

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 1 st Semester First Year Experience (FYE) Connecting to Campus	QUEST II 2 nd Semester First Year Experience - continued 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 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)
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



COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

(BS) Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements

This planning guide is designed to help you understand your degree requirements for the Bachelor of Science 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).

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

Communication 111 – required for all BS Students

Mathematics: (includes course from the **Nature (XM)** category in USP). Remedial Math may be required.

Math 104, PBIS 187, 188 or 189 or exemption by placement

Note: Some majors may require Math 106 OR Math 108 in addition to or in place of Math 104

One higher level math course. Your major may require a specific course. Choose from Statistics, Calculus or Computer Science.

Second Math course: _____

Humanities (HU): at least 12 credits are required from departments comprising the Humanities Division (All **Culture (XC)** courses in the USP are considered humanities). Of these at least one course must be taken from English literature, plus one course from at least two of the following areas: a) Fine Art (Art, Music, Theatre, RTF), b) Philosophy/ Religious Studies, c) Foreign Language, and one additional approved humanities course.

English literature: _____

Area 1: _____

Area 2: _____

Additional humanities: _____

Natural Science (NS): Four courses required (All **Nature (XL)** courses in the USP are considered natural science) Select lab science courses from the following academic departments: Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Physical Science, or Physics/Astronomy. Refer to the resources section of the UARC website for options.

Two courses from the same academic department, where the first course is the pre-requisite of the second:

_____ AND _____

One course from a different academic department than the one chosen above:

One course that is from a third academic department OR a course for which the one listed above is the pre-requisite OR a math course that is in addition to the courses chosen as your second math course in the Mathematics area:

Social Science (SS): at least 12 credits are required from departments comprising the Social Science Division (All **Society (XS)** courses in the USP are considered Social Science). Of these at least one course must be taken from History, and at least one course must be from a department other than History. Select from Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, Interdisciplinary Studies, International Studies, Political Science, Public Administration, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, Urban Planning, or Women's Studies.

History: _____

Non-History course: _____

3rd course: _____

4th course: _____