

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 – see back for exceptions)*

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) 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 (920-424-1268).

The following are specific requirements for the BACHELOR OF ARTS degree that might not be met by completion of the USP Refer to your degree audit for a complete list of eligible courses for each category.

Math: Math 186, 187, 188 and 189 are non-algebra options that do not require Math 103 as a pre-requisite. Math 104 is College Algebra which requires Math 103. Most BA students can opt to bypass Math 103 (per placement) except majors that require a higher-level math (Example: CJ, Econ, Psychology and Sociology). ****See an advisor for more details**

Global Language:

Students without previous global language preparation must complete credits in a **single** language by passing the final course in one of the following sequences:

- French, German, or Spanish 110, 111, 203 and 204
- Japanese 110, 111, 210 and 211
- American Sign Language - Special Education 202, 303 and 404

NOTE: For students with a global 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 (e.g., Art, Music, Theater): _____

Philosophy or Global Religions: _____

One additional Humanities course from any area: _____ (lower-level language will fulfill this requirement)

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: _____