Liberal Arts Core Curriculum
Advising Guide • 2014 – 2015

The Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (LACC) is a required part of all BA, BS, and BFA degree programs and comprises a minimum of 54 of the 180 credit hours necessary for graduation. WOU’s faculty has designed the LACC to prepare students for advanced study in their academic majors and to help students develop a foundation of basic knowledge necessary for a more successful personal and professional life.

General education and degree requirements for the Bachelor of Music and Honors Program may be found in the WOU Catalog.

Completion of graduation requirements is the responsibility of the student.

Liberal Arts Core Curriculum components
(Minimum of 54 credit hours of specific coursework)

It is critical that students consult with their academic advisor as they select LACC courses. Many majors and minors have prerequisites or suggestions for coursework within the LACC. Courses completed as part of the LACC and/or BA/BS/BFA requirements may also be used to fulfill requirements within a student’s major or minor program—refer to your advisor. Transfer students who have not completed an approved transfer degree should meet with an advisor in the AAC. Exceptions to the following requirements may be an option.

Communication Studies (3)

- COM 111 Principles of Public Speaking (3)

Literature (8)

Choose two courses (at least one must be literature) from the following list. English majors and language arts secondary teaching majors should take ENG 107 and ENG 108; ENG 109 is also recommended.

- ENG 104 Intro to Fiction (4)
- ENG 105 Intro to Drama (4)
- ENG 106 Intro to Poetry (4)
- FR 110 Intro to French Literature in Translation (4)
- GL 110 Intro to German Literature in Translation (4)
- ENG 107 Lit of the Western World (4)
- ENG 108 Lit of the Western World (4)
- ENG 109 Lit of the Western World (4)
- LING 210 Intro to Linguistics (4)

Writing (4)

- WR 135 College Writing II – must be passed with a grade of C- or better (4)

(Tightly recommended that WR 135 be completed by end of the freshman year)

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Philosophy or Religion (3)

Select one philosophy or religion course from the following list.

- PHL 101 Intro to PHL: Knowledge and Reality (3)
- PHL 102 Intro to PHL: Personal Morality & Social Justice (3)
- PHL 103 Intro to Logic (3)
- PHL 251 Ethics (3)
- PHL 252 Medical Ethics (3)
- PHL 255 Environmental Ethics (3)
- PHL 261 Metaphysics: Theory of Being (3)
- PHL 262 Epistemology: Theory of Knowledge (3)
- PHL 263 Philosophy of Mind (3)
- PHL 282 Philosophy of Art (3)
- PHL 283 Philosophy of Religion (3)
- R 201 Intro to World's Religions: Eastern (3)
- R 204 Intro to World's Religions: Western (3)

Creative Arts (9)

Take at least one credit from three of the following four program areas for a total of nine credits.

--- Art
- A 100 Art Topics: various (2)
- A 115 Beg Design (2-D) (4)
- A 120 Foundations of Digital Art & Design (4)
- A 116 Beg Design (3-D) (4)
- A 130 Beg Drawing (4)
- A 204 Art History: Prehistoric-Late Antiquity (4)
- A 205 Art History: Middle Ages-Renaissance (4)
- A 206 Art History: Baroque-Contemporary (4)

--- Dance
- D 251 Intro to Dance (3)
  The following are dance studio courses to be taken in sequence.
- D 210, 211, 212 Modern 4, 5, 6 (2 ea)
- D 220, 221, 222 Ballet 4, 5, 6 (2 ea)
- D 277, 278, 279 Hip Hop 4, 5, 6 (2 ea)
- D 280, 281, 282 Modern 7, 8, 9 (2 ea)
- D 285, 286, 287 Ballet 7, 8, 9 (2 ea)
- D 288, 289, 290 Jazz 4, 5, 6 (2 ea)
- D 296, 297, 298 Tap 4, 5, 6 (2 ea)

--- Music
Some MUEN courses require auditions. See WOU Catalog for details.
- MUEN 100, 101, 102, 103, 111, 112, 113 (1 ea)
- MUEN 120, 121, 122, 123, 124 (1 ea)
- MUEN 141, 142, 143 (1 ea)
- MUEN 151, 152, 153, 154 (1-3 ea)
- MUEN 161, 162, 163 (1 ea)
- MUEN 170, 171, 172, 173 (1 ea)
- MUEN 190 (1)
- MUS 105 Magic of Mozart (3)
- MUS 111 Beginning Musicianship (3)
- MUS 181 & 182 Voice Class (2)
- MUS 201 Intro Music & Its Literature (3)
- MUS 202 Music of Broadway (3)
- MUS 203 Jazz History (3)
- MUS 204 Music of the World (3)
- MUS 205 Music of Black Heritage (3)
- MUS 206 Intro to Music and MIDI (3)
- MUS 207 Song Writing (3)
- MUS 208 Popular Music in America (3)
- MUS 209 Rock Music: A Social History (3)
- MUS 210 Music Today (3)

--- Theatre
- TA 110 Intro to Theatre Arts (3)
- TA 111 Intro to Entertainment Technology (4)
- TA 112 Intro to Film (3)
- TA 115 Intro to Scenic Arts (4)
- TA 210 Oral Expression Through Theatre (3)
- TA 244 Tech Theatre: Scenecraft (3)
- TA 245 Tech Theatre: Lighting (3)
- TA 246 Tech Theatre: Costuming (3)
- TA 247 Tech Theatre: Sound (3)
- TA 250 Basic Movement and Vocal Development (3)
- TA 251 Elements of Acting (3)
- TA 252 Tech Theatre: Makeup (3)
- TA 253 Production Workshop (1-3)

Health and Physical Education (4)

- PE 131 Individual Health and Fitness (2) and
- Choose one additional 100 level physical education activity course (2)
Laboratory Science (12-15)

Students must take three laboratory science courses with at least two courses from the same sequence. Students must register for both a lecture and a lab section for the following courses (i.e., BI 101 and BI 101L).

