

1 **UW REGULATION 6-407**  
2 **University Studies Program**  
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4 **1. PURPOSE**

5 This regulation shall state the goals, purpose, and procedures of a general education,  
6 or University Studies, program.  
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8 **2. GENERAL INFORMATION**

9 **a. Purpose of the University Studies Program**

10 It is the purpose of a University Studies Program to establish baseline  
11 learning requirements, which all students should meet regardless of their  
12 fields of study. These baseline learning requirements should be simple,  
13 flexible, and transparent. They should facilitate ease of transfer between  
14 collegiate level institutions, such as community colleges, and UW. They  
15 must be based on assessable learning outcomes that are clearly stated and  
16 made available to all interested parties, including students and instructors.

17 **b. Goals of University Studies Program curriculum**

18 Coursework that fulfills the goals of the University Studies Program  
19 should involve multiple and diverse disciplines in order to provide  
20 students with broad learning experiences, expose them to different  
21 viewpoints, and provide them diverse skill sets. Coursework should  
22 include some or all of the following: knowledge of human culture, the  
23 physical and natural world, and U.S. and Wyoming Constitutions;  
24 intellectual and practical skills; and personal and social responsibility.  
25 Such an education is expected to produce citizens able to function in a  
26 complex and changing society.

27 **c. Procedures**

28 The University Studies Program demands completion of specific  
29 requirements in identified areas of study in accordance with criteria  
30 approved by the University Faculty Senate. In cooperation with the Board  
31 of Trustees and academic administrators, the University Studies  
32 Committee of the Faculty Senate is responsible for making decisions  
33 regarding which courses are to be designated as USP-compliant. (See also  
34 UW regulation 6-702 14.a.)

1 **3. UNIVERSITY STUDIES COORDINATOR**

2 a. **Designation**

3 The Vice President for Academic Affairs in consultation with the  
4 University Studies Committee will designate a suitably qualified  
5 person to perform the duties of the University Studies Coordinator,  
6 who shall be responsible to the Vice President for administrating the  
7 University Studies Program.

8 b. **Responsibilities**

9 The University Studies Coordinator will work directly with the  
10 University Studies Committee and other appropriate faculty,  
11 University officers, and Faculty Senate committees to:

12 i. make recommendations for the fiscal support of  
13 the University Studies Program;

14 ii. maintain approved course lists and disseminate  
15 information about the program on and off campus;

16 iii. assist faculty and sponsor departments in  
17 preparing or modifying University course offerings  
18 for the Program;

19 iv. implement an assessment plan as established by  
20 the University Studies Committee (see 6-702  
21 14.b.i);

22 v. make recommendations for waivers or  
23 substitution of University Studies Program  
24 requirements by petitioning students;

25 vii. serve as an ad hoc (non-voting) member of the  
26 University Studies Program Committee.

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