American and British rock, country, R&B, Motown, soul, funk, disco, and punk. No prior musical knowledge is necessary. (section 001Q, M/W 3:00-4:15 pm)