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General University and College FAQ:

Q: What's the difference between a college and a university?

A: The terms "college" and "university" are often used interchangeably. A university is usually comprised of multiple degree-conferring colleges. The University of Wyoming is comprised of six colleges with a set number of degree options and academic departments.

Q: What is a liberal arts education?

A: A liberal arts education focuses on critical thinking and communication skills necessary in an ever-changing job market. A liberal arts degree covers the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics. According to Gerald Greenberg (Syracuse University), "the *liberal* in *liberal arts* and *liberal education* does not stand in contrast to *conservative*. Rather, it derives from the Latin *liberalis*, associated with the meaning of *freedom*. *Liberal*, not as opposed to *conservative*, but as *free*, in contrast to *imprisoned*, *subjugated*, or *incarcerated*." *A liberal education would enable people to function successfully as free citizens* (Strauss, [Washington Post](#), 2 April 2015).

Q: What is the difference between "Undergraduate" and "Graduate" degrees?

A: Undergraduate programs follow high school and lead to an associate's (two-year) degree or a bachelor's (four-year) degree. The University of Wyoming does not offer associate degrees, but many community colleges offer them. Graduate programs follow a bachelor's degree and lead to a master's or doctoral degree (PhD).

Q: What is distance education?

A: [Distance education occurs when a student and an instructor are in different locations](#). Learning occurs via online, video, audio, or combination (hybrid) deliveries. Courses offered online are designated with section numbers in the 40s (Example, ENGL 1010-40). Hybrid courses are classes offered in a classroom but accessible to students in other communities. They are designated with section numbers in the 80s (ENGL 1010-80). Distance students also have access to online resources such as advising, tutoring, and other educational opportunities.

Q: What is the difference between online studies and distance studies?

A: Essentially there is no difference.

Q: What is a major?

A: An undergraduate major is the study of a body of knowledge in a subject area of interest. Most undergraduate majors at the University of Wyoming result in either a Bachelor of Science degree or a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Q: What is a concentration?

A: A concentration (also called option or program area) is a collection of courses within a major that focuses on a particular subject area. Not all majors require the selection of a concentration. International Studies and Family and Consumer Sciences are just two examples of UW majors that do require this.

University of Wyoming FAQ:

Q: How many colleges and programs does UW offer?

A: UW has six undergraduate colleges: Agriculture and Natural Resources, Arts & Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering and Applied Science, and Health Science. In addition, it is home to the College of Law, Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources, UW at a Distance, the School of Energy Resources, and over 90 graduate degree programs. [Check out our academic programs to explore all that UW has to offer!](#)

Q: Do students have to study a fixed set of subjects or can they individually form their major?

A: It depends. Some degree programs are highly structured; others are more flexible and sometimes allow you to choose from a list of possible courses that could fulfill particular program requirements to create your own program. In order to see which majors are more flexible or more structured, see UW's [Four-Year Degree Plans](#) for the various majors offered on campus. A degree plan allows students to see the recommended sequence of courses for a particular major. Each person has one's own journey through their major, so it is essential to discuss one's course pathway with an academic advisor. If you have a declared major, the plan can help you choose courses and see the path ahead of you. If you are undeclared, checking out the degree plans for a couple majors you are exploring can help you get a "feel" for these degree programs and determine what to ask your advisor.

Q: When do you declare a major?

A: Although incoming students can declare a major before beginning their studies at UW, it is not essential. Many students do not declare a major until the end of the second year of school. Beginning your academic career with an undeclared major will allow you to explore the many different tracks that will allow you to discover the major that best fits. Within the [UW Exploratory Studies program](#), you can choose one of six tracks that expose you to multiple disciplines within these areas.

Q: What is a minor?

A: A minor is concentrated study in a specific subject area that compliments a student's major. The university has a wide range of undergraduate minors. For example, the College of Arts & Sciences offers [69 minors](#). Adding a minor can enhance your degree and expand your career opportunities. If you have questions about adding a minor, talk to you advisor.

