

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

THE UNIVERSITY REQUIRES A **MINIMUM** OF 38 CREDITS IN USP APPROVED COURSEWORK

The Foundation of Your Education at UW Oshkosh

Students in all majors complete general education courses through the University Studies Program. These general education courses will help to prepare you for advanced study at the university as well as life after graduation. We encourage you to choose courses to satisfy and enhance major and/or degree requirements.

Your general education courses will explore BIG questions; Signature Questions. You will choose "EXPLORE" courses in Nature, Culture, and Society. Three of these courses, the "QUEST" series, will provide valuable experiences in addition to Signature Question content. The USP is completed through an advanced writing course that will "CONNECT" the Signature Questions.

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 Global Citizenship (GC)*

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

QUEST I 1 st Semester First Year Experience (FYE) Connecting to Campus	QUEST II 2 nd Semester First Year Experience - continued Planning your Future	QUEST III 3 rd or 4 th Semester Community Experience
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	Taken concurrently (if needed) with Quest Writing OR Quest Speaking	
Signature Question: 1 2 3 (ES or GC)	Signature Question: 1 2 3 (ES or GC)	Signature Question: 1 2 3 (ES or GC)
A complete list of QUEST courses can be found at www.uwosh.edu/usp <i>**Students that have prior credit for writing and/or speaking take an unpaired QUEST I</i>		

Writing & Speaking **6 CREDITS**

QUEST Writing: WBIS188 or ENGL110 (H) _____ 3 credits

Developmental 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)

Developmental 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

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

Ethnic Studies (ES) / Global Citizenship (GC)*

**One of these can be met by an Intercultural Knowledge QUEST course; however you must fulfill both* _____ 3 credits

_____ (ES)

_____ (GC)

CONNECT **3 CREDITS**

ENGL300, 310 or 312 Connect: Advanced Writing (XK)

4th or 5th semester (after QUEST III is completed)

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE (BA) Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

This planning guide is designed to help you understand your degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts 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 Academic Requirements OR STAR (degree audit). For assistance in understanding your requirements please contact the Undergraduate Advising Resource Center (424-1268).

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

Communication 111 – required for all BA students

Foreign Language:

Students without previous foreign language preparation must complete credits in a single foreign language by passing the final course in the sequence (110, 111, 203 and 204 in French, German, or Spanish; or 110, 111, 210 and 211 in Japanese). American Sign Language 402, 403 and 404 will also meet this requirement. For students with a foreign language background, a portion of this requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating competency through placement on the UW System placement test.

Placement level course: _____

Course sequence required to reach 204/211 level: _____

(Example: French 111, 203 and 204)

Humanities (HU): All Culture (XC) courses in the USP are considered Humanities.

Take one course in each of the following areas:

English literature: _____

Fine Art: _____

Philosophy or Religious Studies: _____

One additional Humanities course from any area: _____

Social Science (SS): All Society (XS) courses in the USP are considered Social Science.

History course: _____

One course must be from a department other than History. For example: Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, International Studies, Political Science, Public Administration, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, or Women and Gender Studies.

Non-History course: _____

Two additional courses from any department: _____