

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 1st Semester First Year Experience (FYE) Connecting to Campus	QUEST II 2nd Semester First Year Experience - continued Planning your Future	QUEST III 3rd or 4th 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 <i>(if needed)</i> 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)
A complete list of QUEST courses can be found at www.uwosh.edu/usp <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

Remedial 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)

Remedial 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

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

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)

4th or 5th semester (after QUEST III is completed)

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

This planning guide is designed to help you understand your degree requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts and the Bachelor of Music 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).

(BFA) Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree Requirements

The following are additional and/or specific requirements for the BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS 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.

Humanities (HU): 9 credits required (includes courses that satisfy the **Culture (XC)** category in USP) Fine Arts majors are required to complete ART209 and ART210 as part of their major. These courses will satisfy 6 credits of humanities. The third course must be from an area other than Fine Arts. Eligible areas include; (a) English literature, (b) Philosophy/Religious Studies, (c) Foreign Language.

ART209

ART210

Area 2: _____

(BM) Bachelor of Music Degree Requirements

**Note – students must audition to declare the BM*

The following are additional and/or specific requirements for the BACHELOR OF MUSIC 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.

Humanities (HU): 9 credits required (includes courses that satisfy the **Culture (XC)** category in USP) Courses must be taken from a minimum of two different areas. Eligible areas include (a) English literature, (b) Fine Arts (Art, Music, Theatre, RTF), (c) Philosophy/Religious Studies, (d) Foreign Language.

Area 1: _____

Area 2: _____

Additional humanities: _____