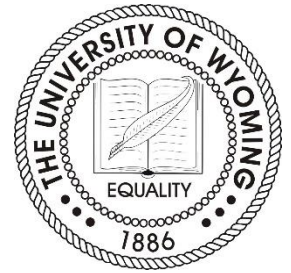


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UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING REGULATIONS

Subject: University Studies Program

Number: UW Regulation 6-407 (2-XX)

I. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of a University Studies Program (USP) to establish baseline learning requirements, which all undergraduate students should meet regardless of their fields of study. These baseline learning requirements should be simple, flexible, and transparent. They should easily transfer between collegiate level institutions, such as community colleges, and the University. They must be based on assessable learning outcomes that are clearly stated and made available to all interested parties, including students and instructors.

II. USP CURRICULUM

Coursework that fulfills the goals of the USP should involve multiple and diverse disciplines in order to provide students with broad learning experiences and exposure to different viewpoints, as well as provide them diverse skill sets. Coursework should include some or all of the following: knowledge of human culture, the physical and natural world, and U.S. and Wyoming Constitutions; intellectual and practical skills; and personal and social responsibility. Such an education is expected to produce citizens able to function in a complex and changing society.

III. UNIVERSITY STUDIES COORDINATOR

A. Designation

The Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education will perform the duties of the University Studies Coordinator, and will be responsible to the Provost for administering the USP.

B. Responsibilities

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39 The University Studies Coordinator will work directly with the University Studies
40 Committee and other appropriate faculty, University officers, and Faculty Senate
41 committees to:

- 42 1. Make recommendations for the fiscal support of the USP;
- 43 2. Maintain approved course lists and disseminate information about the
44 program on and off campus;
- 45 3. Assist faculty and sponsor departments in preparing or modifying
46 University Studies course offerings with advice from the University
47 Studies Committee;
- 48 4. Implement an assessment plan with advice from the University Studies
49 Committee;
- 50 5. Approve waivers or substitution of USP requirements by petitioning
51 students; and
- 52 6. Serve as an ex officio (non-voting) member of the USP Committee.

60 **IV. PROCEDURES**

- 61 **A.** The USP demands completion of specific requirements in identified areas of
62 study in accordance with criteria approved by the University Faculty Senate. In
63 cooperation with the Board of Trustees and academic administrators, the
64 University Studies Committee of the Faculty Senate is responsible for making
65 decisions regarding which courses are to be designated as USP-compliant.
- 66 **B.** Transfer credits from other collegiate institutions may be accepted in satisfaction
67 of requirements when the transferred courses meet the objectives of a required
68 University Studies course as determined by standards or procedures adopted by
69 the University Studies Committee.
- 70 **C.** Students transferring fewer than thirty (30) credit hours will be subject to
71 requirements specified for freshmen except when waived by the University
72 Studies Committee or University Studies Coordinator upon petition by a student
73 who has completed one year of collegiate study with full time status.

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- 79 **D.** The University Studies Committee or University Studies Coordinator may
80 recommend to the President suspension or delay of the general application of the
81 USP requirements whenever it appears that the availability of such classes is
82 insufficient to accommodate the timely degree completion of a substantial number
83 of students. Any such recommended action will be promptly reported to the
84 Faculty Senate, the Provost, the President, and the Board of Trustees accompanied
85 by an explanation. The President shall make the final decision on the
86 recommendation.
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- 88 **E.** The University Studies Coordinator and University Studies Committee will
89 prepare a list of all courses approved as meeting requirements in each of the areas
90 of general studies for submittal to the Provost annually. This list will be
91 communicated to stakeholders on a regular basis.

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Responsible Division/Unit: Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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