Information about Degree Requirements

CHECKLIST

Graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences are expected to be broadly educated - to have the knowledge and skills needed to deal with the unexpected and to see opportunities from multiple perspectives. A liberal education enhances the intellectual flexibility to find new applications for knowledge and to offer varied solutions to complex problems. To develop these abilities, the University Studies Program and the A&S Core puts into a larger context the solid background the studies in your major.

To earn your A&S bachelor’s degree, you will have to complete three sets of academic requirements.

1. University Studies Program
2. Arts & Sciences College requirements - the A&S Core
3. Department/Program requirements in the major

The University Studies Program is described in more detail at http://uwadmweb.uwyo.edu/unst/usps_2003_students_page.htm The A&S College Core requirements include some additional courses and modifications in the science requirement. Students are responsible for knowing their degree requirements at the University, College, and department levels.

Very important guides for planning and working toward your degree include:

1. The University of Wyoming Bulletin http://uwadmweb.uwyo.edu/registrar/pubs.html
   - Your primary source for rules, regulations, and requirements for your degree.
   - Course descriptions and prerequisites.
   - As long as you are continuously enrolled, your degree requirements are those described in the Bulletin of your first year at UW (or at a Wyoming community college if you are a transfer student from one of these schools). If you return to the university after a year’s absence or more, you will have to meet requirements in effect at that time unless a request for an exception is approved.

2. Class Schedule http://uwadmweb.uwyo.edu/registrar/pubs.html
   - Lists the semester’s courses and times they are offered.
   - Your source for the most current information you need to know about such things as fees, deadlines, course repeat policies, etc.

3. College of A&S Core http://uwadmweb.uwyo.edu/registrar/bulletin/2asfront.html
Here is a summary of the requirements in the A&S Core; a checklist of the University Studies Program and the A&S Core requirements follows.

I. SCIENCE: Two 4-credit hour laboratory science courses, 8 credits
   1. Two University Studies-approved 4-credit hour science courses (with a lab) with two different department prefixes (e.g., Biology and Botany or Biology and Chemistry, etc.). A prefix may be repeated if one of the science courses you take is identified as an integrated S course. These will simultaneously fulfill the University Studies science requirement.

II. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 2 courses, 8 credits (depending upon placement or competency) in a single foreign language
1. Two semesters of a single foreign language or satisfactory scores on one of the following:
   - Departmental examination (administered only to those students who have no prior enrollment in any college-level foreign language course).
   - College level examination program
   - Advanced placement examination
2. Students who enroll or place into and complete with a grade of C or better a 2nd or 3rd semester foreign language course will have completed the College foreign language requirement.
3. Some majors require more than two semesters in a single, traditional foreign language — not American Sign Language — (anthropology, English, history, international studies).
4. Foreign students who are native speakers of a language other than English are exempt from this requirement if they successfully complete the Writing A and B courses. Foreign students whose pre-college high school education is in an English-speaking high school are held to the College foreign language requirement.

III. NON-WESTERN PERSPECTIVES: 1 course, 3 credits
   1. One course from the approved list. http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/a&s/Current/Non-West/non_western.asp. This course may simultaneously fulfill other requirements in the University Studies program, the A&S Core, or the major, minor, or second major.
   2. A Non-Western Perspectives course is about and from the perspective of non-Western European and non-Judeo-Christian traditions. Use the application form to request Non-Western Course Status.

IV. UPPER DIVISION COURSES in departments/programs WITH A DIFFERENT COURSE PREFIX THAN YOUR MAJOR: 3 courses, 9 credits
   1. Three courses at the 3000 or 4000 level with a different prefix from a department/program of your major and not cross-listed with courses in your department/program. The cross-listing rule does not apply if your major is one of the interdisciplinary majors (American Studies, International Studies, Microbiology, and Women’s Studies).
   2. These courses cannot be courses taken also for the core components of the University Studies: Quantitative Analysis, Constitutions, Intellectual Community, Oral Communication, Writing A, basic sciences, or cultural context.
   3. These courses may also be in a minor or a second major.
   4. Students majoring in one of the Distributed majors (Humanities/Fine Arts, Mathematics/Sciences, or Social Sciences) must take these 9 credits outside the department/program of their first area of emphasis.

Professional degree programs: A&S Core requirements differ slightly for students in some professional degree programs. Check with your A&S advisor. Unless the department requires that a major in a professional degree program must complete the entire A&S Core, professional degree majors will fulfill the A&S Core by completing the requirements in
   a) Two 4-credit hour lab sciences with two different prefixes
   b) Non-Western course
   c) EITHER the foreign language requirement OR six credits of upper division courses outside the major department.