Q: What is the University Studies Program?

A: The University of Wyoming provides a liberal arts education, so students are broadly educated in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics. To ensure each student meets these requirements, certain courses are approved as a part of the core coursework required of a UW student. The [University Studies Program](#) (USP) is the general education program that all University of Wyoming undergraduate students are required to complete.

Q: Can a course count for multiple requirements (like USP & major)?

A: Yes, but not in all cases. Often a course that meets the USP requirement may also meet the major requirement for the degree offered. For more information on specific courses, it is best to consult with your advisor.

Q: What is the credit system at the University of Wyoming?

A: A credit is a value assigned to each course that reflects the number of hours the class will meet with the professor each week. A one-credit course meets for one hour each week with a ten-minute break. A three-credit course meets for 150 minutes per week (three hours with three ten-minute breaks).

Q: What is the grading system at the University of Wyoming?

A: A Grade Point Average (GPA) is a numeric indicator for a student's academic performance, calculated on a scale of 4.0. University of Wyoming courses do not have pluses or minuses. Most courses for USP or major require a C or better for passing.

Letter Grade	Percentage	Grade Points
A	90-100%	4.00
B	80-89%	3.00
C	70-79%	2.00
D	60-69%	1.00
F	<60%	0.00

Q: How do I find my grades?

A: Your midterm and final grades will be available on WyoWeb as soon as they are submitted by your instructors each semester. They may be found on the "Student Resources" tab, in the "Student Grades" channel. Do not rely on the grades posted within the Canvas course shell (WyoCourses) for each of your courses since some instructors do not update those grades as regularly as others.

Q: What kind of career planning services are offered to students?

A: The [Advising, Career, and Exploratory Studies \(ACES\) Center](#) in Knight Hall offers both career counseling and career services. [Career counseling](#) allows students to meet with a trained counselor to identify what they want in life in order to enable them to select a major, to set career goals, and to obtain them. [Career services](#) equip students with training as they prepare for their careers, including job fairs, interview workshops, building a resume, personal coaching

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appointments, and resources regarding partnerships and jobs. In addition, several colleges at UW offer tailored career coaching for their particular field.

Q: What are the medical insurance options for students?

Student Health Insurance is designed to help students maintain good health throughout their academic study and decrease the financial burden that can be caused by unexpected health expenses. The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees elected to offer a program which had the least impact on the students, yet still maintain a comprehensive program at a reasonable cost. University of Wyoming Student Health Insurance is provided through UnitedHealthcare StudentResources. The deadline to make any changes to your insurance choice is the add/drop deadline. For all international students, you are automatically enrolled in the student medical insurance each semester so you must waive the insurance by the add/drop deadline. The insurance includes a \$400 deductible and \$7,150 out-of-pocket maximum. For more information, see [Student Health Insurance](#).

Registration and Advising FAQ:

Q: What is a "W" number?

A: Your "W" number is a randomly assigned 8-digit identification code that is used as your university identification number instead of your Social Security number. You will need your "W" number whenever you complete official paperwork.

Q: What is WyoWeb?

A: [WyoWeb](#) is your personal portal to the University of Wyoming systems. After you obtain your username and password, you should set your homepage to WyoWeb to have quick access to e-mail, your course, the calendar, your degree evaluation, and much more.

Q: Does the University of Wyoming accept AP credit or other credit by exam?

A: Students showing proficiency by passing examinations such as the College Board Advanced Placement Program (AP) or examinations developed by University of Wyoming departments may earn college credit through the level of demonstrated proficiency. Credit may be allowed on the basis of any testing procedure acceptable to any department, which may include tests of the AP program and both the general and subject (specific) examinations of the College Level Examinations Program (CLEP). If you've taken Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) subject tests, please have an official copy of your scores sent directly to the UW Admissions Office from the testing agency. [See the Credit Available page of the UW Office of the Registrar in order to see equivalencies for the AP, IB, CLEP and more.](#)

Q: How do I find out what courses I should take?

