

This video will explain the required courses for the first component of your degree, the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum. The Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (LACC) is a required part of all BA and BS degree programs and comprises a minimum of 55 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. Although this component of the degree is most often taken first, it is not required to complete the LACC's prior to beginning courses in your major or minor.

It is critical that students consult with their academic advisor as they select LACC courses. Many majors and minors have course requirements, recommendations, or prerequisites that overlap the LACC's. Only the courses listed in the LACC guide may be used to fulfill LACC requirements, although substitutions can be requested at the discretion of the department.

The courses required in the LACC's are as follows;

- WR 135 (must be passed with a C- or better)
- Communications 111 Public Speaking
- PE 131 Individual Health and Fitness
- One additional 100 level physical activity course
- Nine credits in the creative arts with at least one credit coming from three of the four program areas (Art, Music, Dance, Theater)
- 8 credits in literature /modern language. Students must choose two courses from the following list but at least one must be a literature course
- One course from philosophy or religion
- 12-15 credits in Laboratory Science. Students must take three laboratory science courses, with at least two courses from the same sequence and must register for both a lecture and a lab section of the selected course
- Complete a minimum of 11 credits which includes eight or nine credits in a *single sequence in the social sciences and an additional three or four credit class from the LACC approved Social Science courses or a 100/200 level Psychology or Criminal Justice course*

This list completes the requirements of the LACC's. If you have any questions please contact the academic advising and learning center at 503-828-8428.