

LIBERAL STUDIES INFO FOR FACULTY & STAFF

C1

Writing

- 6 hours - ENGL 101 & 202.
- Both courses should be completed by the end of sophomore year.
- *Transfer tip: Credit for ENGL 202 may waive ENGL 101 in many cases.*

C2

Math

- 3 hours - any college level math class, not including MATH 100, 190-199, 301, & 400.
- If math is required for the major, the student may "double dip."
- *Transfer tip: Course cannot be remedial or preparatory in nature.*

C3

Communications

- 3 hours - COMM 201.
- *Transfer tip: Course should emphasize building oral presentation skills as well as interpersonal communication.*

C4

Wellness

- 3 hours - HEAL 111, HEAL 123, or HSCC 101.
- Credit awarded for military service may be used to meet this requirement.
- *Transfer tip: Course must be a minimum of 2 hours; must cover a range of subjects impacting a personal wellness lifestyle – nutrition, fitness etc.*

C5

Science

- 6 hours - two courses from two different disciplines (i.e. PHYS & CHEM).
- Any 100-200 level science courses with a lab or applied component may fulfill this category.
- If science is required for the major, the student may "double dip."
- *Transfer tip: Course must include a lab or applied component.*

FYS

First Year Seminar

- 3 hours - required for students entering WCU with 0-15 hours.
- Students entering with 15.1-29.9 hours may take a FYS, but it is not required. For students with 15.1 or more hours, the FYS will be waived (hours do not need to be made up in Liberal Studies), but students need to make sure they earn the total required hours for graduation.
- Students who withdraw or receive a "U" are not permitted to retake the FYS.
- Students who need a FYS but do not take one before 30 credit hours must substitute an extra Liberal Studies course from any category; the student or advisor may email liberalstudies@wcu.edu for processing.

P1

Social Science

- 6 hours - two courses from two different disciplines (i.e. PSY & ANTH).

P3

History

- 3 hours
- *Transfer tip: Some courses with a humanities prefix may apply here rather than in the humanities category based on content.*

P4

Humanities

- 3 hours
- *Transfer tip: Literature and general philosophy courses usually apply here. Some courses with a humanities prefix may fulfill the history category rather than humanities based on content.*

P5

Fine & Performing Arts

- 3 hours
- *Transfer tip: General appreciation/history courses usually apply here. Studio courses will not meet this category.*

P6

World Cultures

- 3 hours
- Students taking a foreign language can receive credit by passing level 101, 102, 231, 232, or 301.
- *Transfer tip: Course should emphasize non-Western culture.*

ULP

Upper Level Perspective

- 3 hours - one 300-400 level Perspective course.
- The perspective category the ULP falls in (P3, P5, etc.) will also be met.
- Most ULP's cannot be taken until the student has earned 60 or more semester hours.
- *Transfer tip: For questions about potential transfer credit for a ULP, please email liberalstudies@wcu.edu.*

Students who earn an AA or AS degree from a NC community college or a Bachelor's degree from a UNC system school will have their Liberal Studies requirements waived. Students who have earned these degrees from other institutions may receive a waiver.

To request any Liberal Studies course substitutions or approvals, please email liberalstudies@wcu.edu.