

University Studies Program: 2003

An education at the University of Wyoming is grounded in a broad understanding of human knowledge developed through a range of courses and co-curricular activities, the most important of which is the University Studies Program of general education, required of all UW students. The specialized knowledge of a major evolves from general education. These two components of an education are complementary, enhancing one another throughout a student's career.

The goal of the University Studies Program is to provide a general education that will help students develop for full participation in a technologically intricate world including:

1. The ability to express oneself in speech and writing;
2. The ability to locate, evaluate, and use information;
3. The ability to examine problems from quantitative, qualitative, and scientific perspectives;
4. Encouragement to become active citizens in a diverse society;
5. Gaining perspective to appreciate the viewpoints and deal with complex issues of others through multi- and inter-disciplinary inquiry;
6. Understanding the responsibility to participate in a democratic society;
7. Communicating clearly in a civic environment.

A list of all currently offered courses approved for the University Studies 1991 and 2003 Programs are at the back of this Class Schedule.

Requirements of the University Studies 2003 Program are:

Area	# of courses	Credit Hrs.
Intellectual Community	1	1-3
I Intellectual community courses are offered in academic departments		
Writing		
WA College composition	1	3
Students must complete a WA course with a grade of C or better		
WB One mid-level writing or writing-intensive course (2000-4999 level)	1*	3*
WC One upper-division writing or writing-intensive course (3000-4999 level)	1*	3*
Oral Communications	1	3
O One approved course emphasizing oral communications skills		
Quantitative Reasoning		
QA Quantitative Reasoning I	0 or 1	0-3
All students must fulfill the QA requirement, either by placing into a QB course or through successfully completing a QA course		
QB Quantitative Reasoning II	1	3

Area	# of courses	Credit Hrs.
Science	1-2	4-8

Two approved courses from one or more of the following categories:

S	Integrated science course
SB	Biological sciences
SP	Physical sciences
SE	Earth sciences

Cultural Context	3	9
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Complete nine approved credit hours, three from each of the three categories

CH	Humanities
CS	Social and behavioral sciences
CA	Fine arts
OR	

Complete three hours of approved cultural coursework (C) plus three approved credit hours from two of the three categories.

U.S. and Wyoming Constitution	1	3
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V Approved V courses fulfill both US and Wyoming Constitution requirements

Information Literacy	1*
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L One approved course. An approved course in this category will simultaneously fulfill another requirement in the University Studies Program or the major.

Diversity in the U.S.	1*	3*
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D One approved course. An approved course in this category may simultaneously fulfill another requirement in the University Studies Program or the major.

Global Awareness	1*	3*
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G One approved course. An approved course in this category may simultaneously fulfill another requirement in the University Studies Program or the major.

Physical Activity & Health	1	1
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P Complete an approved P course.

Total :	30-36*
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*courses may fulfill other USP or major requirements simultaneously.

Wyoming Community colleges have defined a Common General Education Core Curriculum as a component of an associate's degree. Per the articulation agreement, an AA or AS degree from a Wyoming community college plus three additional credits of mathematics will satisfy the lower-division requirements of the University Studies Program. Students transferring to UW from any Wyoming community college without an associate's degree will have their transcript reviewed on a course by course basis.

Students who enrolled at the University of Wyoming or a Wyoming community college prior to the fall of 2003 and who maintained continuous enrollment have the option of satisfying USP 1991 or USP 2003 requirements. Students who enter UW or a Wyoming community college beginning in fall of 2003 will be required to meet the USP 2003 requirements for graduation.