A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO THE UNIVERSITY STUDIES PROGRAM (USP)

The Foundation of Your Education at UW Oshkosh
Students in all majors complete the USP. Since these courses will help to prepare you for advanced study at the university as well as life after graduation we encourage you to choose courses that satisfy or enhance major or degree requirements.

As you EXPLORE, you have choices. You will select courses in three categories; Nature (XM)/(XL), Culture (XC), and Society (XS) and encounter three intense and distinct "EXPLORE" courses called "QUEST." In the "QUEST" series students investigate three Signature Questions. The USP is completed through an advanced writing course that will "CONNECT" the Signature Questions.

SIGNATURE QUESTIONS
You will take one QUEST course focusing on each of the following UW Oshkosh 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 Non-Western Culture (NW)*

NOTE: Courses in the QUEST series satisfy credit requirements in the EXPLORE category below

QUEST I **1st Semester** First Year Experience (FYE) Small learning community w/peer mentor	**QUEST II** **2nd Semester** Ethical Reasoning Intense investigations of ethical dilemmas	**QUEST III** **3rd or 4th Semester** Community Experience Guided by Alumni Mentors
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	Paired** with Quest Writing OR Quest Speaking	
Signature Question: 1 2 3 (ES or NW)	Signature Question: 1 2 3 (ES or NW)	Signature Question: 1 2 3 (ES or NW)
A complete list of QUEST courses can be found at www.uwosh.edu/usp ***Students that have prior credit for writing and/or speaking take an unpaired QUEST course*		

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

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Ethnic Studies (ES) / Non-Western Culture (NW)*
**One of these is met by the Intercultural Knowledge QUEST course; however you must fulfill both* 3 credits

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(ES) (NW)

CONNECT **3 CREDITS**
ENGL300 Connect: Advanced Writing (XK) 4th or 5th semester after the QUEST series is completed

THE UNIVERSITY REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 41 CREDITS IN USP APPROVED COURSEWORK