A: Your best resource is your advisor. Advisors have the tools to guide you and ensure your courses will count toward graduation. We suggest that you stay in regular communication with your assigned academic advisor to discuss courses. Take a look at the [Degree Plan site](#) to see a general guideline of courses you need to complete your major. You can also check how much progress you have made toward your degree by checking your Degree Evaluation. To do so, follow these steps within WyoWeb: WyoRecords > Students > Student Records > Degree

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Evaluation. A Personal plan will open in a new window on your browser. Please turn to your academic advisor for help in interpreting this.

Q: How does advising work?

A: In UW's Academic Calendar, you will see something called "Advising Week." In actuality, depending on when your date of registration is, you may be advised for registration well after this week, but you should ALWAYS be advised BEFORE your official date of registration. Before your registration date, you should receive an e-mail from your advisor to set up an appointment specifically to plan your schedule for the upcoming semester. Make this appointment as soon as you see this e-mail message. If you notice that your primary academic advisor has not e-mailed you at least one week before your registration date to set up an appointment, please reach out to them. During an advising session, your advisor will help you develop a schedule and give you your Personal Electronic Registration Code (PERC) number that you will enter to register for courses in WyoWeb. You can also ask for advice on course withdrawal, resources on campus, career and major choices, financial issues, and any other concerns. Your advisor will help you with answers and also put you in touch with the right offices.

Q: How do I find out who my advisor is?

A: See above to access your Degree Evaluation, and your Advisor information is on this Degree Evaluation below the classification and above the UW GPA. If you need help identifying your advisor's contact information, see below for information:

Bridge & Exploratory Studies:

[Advising, Career, & Exploratory Studies](#), Knight Hall 222
307-766-2398

Arts & Sciences:

[A&S Advising Center](#), basement of the east wing of Ross Hall
307-766-4013,
asadvising@uwyo.edu

Agriculture & Natural Resources:

[Ag Programs Advising](#), College of Agriculture Building Room 160 C
307-766-4135,
ag-college@uwyo.edu

Education:

[Teacher Preparation & Advising Office](#), Room 100 McWhinnie Hall
(307) 766-2230,
edquest@uwyo.edu

Business:

[Business Academic Advising](#), Business 175
(307) 766-2063,
cobaa@uwyo.edu

Engineering & Applied Science:

[The CEAS Academic Advising Center](#),
Engineering Building Room 2085

Health Sciences:

[UW Pre-Professional Health Advising](#), HS Room 110
(307) 766-3878,
hsadvise@uwyo.edu

Haub School (ENR):

[Haub School](#), Bim Kendall House, 804 E Fremont
(307) 766-5080,
haub.school@uwyo.edu

School of Energy Resources:

[Advising & Career Center](#)
307-766-6879,
seracad@uwyo.edu

Q: What is a typical course load for an incoming student?

A: If students enroll in an average of 15 credit hours per semester, they have the best chance at graduating in four years. A course load of five 3-credit courses is recommended. However, some courses have labs or more meeting times, so they are 4-credit courses. It is best to consult with your advisor on the best course load for you.

Q: What are the minimum or maximum credit hours I can take in a semester?

A: In order to be a full-time student, you will need to take at least 12 credit hours per semester. The maximum hours you can take without requiring an overload petition is 20. We strongly discourage students from taking a course load of 20 credits in a single semester. Always discuss such a decision with your academic advisor.

Q: Where can I find the student catalog and the class schedule?

A: The Office of the Registrar's website has both. The [University Catalog](#) includes information on all undergraduate and graduate-level academic programs and their specific requirements. It also lists course descriptions. The UW Catalog is updated every academic year, but your degree requirements will be based on the Catalog year at which you entered the university. You are responsible for knowing the degree requirements for your major. If you have any questions or concerns, speak with your academic advisor. The [class schedule](#) is the official list of all courses offered each semester. It can be found online at the [Registrar's webpage](#) or you can use the "Browse Classes" feature on WyoWeb > Students > Registration.

