

# A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO THE UNIVERSITY STUDIES PROGRAM (USP)

THE UNIVERSITY REQUIRES A **MINIMUM** OF 41 CREDITS IN USP APPROVED COURSEWORK

## The Foundation of Your Education at UW Oshkosh

Students in all majors complete the USP. Since these courses will help to prepare you for advanced study at the university as well as life after graduation we encourage you to choose courses that satisfy or enhance major or degree requirements.

As you EXPLORE, you have choices. You will select courses in three categories: Nature (XM)/(XL), Culture (XC), and Society (XS) and encounter three intense and distinct "EXPLORE" courses called "QUEST." In the "QUEST" series students investigate three Signature Questions. The USP is completed through an advanced writing course that will "CONNECT" the Signature Questions.

## SIGNATURE QUESTIONS

You will take one QUEST course focusing on each of the following UW Oshkosh Signature Questions:

- 1. Sustainability:** How do people understand and create a more sustainable world?
- 2. Civic Learning:** How do people understand and engage in community life?
- 3. Intercultural Knowledge\*:** How do people understand and bridge cultural differences?

\*These courses also satisfy one of the following requirements: Ethnic Studies (ES) or Non-Western Culture (NW)

**NOTE: Courses in the QUEST series satisfy credit requirements in the EXPLORE category below**

QUEST I 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester First Year Experience (FYE) Small learning community w/peer mentor	QUEST II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Ethical Reasoning Intense investigations of ethical dilemmas	QUEST III 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester Community Experience Guided by Alumni Mentors
Explore Course: _____ (XL or XC or XS)	Explore Course: _____ (XL or XC or XS)	Explore Course: _____ (XL or XC or XS)
Paired** with Quest Writing OR Quest Speaking	Paired** with Quest Writing OR Quest Speaking	
Signature Question: 1 2 3 (ES or NW)	Signature Question: 1 2 3 (ES or NW)	Signature Question: 1 2 3 (ES or NW)
<b>A complete list of QUEST courses can be found at <a href="http://www.uwosh.edu/usp">www.uwosh.edu/usp</a></b> **Students that have prior credit for writing and/or speaking take an unpaired QUEST course		

## Writing & Speaking

**6 CREDITS**

**QUEST Writing:** WBIS188 or ENGL110 (H) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits

Remedial English may also be required based on English placement test score

**QUEST Speaking:** COMM111 or COMM112 (H) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits

## EXPLORE (Remember to include your QUEST courses in the appropriate area below)

**32 CREDITS**

**Nature (XM & XL)** 11 credits

Consider math placement test results, major and degree requirements to determine appropriate course(s)

Remedial math may also be required based on math placement test score

**Mathematics (XM):** \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits

**Laboratory Sciences (XL):** \_\_\_\_\_ 8 credits

**Culture (XC)** choose 3 courses from at least 2 different departments 9 credits

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**Society (XS)** choose 3 courses from at least 2 different departments 9 credits

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## Ethnic Studies (ES) / Non-Western Culture (NW)\*

\*One of these is met by the Intercultural Knowledge QUEST course; however you must fulfill both 3 credits

\_\_\_\_\_ (ES)

\_\_\_\_\_ (NW)

## CONNECT

**3 CREDITS**

ENGL300 Connect: Advanced Writing (XK)

4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> semester (after QUEST III is completed)

## COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE (BS) Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements

This planning guide is designed to help you understand your degree requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree. It is your responsibility to understand these requirements.

For an official statement of your individual progress to degree and for additional University requirements please use Titan Web to access your STAR (degree audit). Always select "Request new STAR" when printing your STAR. For assistance in understanding your STAR please contact the Undergraduate Advising Resource Center (424-1268) or the PAL office in Scott Hall.

**The following are additional and/or specific requirements for the BACHELOR OF SCIENCE degree that might not be met by completion of the University Studies Program. Refer to your STAR for a complete list of eligible courses for each category.**

**Mathematics:** (includes course from the **Nature (XM)** category in USP). Remedial Math may be required.

Math 104 or exemption by placement

**Note: Some majors may require Math 106 OR Math 108 in addition to or in place of Math 104**

One higher level math course. Your major may require a specific course. Choose from Statistics, Calculus or Computer Science.

Second Math course: \_\_\_\_\_

**Humanities (HU):** at least 12 credits are required from departments comprising the Humanities Division (All **Culture (XC)** courses in the USP are considered humanities). Of these at least one course must be taken from English literature, plus one course from at least two of the following areas: a) Fine Art (Art, Music, Theatre, RTF), b) Philosophy/Religious Studies, c) Foreign Language, and one additional approved humanities course.

English literature: \_\_\_\_\_

Area 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Area 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional humanities: \_\_\_\_\_

**Natural Science (NS):** Four courses required (All **Nature (XL)** courses in the USP are considered natural science) Select lab science courses from the following academic departments: Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Physical Science, or Physics/Astronomy.

Two courses from the same academic department, where the first course is the pre-requisite of the second:

\_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

One course from a different academic department than the one chosen above:

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One course that is from a third academic department OR a course for which the one listed above is the pre-requisite OR a math course that is in addition to the courses chosen as your second math course in the Mathematics area:

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**Social Science (SS):** at least 12 credits are required from departments comprising the Social Science Division (All **Society (XS)** courses in the USP are considered Social Science). Of these at least one course must be taken from History, and at least one course must be from a department other than History. Select from Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, Interdisciplinary Studies, International Studies, Political Science, Public Administration, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, Urban Planning, or Women's Studies.

History: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-History course: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> course: \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>th</sup> course: \_\_\_\_\_