Multiple degrees – Second Bachelor’s or concurrent Dual Degrees in A&S; Two diplomas are awarded.
1. **First degree earned, or being earned, from another UW College or another University**
   *Students must complete the 2003 A&S Core Requirements in addition to the specific university requirements described in the UW Bulletin section “Graduation: Requirements and Procedures.”* [http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/REGISTRAR/bulletin/grad.html](http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/REGISTRAR/bulletin/grad.html)

2. **First degree earned, or being earned, from the UW College of Arts and Sciences**
   *The 2003 A&S Core requirements will be met just once, with the first A&S degree. Students must meet the specific university Second Bachelor’s or Dual Degree requirements described in the UW Bulletin section “Graduation: Requirements and Procedures.”* [http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/REGISTRAR/bulletin/grad.html](http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/REGISTRAR/bulletin/grad.html)

3. **First degree earned, or being earned, in a College of Arts and Sciences Professional degree program with a modified A&S Core.**
   *The remaining requirements of the 2003 A&S Core must be completed for the second degree. Students must meet the specific university Second Bachelor’s or Dual Degree requirements described in the UW Bulletin section “Graduation: Requirements and Procedures.”* [http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/REGISTRAR/bulletin/grad.html](http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/REGISTRAR/bulletin/grad.html)

**Multiple Majors – “Concurrent Major;” One diploma is awarded.**

1. Students earning a degree in another UW College or in the College of Arts and Sciences and completing another *major* in the College of Arts and Sciences are not required to complete the A&S Core.
REQUIREMENTS Check list
UNIVERSITY STUDIES PROGRAM and COLLEGE of A&S CORE
College of Arts & Sciences-Bachelor’s Degree Programs
for students matriculating FALL, 2003, and after

(Courses must be taken for a letter grade unless offered for S/U only)
(Look for the letter codes in the Class Schedule and Bulletin to identify approved courses)

I. University Studies Core Components:

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<td>(I) Intellectual Community</td>
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<td>(V) U.S. &amp; Wyoming Constitutions</td>
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<td>(O) Oral Communication</td>
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Sciences- SB biological; SE Earth; SP physical; S Integrated Science) – Majors in the College of Arts and Sciences, must take **2 courses with a lab, 4 credit hours each** and **from two different departments** (different course prefixes, unless one course is an integrated science, fulfilling the A&S Core science requirement also fulfills the University Studies requirements.

1. **1st department prefix (S; SB; SE; SP)** 4 credits
2. **2nd department, different prefix, unless 1st course is an S** 4 credits

(C, CH, CS, CA) Cultural Context: (at least one courses from each of 3 different categories) 9 hours

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II. Additional USP requirements: these USP requirements may be a part of (embedded) of courses in the above Core Component categories or courses in the major). If not, each will be one course, three credits.

(WB) Writing 2: may be embedded
Writing 3: may be embedded
Information Literacy: may be embedded
U.S. Diversity: may be embedded
Global Awareness: may be embedded

III. A&S Core:

1. Science courses: See the listing in the science section above in the USP.

2. Single Foreign Language for A&S degrees: two courses, 8 credits (or 4 credits 2nd or 3rd semester with a grade of C) or equivalent scores on CLEP, AP, UW department placement exam
   - 1 course, 4 credits__________________________
   - 1 course, 4 credits__________________________

3. (NW) Non-Western for A&S degrees: 1 course, 3 credits
   Approved courses may simultaneously fulfill other requirements in University Studies, A&S Core or courses in the major. Approved courses are at http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/A&S/Administration/Advising%20web/Non-West/non_western.htm
   - 1 course, 3 credits__________________________

4. For A&S degrees: 9 credits of Upper Division courses (3XXX-level or above) outside the department/program in which the student’s major resides and none that are cross-listed with courses in the department of the major. This cross-listing rule does not apply to majors in the A&S interdisciplinary programs. These courses cannot be used to also fulfill the USP “core component” – P, I, QA, QB, O, V, WA, S, SB, SE, SP, C, CA, CB, CH.
   - 1 course, 3 credits__________________________
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IV. University Upper Division Requirement (3XXX-level or above): 48 credits, 30 of which must be earned from the University of Wyoming. Any upper division course in the USP, A&S Core, the major or electives will apply to this requirement. However, credits earned through portfolio assessment, credit by examination, courses from another institution outside UW (except London semester) do not count as UW credits earned in residence.

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**Total credits for degree:** 120 + P.E. + any excess P.E. + military science below 3000 + excess credit in major department (if more than 60 credits-excluding professional degree programs). No more than 24 credits of flexible enrollment credit count for a degree. No more than 20 credits of elective courses with a grade of S allowed within the 120 credit hours for graduation.

**Grade Requirements:** At least 30 credit hours of a grade of C, or better, must be earned in the major (major programs may require a greater number). A minimum Grade Point Average of 2.0 is required for good academic standing and graduation. All USP, College, & major requirements must be taken for a letter grade unless offered for S/U only.