Q: What are the student classifications? When do I switch from Freshman rank to Sophomore?

A: A Freshman (FR) is a student with under 30 credit hours. A Sophomore (SO) has between 30 and 59 credit hours, a Junior (JR) has between 60 and 89 credit hours, and a Senior (SR) has 90+ credit hours.

Q: When can I register for the next semester?

A: The date and time you are permitted to register depend on your classification. Graduate students, those seeking a second Bachelor's degree, honors students, and some veterans and student athletes have priority registration, which opens the end of October or March. The order of registration after that is seniors, freshmen, juniors, and sophomores. Only after students in all of these categories have had an opportunity is registration open to those who are new and returning students.

Q: What are Linked Activities/Linked Sections?

A: Some academic departments have courses which require labs and/or discussion sections in addition to the lecture. These are referred to as Linked Sections (or Activities). When you register for a course with linked sections, you must add the lecture section, you must also add any required linked section (a lab, discussion, or both) before you will be able to complete the registration for that course by pressing "submit." In order to drop or switch sections of a lecture, you will also need to drop all linked sections.

Q: When I try to register for a class, I get an error. What does this mean?

A: Every registration error has a title. Pay attention to the type of error that comes up. Some common registration errors are: [Closed Section](#) when the course is already full and has NO wait list available; [Closed - Waitlisted](#) when the course is already full, but has a wait list available; [Department](#) when the course requires departmental permission (contact the department to correct); [Link Error](#) when a lecture, laboratory, or discussion component of a

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course is missing; [Special Approval Required](#) when the course requires special approval from the department (also known as 'controlled enrollment' – contact the department to correct); and [Time Conflict](#) when the course meets at the same time as another course already on the schedule.

Q: What is a prerequisite? What if I think I already have the prerequisite?

A: A prerequisite is a course that must be completed before enrollment in another course or a degree program. Prerequisites for individual courses and degree programs are listed in the [University Catalog](#). Students are responsible for learning what the course prerequisites are for any course or program. If you have any questions, speak with your academic advisor.

Q: How can I tell how difficult a course will be based on its course number?

A: Lower division courses are those numbered between 1000 and 2999. They are typically taken during your freshman and sophomore years. Upper division courses, numbered 3000-4999, are normally taken during your junior and senior years. Unless they have received special permission, undergraduates should avoid taking 5000-level courses since they are designated for graduate students.

Q: How many semesters of a foreign language do I need?

A: There is no university-wide requirement for foreign language, but many majors have foreign language requirements. In addition, taking a foreign language is one way to fulfill a USP requirement (among others).

Q: Are there opportunities for university exchange programs?

A: Contact the [UWYO Abroad](#) for information about exchanges, direct-enroll providers, faculty-led courses, and internships. The ideal time to go on a study abroad is during your junior year after your University Studies Program coursework has already been met.

Residence Life & Dining FAQ:

Q: Do I have to live on campus as a freshman?

A: To help them maximize their potential, the UW Trustees have established a [policy](#) requiring new students to live in UW residence halls during their first academic year on campus and to contract for a minimum of a 12-accesses-per-week dining plan.

Q: What options do I have for housing on campus?

A: The University of Wyoming offers many learning communities that provide students an opportunity to reside in close proximity with others who share similar interests. A [Freshman Interest Group \(FIG\)](#) is one such option. Students live on the same floor of a designated residence hall and attend various events with their FIG Residence Assistant (RA). [Other floors or half-floors have special designations](#). For example, there are floors for engineering majors, honors students, first-generation students, Native Americans, Army ROTC, Airforce ROTC, all gender, female-only, or male-only. In addition, the Honors House is available to select students who turn in their housing contracts by a designated deadline.

Q: When is move-in day?

A: Move-In 2019 is August 30, 2019.

Q: Is there any way to move in before the rush?

