PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY PROGRAM

Elective Credits Policies

The purpose of electives at the School of Pharmacy (SOP) is to complement the pharmacy curriculum, expand knowledge within a specific pharmacy discipline and to ensure completion of the general liberal arts education of the University of Wyoming. Therefore, the following policies have been approved by the faculty for the Doctor of Pharmacy professional program (thereafter, Program).

1. As published in the University Bulletin and SOP brochure students are required to complete a minimum number of electives, specific for the student’s year of matriculation into the Program. This number may vary and may be modified as adjustments are made to the professional curriculum to comply with accreditation standards. Students will be made aware of this number during initial orientation into the Program and kept informed of any changes during their stay in the academic program.

2. Students must take elective courses to satisfy first the requirements of the University Studies Program (thereafter, USP) and then complete the remaining required electives credits as general elective coursework (Program-approved required number of elective hours).

3. Students are required to complete all USP requirements even if they exceed the minimum number of elective hours initially defined in their Program in order to graduate from UW.

4. All general elective coursework must be upper division (UW 3000 level or above) to ensure adequate rigor appropriate to a professional program.
   a) All University of Wyoming online courses at 3000 level or above are accepted for elective credit toward the Program.
   b) Transfer or online courses equivalent to UW 3000 level or above from other accredited four-year institutions may be honored as elective credits toward the Program.

5. All required hours (including electives) must be completed by students before progressing into the P4 rotation year. Students will not be allowed to progress toward the 4th year rotations if their academic records show that less than a total of 107 credits were completed and/or university studies requirements were not fulfilled.

6. When an elective course is approved through a petition, enrollment in the course must occur during the semester for which it was approved, i.e. if the student changes his/her mind the course will have to be petitioned again to be taken during another semester.
7. Courses offered through any community colleges, including Wyoming community colleges, regardless of their level or type (online or not), are usually neither transferable nor accepted as elective credits toward the Program.

8. Students shall not take electives as Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) credit.

9. All courses taken in the preprofessional program or to fulfill requirements in a previous degree cannot be retaken to count as elective hours in the Program.

10. Credit by exam through the Foreign Languages Dept. will not be accepted as fulfillment of elective requirements in the Program. However, it is a student’s right to test out for Wyoming History and Government, and Physical Education lecture while receiving elective credits toward the Program and fulfilling USP requirements.

11. For procedures and handling of all exceptions to these policies, the students should consult the SOP brochure, the student handbook, the SOP website, or check with the Manager of Pharmacy Student Services or the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.