

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

QUEST I 1 st Semester First Year Experience (FYE) Connecting to Campus	QUEST II 2 nd Semester First Year Experience (FYE) – cont. 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: Writing OR Speaking	Taken concurrently with: Writing OR 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

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

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)

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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.

- Math 189 (XM), Math 109 (XM), Math 201 (XM), Math 301, Psych 203, Soc 281, Econ 210 (XM)
(Please note some of these courses may have prerequisites)

- 300-Level Social Justice Elective – select one course (3 credits)**

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.

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)

Social Work Program Admission Requirements:

- Completion of USP coursework by the end of the application term
- 2.5 minimum Pre-Social Work GPA
- 2.75 minimum Social Work Gateway GPA
- Minimum of 50 hours of volunteer work
- Application = spring term only for a fall term start
- Program = 2 academic years (4 sem.) once admitted
- Review department website and student handbook for more information: <https://www.uwosh.edu/socialwork>

Pre-Social Work GPA Criteria:

- Quest Writing
- Quest Speaking
- Best Math (XM)
- Two best Lab Science (XL)
- Three best Culture (XC) courses
- Three best Society (XS) courses
- Social Work Gateway courses (all three)

*For questions, contact an advisor in the UARC or Colleen Hansen (hansenc@uwosh.edu)