



CDP Advising Sheet American Studies Major

Bachelor of Science Degree

General Degree Requirements

- Freshman English: 3-6 credits
- *Writing Emphasis (WE): 3 credits (CDP only)
- Oral Communication (Comm 101): 2 credits
- Mathematics : 7 credits
- Natural Science: 12-15 credits
one lab course in each of two disciplines & only one course numbered "100"
- Minority Studies (MNS): 3 credits
- Non-Western Culture (NW): 3 credits
- History: 3 credits

Humanities and Social Science: 18 credits

- Humanities: 6-12 credits from at least two areas
- Social Science: 6-12 credits from at least two areas

- *Environmental Literacy (EL): 3 credits

Wellness (WL):total of three credits

- Aerobics/Activity (WLAA): 1-2 credits
- Health Enhancement (WLHE): 1-2 credits

Bachelor of Arts Degree

General Degree Requirements

- Freshman English: 3-6 credits
- *Writing Emphasis (WE): 3 credits (CDP only)
- Oral Communication (Comm 101): 2 credits
- Mathematics: 3 credits
- Natural Science: 6-10 credits
one lab course in each of two disciplines
- Minority Studies (MNS): 3 credits
- Non-Western Culture (NW): 3 credits
- History: 6 credits of two-course sequence

Humanities and Social Science: 18 credits

- Humanities: 9-12 credits, and at least one course in each of three Areas
- Social Science: 6-9 credits from at least two social science disciplines and minimum of two courses from category 1
- Foreign Language: 8 credits (one year in the 101/102 sequence)

- *Environmental Literacy: 3 credits

Wellness (WL):total of three credits

- Aerobics/Activity (WLAA): 1-2 credits
- Health Enhancement (WLHE): 1-2 credits

* An Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree earned during the 1988 fall semester or after from the UW-Colleges completely satisfies the breadth of requirements for UWSP's bachelor's degrees (Natural Science, Minority Studies, Non-Western Culture, History, Humanities, Social Science, and Environmental Literacy). It also fulfills 3 credits of Writing Emphasis (WE) and one credit of Wellness (WL).

CDP American Studies Admission Requirements

1. Have completed your associate degree from UW-Fox Valley or another UW System institution; OR completed 60 credits applicable to a UWSP degree from an accredited institution of higher education; AND
2. Apply and be admitted to UW-Stevens Point if not already admitted; AND
3. Have earned a 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale) cumulative grade point average.

You may apply for pre-General Studies major status while a student at one of the UW-Colleges. This will permit you to work with your CDP advisor to create a program of study which will help you complete the degree course requirements. If you have any questions about whether you qualify for admission to the program, or whether classes you will have taken meet program requirements, contact your CDP advisor.

Senior Capstone Experience

Each student is required during the final 30 credits before graduation to participate in a Senior Capstone Experience. This capstone program gives you the opportunity to apply expertise learned in the major and encourages you to become more actively involved in the major. Choose from one of two options: 1. Significant research paper or similar product, supervised and approved by a faculty member in one discipline represented in the major. Topic should provide continuity and bring closure to the major; or 2. Project approved and supervised by the general studies coordinator, such as a community-based project that provides practical application of and reflection upon your coursework.

Other Notes

1. 300 & 400 level courses meeting the requirements of Options A & B will be offered on an irregular basis at UW-Fox Valley.
2. A class that fulfills one GDR category may also fulfill another GDR category. For example, History class offered as Writing Emphasis (WE) fulfills two categories under GDR's: History and WE.

UWSP Graduation Requirements

1. You need a total of 120 credits to graduate with a Bachelor's degree.
2. You must earn at least 40 credits in courses numbered 300 or above.
3. You need a 2.0 cumulative GPA in your General Degree Requirements.
4. You need a 2.0 cumulative GPA in required courses for the General Studies major.
5. You need to earn at least 30 UWSP credits to graduate from the University.
6. You must complete all the general requirements for your degree.

Experiential Learning

The Experiential Learning Program allows you to receive credit for college-level learning obtained outside the traditional academic setting. Credit is not granted simply for experience, but rather for the learning obtained from the experience. The learning is judged to be equivalent to that which would be gained through UWSP coursework.

Prior learning may be evaluated by techniques such as an interview, demonstration, portfolio assessment, or other methods where appropriate for specific courses, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations and challenge examinations offered by various departments.

To begin the process, contact the Experiential Learning Coordinator, Sharon Knopf, at 715.346.3361 or sknopf@uwsp.edu. She will help you identify the competencies you have acquired, and decide which credits might be sought by prior learning assignments.

Questions?

Contact the CDP Coordinator at UWSP, Todd Good, 715.295.8917 or todd.good@uwsp.edu.

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