

# 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 <sup>st</sup> Semester First Year Experience (FYE) Connecting to Campus	QUEST II 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester First Year Experience - continued Planning your Future	QUEST III 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> 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)
<b>A complete list of QUEST courses can be found at <a href="http://www.uwosh.edu/usp">www.uwosh.edu/usp</a></b> <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

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

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### **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)

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

*This planning guide is designed to help you understand your degree requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work 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).*

***The following are additional and/or specific requirements for the BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK 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.***

**Additional Social Work Major Requirements (can be taken prior to admission):**

**American Government & Politics – select one course (3 credits):**

- Poli Sci 105 (XS), Poli Sci 106 (XS) (Honors version)

**U.S. History – select one course (3 credits)**

- History 201 (XS), 202 (XS), 326, 361, 363, 368, or 385

**Statistics – select one course (3 credits) \*\*Developmental Math may be required.**

- PBIS 189 (XM), Math 109 (XM), Math 201 (XM), Math 301, Psych 203, Soc 281  
(Please note some of these courses may have prerequisites)

**Social Work Gateway Courses (must be taken prior to admission):**

**Note:** A grade of "C" or better in each and a minimum GPA of 2.75 across the three courses is required. There are additional requirements for admission to the program; please consult with an advisor. Application to the program is during the Spring term only.

**Introductory Course Requirement (3 credits):**

- Social Work 167 (ES) Introduction to Social Work (Prereq: Pre-SW major)

**Human Development Requirement – select one course (3 credits):**

- Social Work 220 Family Life Cycle Transitions (Prereq: Pre-SW major + SW 167)
- Ed Foundations 235 (XS) Child & Adolescent Development
- Nursing 200 (XS) Growth, Development, & Health across the Life Span
- Psych 391 Developmental Psychology (Prereq: Psych 101 or 102)

**Interpersonal Skills Requirement – select one course (3 credits):**

- Social Work 298 Interpersonal Skills (Prereq: Pre-SW major + SW 167)
- Comm 213Q1 (XC)(ES) Interpersonal Communication: Ethnic Studies (Quest 1)  
OR
- Comm 214 (XC) Interpersonal Communication (Non-Quest)