____ Biology
- BI 101 General Biology (5)
- BI 102 General Biology (5)
- BI 103 General Biology (5)

____ Intermediate Biology
- BI 211 Principles of Biology* (5)
- BI 212 Principles of Biology (5)
- BI 213 Principles of Biology (5)

____ Earth System Science
- ES 104 Earth System Science I (5)
- ES 105 Earth System Science II (5)
- ES 106 Earth System Science III (5)

____ Earth Science
- ES 201 Principles of Geology (4)
- ES 202 Principles of Geology (4)
- ES 203 Principles of Geology (4)

____ Physics
- PH 201 General Physics (4)
- PH 202 General Physics (4)
- PH 203 General Physics (4)

____ Physics with Calculus
- PH 211 General Physics with Calculus (4)
- PH 212 General Physics with Calculus (4)
- PH 213 General Physics with Calculus (4)

Health and PE Majors recommended courses: BI 102, BI 234, and BI 235 to fulfill the LACC laboratory science requirements.

* BI 211 requires a grade of B or better in BI 102 or CH 104 or a passing score on the biology placement test.

Social Science sequence (8-9)

Choose one eight or nine credit hour sequence from the following:

____ Anthropology
- ANTH 213 Language and Culture (4)
- ANTH 214 Physical Anthropology (4)
- ANTH 215 Archaeology (4)
- ANTH 216 Cultural Anthropology (4)

____ Political Science
- PS 201 American Natl Govt (3)
- PS 202 State and Local Govt (3)
- PS 203 Intl Relations (3)
- PS 204 Intro to Comparative Politics (3)

____ Economics
- EC 201 Intro to Microeconomics (4)
- EC 202 Intro to Macroeconomics (4)

____ Sociology
- SOC 223 Intro to Soc Theory (3)
- SOC 224 Intro to Soc: Research (3)
- SOC 225 Social Problems (3)

____ Geography
- GEOG 105 Intro Physical Geog (4)
- GEOG 106 Intro Econ Geog (4)
- GEOG 107 Intro Cultural Geog (4)

____ World History
- HST 104 World History (4)
- HST 105 World History (4)
- HST 106 World History (4)

____ US History
- HST 201 History of the US (4)
- HST 202 History of the US (4)
- HST 203 History of the US (4)

Additional Social Science (3-4)

The additional three or four credits may be any of the above Social Science courses or a 100/200 level Psychology or Criminal Justice course.
Basic B.A./B.S. degree requirements

Specific information regarding the mathematics and computer science requirements for each major may be found in the notes following the major program description in the WOU Catalog. Math must be completed by the end of the sophomore year. Students who do not meet this requirement will be put on mathematics notice.

Bachelor of Arts

Computer Science (2-3)  
CS 101 or above  
has needs

Cultural Diversity (credits vary)  
Proficiency through two years of a second language—203 must be C- or higher  
has needs

Mathematics (4)  
MTH 105 or above  
has needs

Writing Intensive Courses (6)  
W or C designation  
has needs

The mathematics requirement for either a BA or BS degree can be met with the MTH 211, 212, and 213 sequence. Students should check with their advisor.

Bachelor of Science (11-12)

Cultural Diversity (6)  
D or C designation or 6 credits of an approved WOU Education Abroad Program  
has needs

Mathematics/Computer Science (12)*  
MTH 111 or above and CS 121 or above  
has needs

Writing Intensive Courses (6)  
W or C designation  
has needs

*A combined total of 11-12 credit hours in mathematics, computer science, and/or a designated quantitative literacy course (Q designation) are required for a BS degree. At least one course in mathematics and one course in computer science are required.

Components of your degree

The typical liberal arts and sciences degree format is:

LACC minimum  
54 credits

BA/BS degree  
see above for requirements

Major  
54 – 126 credits

Minor  
15 – 33 credits

Electives  
variable

Total minimum  
180 credits for graduation

The typical education degree format is:

LACC minimum  
54 credits

BA/BS degree  
see above for requirements

Teaching authorization/Teaching major  
53 – 88 credits

Professional ed core  
38 – 41 credits

Electives  
variable

Total minimum  
180 credits for graduation

Additional graduation requirements

- A minimum of 62 upper division (300 and 400 level) credit hours.
- A minimum WOU cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- 45 of the last 60 credits must be taken at WOU.

You must file an Application for Undergraduate Degree with the Registrar’s Office three terms prior to your expected graduation date.