



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Harper College

Fall 2019

Western Michigan University - University Studies Curriculum Guide

What is this degree and who is it for?

- This is a degree completion program for nontraditional students. It integrates prior course work completed into a four year degree.
- This program is highly individualized and allows students the opportunity for input into the design of their own program without the constraints of a specialized curriculum. Therefore, it is very important that students considering this program talk with one of the **University Studies (UNVS) advisors** (see contact information below).
- The typical student entering this program has 56 college level credits completed at WMU or another institution(s).
- The degree can be completed entirely online; hybrid courses are also available. No matter where you are in the country or the world you can complete your degree at WMU.
- The University Studies degree is ideal for WMU students (or transfer students) who are switching out of different fields. Students who are close to graduation but no longer feel suited for or interested in their current major may switch to the University Studies degree at any time.
- The University Studies (UNVS) program can be useful to:
 - Non-traditional students with responsibilities outside of college who work full-time;
 - Students who might be interested in graduate studies in the future;
 - Adults with extensive work experience and some college coursework, but who are facing challenges because they have not completed a bachelor's degree.

Degree requirements:

- The program requires 15 credits of core requirements:
 - Leadership Communication
 - Holistic Health
 - Global Citizenship
 - * Human Form and Function (a biology course)
 - * Career Exploration and Self Evaluation
 - * Employability Skills

- Once again, it is very important to check with the **WMU UNVS advisors** in order to determine what courses at your community college meet these requirements, and how to proceed with this program.
- As with all WMU Bachelor degrees each student must:
 - Complete a minimum of 122 credits for the degree;
 - Complete 60 credits at an accredited four-year school;
 - Complete 30 credit hours at WMU toward the degree requirements.

General education requirements:

- Please refer to the [WMU general education program transfer guide](#) that lists which general education courses are required by WMU and may be taken at Harper;
- Please contact the advisors listed below for questions about your general education requirements, as well as for any other information that you may need regarding this WMU major.

Contact information:

Jessica Parker, Director of Academic Advising
University Studies
jessica.parker@wmich.edu
(269) 387-4200

Dillon Dolby, Academic Advisor
dillon.t.dolby@wmich.edu
(269) 387-4200