University Studies Program
GENERAL EDUCATION FOR THE 21st CENTURY

EXPLORE Courses in the USP: Goals & Expectations

Program Learning Outcomes for EXPLORE courses:

- Students will be able to describe the value of a Liberal Education, and its connection to each EXPLORE course.
- Students will become familiar with the expectations of a college-level education, the UW Oshkosh Essential Learning Outcomes, and the University Studies Program.
- Students will begin their acculturation to life at this university, developing familiarity with the academic resources and community engagement opportunities at UW Oshkosh.
- Students will explore [insert the discipline or course subject], through [insert appropriate processes, such as speeches, problem sets, case study analysis, lab reports, research papers, etc.]
- Students will demonstrate personal responsibility for their intellectual development by archiving and reflecting upon learning artifacts using the D2L ePortfolio tool

Optional:

- Students will further investigate the [insert category] Signature Question as they explore [insert discipline or course subject].

EXPLORE Course Syllabus Inclusions that will assist USP students (see USP Teaching Resources online):

- Liberal Education Statement (What is it and how does your course content connect?)
- Student Learning Outcomes (aligned with assignments and course assessment)
- Course Description: Tailored to intrigue students unfamiliar with your content
- Signature Question Information (as appropriate; not all courses)
- Early Alert (be sure you have something graded in the first few weeks so you can participate)
- MAPworks (mentioned for students in their first year)
- ePortfolio: 1) general description and 2) specific assignment(s) for this course
- Campus Resources

<u>Additional ideas to consider</u>:

- Attention to a hospitable tone
- Encouragement to visit your office hours for something specific
- Suggestions for participation in campus or community activities that connect to your course content

Note: In the first few years of USP implementation, your class will be comprised of USP students (starting in fall 2013 and beyond) and non-USP students (pre-fall 2013 start date). Within a few years, your EXPLORE courses will be populated with first and second year students only.