

# 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?
- \*Courses with this signature question 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 (FYE) 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) **29 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)**

*These requirements are met with select Culture (XC) or Society (XS) courses. One can also be met by an Intercultural Knowledge QUEST course.*

\_\_\_\_\_ (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)