A: Residence Life and Dining, ACES Advisors, and the Learn Programs sponsor early move-in programming. [STEP-IN program](#) allows students who are majoring in exploratory studies (formerly undeclared) or in the Fall Bridge Program to move into the Residence Halls one day early. In addition to early move in, activities are planned to acquaint students with Laramie, the UW campus, and the university systems. These students also have an opportunity to view a mock class in order to get a real taste of college life one day early.

Q: What are the Washakie dining hours and prices?

A: The current hours and prices can be accessed [here](#).

Parking and Transit FAQ:

Q: Can I rent a bicycle on campus?

A: Yes! Laramie is the perfect location for bicycling since the town is relatively flat. Students can get from the residence halls to their classrooms much more quickly on bike. For \$25 per semester, a town bike, helmet, and lock can be rented from the [Outdoor Programs](#).

Q: Can I bring a car to campus?

A: Yes. Students living on campus, in either a residence hall or in an on-campus fraternity or sorority house, may buy a Resident ("R") permit, a Motorcycle ("M") permit, a Disabled ("D") permit, or a Temporary Disability ("TD") permit. To see the current costs for parking permits, check out [this website](#). As an alternate, free parking is available in two Park 'N Ride shuttle lots via [UWYO Roundup Services](#).

Q: What if I can't find any parking spaces even though I have the "R" permit?

A: A parking permit does not guarantee the holder a specific parking space. It provides the opportunity to park within an area designated for a specific permit type. Drivers are responsible for finding an authorized parking space. Lack of available space, inclement weather or other conditions do not justify parking violations. Keep in mind the Express Shuttle lots and shuttle services are a great alternative to parking on campus. For more information, click [here](#).

Q: How many warnings/chances before you have to buy a parking pass/receive a ticket?

There are no warnings given for parking violations. Fines for parking violations are due upon receipt. Parking is enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in yellow zones, fire lanes, handicap-accessible spaces, "U" parking, reserved parking, loading/unloading zones, motorcycle parking, and "R", "A", and metered parking around the residence halls and Greek housing. All other spaces are enforced on university business days, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (4:30 p.m. during summer). Overnight parking is not permitted in the Express Lots and is

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enforced year-round. Three or more unpaid citations or a fraud violation may result in immobilization of the vehicle at the registered owner's or permit holder's expense.

Q: Where are alternative parking lots to the UWYO Roundup Park-and-Ride?

A: If you have an "R" permit, you can park in the residence hall parking lots or on Fraternity and Sorority Row.

Q: Which city streets are okay for me to park on without a parking permit?

A: Parking on city streets may be available in some areas of Laramie. Parking along the entire north side of Ivinson Avenue between 9th and 15th Streets is free parking; whereas, parking along sections of the south side of Ivinson Avenue between those same streets is not permitted. Watch for signs prohibiting parking to those without residential permits. Some households or neighborhoods petitioned the city for residential parking permits to ensure that the people who live in the houses will have sufficient parking. Signs will indicate which areas are not available without residential permits.

Campus Culture FAQ:

Q: How do I address my professors?

A: You will encounter professionals with varying levels of education and expertise in the campus community. It may seem trivial, but it is important to show respect to all of your university instructors. You should always (in person, email, written correspondence and in telephone conversations) refer to them as Doctor or Professor unless they indicate otherwise.

Q: What's the university attendance policy? Can I skip as many classes as I want as long as I take the midterm and final and still pass the course?

A: Students are expected to attend all required course meeting times. Individual instructors observe various attendance policies in their classrooms that are listed in the course syllabus. Most faculty require authorized absence documentation. An authorized absence provides the student an opportunity to make up the work missed but does not excuse the student from the work required. It is important to read and understand the attendance policy for each course. It is your responsibility to discuss absences with your instructor and make arrangements for missed assignments, notes or exams.

Q: Is there a dress code on campus?

