

UW REGULATION 6-407

University Studies Program

1. PURPOSE

This regulation shall state the goals, purpose, and procedures of a general education, or University Studies, program.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

a. Purpose of the University Studies Program

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

b. Goals of University Studies Program curriculum

Coursework that fulfills the goals of the University Studies Program should involve multiple and diverse disciplines in order to provide students with broad learning experiences, expose them to different viewpoints, and 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.

c. Procedures

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

3. UNIVERSITY STUDIES COORDINATOR

a. Designation

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

b. Responsibilities

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

- i. make recommendations for the fiscal support of the University Studies Program;
- ii. maintain approved course lists and disseminate information about the program on and off campus;
- iii. assist faculty and sponsor departments in preparing or modifying University course offerings for the Program;
- iv. implement an assessment plan as established by the University Studies Committee (see 6-702 14.b.i);
- v. make recommendations for waivers or substitution of University Studies Program requirements by petitioning students;
- vii. serve as an ad hoc (non-voting) member of the University Studies Program Committee.

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