

# 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.

The "QUEST" series will provide valuable experiences in addition to content courses that will satisfy credit requirements in the EXPLORE categories listed below. The University Studies Program is designed to also explore the following signature questions. Ideally students will take a course in each of the following:

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**

<b>QUEST I</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester First Year Experience (FYE) Connecting to Campus	<b>QUEST II</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester First Year Experience (FYE) – cont. Planning your Future	<b>QUEST III</b> 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:  Writing <b>OR</b> Speaking	Taken concurrently with:  Writing <b>OR</b> Speaking	
Signature Question: _____	Signature Question: _____	Signature Question: _____

## WRITING & SPEAKING

**Writing:** WRT 188 or WRT 110 (Honors) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits

*\*Developmental English may also be required based on English placement test score.*

**Speaking:** COMM 111 or COMM 112 (Honors) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits

**EXPLORE** (*Remember to include your QUEST courses in the appropriate area below.*) \_\_\_\_\_

### Nature (XM & XL)

*\*Consider Math placement test score, major, and degree requirements to determine appropriate course(s).*

*\*Developmental Math **may** also be required based on Math placement test score. (Ex. Math 100, 101, and/or 103)*

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

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

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

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

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### **Ethnic Studies (ES) AND Global Citizenship (GC)**

*\*These requirements can be met with select Culture (XC) or Society (XS) courses.*

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

## **CONNECT: ADVANCED WRITING (XK)**

3 credits

WRT 288 (Quest series students; complete after Q3) **OR** WRT 287 (Transfer/Re-entry students) **OR** WRT 310 (Honors)

## 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 (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: \_\_\_\_\_