A: There is no formal dress code on campus. During summer, T-shirts and shorts are the norm. However, certain wardrobe choices may be inappropriate for the campus environment. Inappropriate dress includes offensive or racist slogans on T-Shirts and revealing clothing. When a person decides to wear revealing clothes on campus, it is disruptive to the teaching environment. Students may talk and gaze rather than following the lecture. While professors and others should remain non-judgmental and often do not address the disruptive wardrobe with the student, there is certainly a level of judgment that comes into place.

Q: How should I dress for Laramie winters?

A: While autumn in Laramie can be glorious with that Indian Summer, often winter comes when we are not prepared. Laramie can have many sub-zero days where your nasal drip freezes and even eyelashes can feel frozen, so it is important to have a good winter coat, gloves, boots and hat for those days. Your classrooms may be warm, so dressing in layers is recommended during winter days.

Q: How often should I check my email?

A: All students at the university are provided with an official campus e-mail address. Set aside time daily to check your campus email since it is the default for all official communication. The department sends notices by e-mail on a regular basis to alert students to scholarships and other student opportunities, class cancellations, and other general information.

Q: Will I need to carry my WyoOne ID card everywhere on campus?

A: Since your WyoOne ID card is also your key to accessing the residence halls, you should keep it on you at all times. Cards are issued to all students during their first semester of enrollment at UW. The cards are used throughout the students' entire careers at the university. The card is needed to pick up transcripts, financial aid, cash checks, access student health services, enter recreation facilities, check out library books and materials, access food services, enter residence halls and other necessities. The WyoOne card may also be used as a debit card to make purchases on campus after the deposit account is established. The WyoOne ID office is in the IT Building on the first floor just east of Room 167. There is a \$20 replacement fee for lost, stolen, or damaged cards. [You can make deposits, view transaction history, and access other card management features online.](#)

Scholarships and Money FAQ

Q: How much is tuition?

A: Due to the annual changes, please refer to [this website](#) for most accurate information about tuition and cost of attendance:

Q: How do I apply for a scholarship?

A: The University of Wyoming offers scholarships for students who meet particular eligibility criteria, and they are often based on merit or financial need. For awards based on financial need, students must [file a FAFSA](#) for the following academic school year before the scholarship's posted application deadline. All scholarships are awarded through the online application system called [AcademicWorks](#). [Information about how to write a scholarship essay and links to scholarship websites can be found here.](#)

Q: How and where can you check the balance of your dining dollars on your WYO ID?

A: If you have purchased a 12-per-week, 15-per-week, or unlimited dining plan from Residence Life and Dining Services (RL&DS), they will deposit funds into your dining dollars (aka Dining\$\$) debit (declining balance) account that is accessed using the WyoOne ID card. That money can be

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used at the RL&DS food outlets on campus and some of the campus vending machines. At the start of each new contract year, any remaining funds in your Dining Dollars account will automatically be forfeited. You can check the [balance of your Dining Dollars here](#).

Q: Is printing free?

A: If you need to print more than 150 free black-and-white pages per semester, you can pay for additional printing through the [Print Quota Increase Utility](#). Students who use this utility can agree to be billed for increases to their UWStudent print balance instead of paying for print quota increases in advance. For more information, click [here](#).

Q: When do you have to dip into your own money to print?

A: If you use the entire amount and needs to continue to print, you can pay for additional print quota through the Print Quota Increase [utility](#) or go to the pay station located in the Information Technology Center computer lab. This utility is an agreement for increases to their UWStudent print balance as needed instead of paying for print quota increases in advance. Each black and white single-sided print job is \$0.05, and double-sided print jobs are \$0.07 on average. Laser color prints are \$0.50-1.25.

[Quota increases](#) will be available immediately. Information Technology will be processing the bills daily (Monday through Friday). The deposited amount will appear on a student's university bill.

Q: How can I make money while at college?

A: If you wish to work on campus, check with Human Resources about [non work-study](#) job opportunities. In addition, the city of Laramie has employment opportunities that are listed in the [Laramie Boomerang classifieds](#).

Q: How can I apply for work-study positions?

A: Federal Work-Study is a need-based program where eligible students can work in various departments on campus. To apply, you must file the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#).

If you are offered Federal Work-Study, you will be able to accept your award on WyoWeb, under the Student Financials Tab, Financial Aid Awards. You will then need to review and apply for Federal Work-Study positions through the [Human Resources website](#) (click view and apply under Job Listings --> Student and Work-Study).

Part-time pay rate will be based on an hourly wage determined by the department you are working for, but it will not be less than the federal minimum wage. Part time employees are paid bi-monthly on the 15th and the last working day of each month. On the 1st and 16th of the month, the department will process any hours you have worked during each pay period. Students can opt to have their paychecks directly deposited into their bank accounts or mailed to the addresses on file with Payroll. Please contact Human Resources for information about direct deposit or to change your mailing address. [More information is available here](#).

Courses and Studying FAQ:

Q: What are alternative study places to the library?

A: While the William Robertson Coe Library boasts enough study space for about 1,500 students, including the McMurry Reading Room (located in the west wing of the library) and 19 study rooms, there are a [multitude of other locations](#) that make for good study nooks around campus. Here are just a few suggestions of spaces you can reserve, but you can seek out your own hidden nooks around campus as well. There are study rooms available in most of the residence halls and in Washakie Center. The Center for Assistance with Mathematics and Statistics (CASM) is located in Ross Hall 29 and offers one study room. The Law Library has four group study rooms. The classroom building has five locations, and the College of Business has ten. Aside from reserved space, there are many other libraries around campus including the Mathison Library in Hoyt Hall where you will find original wallpaper from 1915, the lobby of the Robert & Carol Berry Biodiversity Conservation Center, where you can study under a display of birds of prey, and the Williams Conservatory, where you can study amid lush foliage.

Q: I'm struggling academically. What resources are available?

A: Free tutoring is available at the [STEP Tutoring Center](#) on Level 1 of Coe Library or in Washakie. In addition, you can get help at the [Writing Center](#) in Coe Library, the Center for Assistance with Mathematics and Statistics (CASM) in Ross Hall, the Oral Communication Center in Ross Hall, and engineering tutoring offered by Tau Beta Pi.

Q: What is academic probation?

A: A student is placed on academic probation if he/she is not making satisfactory progress toward his/her degree. Probationary status begins at the end of the semester when the student's cumulative grade point average (GPA) falls below a 2.0. When this action is taken the student is notified by letter. A student is removed from probation at the end of the semester or summer term in which his/her cumulative grade point average is 2.00 or above. Students who fail to earn a semester grade point average of 2.00 in the next semester or summer term attempted will be suspended from UW. Students on probation who register for a semester or summer term and then withdraw will be suspended as it is considered an attempted semester.

Q: What is academic suspension?

A: A student is suspended and their enrollment at UW terminated when they do not meet the requirements set forth under their probation process. When this action is taken the student is notified by letter. A student who is suspended is not permitted to petition for reinstatement until one full semester, exclusive of summer term, has elapsed. Students may petition for reinstatement only once per semester. If denied the student cannot petition for reinstatement until the next fall or spring semester, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances justifying immediate reinstatement. A suspended student cannot enroll in any UW credit classes including on-campus, online, correspondence and Outreach.

Q: Can a student be reinstated after being suspended?

A: Academic reinstatement is possible. Each UW academic college is entitled to have an academic reinstatement policy that is more restrictive than the general university policy. Academic reinstatement requires a petition that must be submitted no later than 15 days before the beginning of the semester or summer term in which the student wishes to register. The decision for reinstatement of a suspended student is made by the dean (or designee) of the college in which the student wishes to enroll. The reinstated student will be placed on academic probation for his/her first semester or summer term of reinstatement. The reinstated student must remain in the college in which he/she has been reinstated for that semester. Students placed on academic suspension are eligible for a maximum of three reinstatements. Any student placed on academic suspension for the fourth time is not eligible for reinstatement for a minimum of five years from the end of the last term of attendance.