



A goal without a plan is just a wish.

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WOU DEGREE COMPLETION

Helping returning WOU students to complete degrees is a team effort!

One of the high points for us in the General Education program is helping a student finalize a requirement in Degree Tracks and lighting up all those green checkboxes.

For the past year, Susan Griffin and Niki Weight in Student Success and Advising have been identifying and doing personalized outreach to students close to graduation to help them return and complete their degree. Susan collaborates closely with students and Division Chairs to explore how to help students complete their major requirements. In addition, Susan also works closely with the General Education Program to develop intentional and thoughtful options for students to complete their general education requirements and additional graduation requirements.

This process often includes a series of “What If” analyses in Degree Tracks to determine implications for changing catalog years, use of the Transfer Evaluation System to check transfer articulations, and assisting students prepare petitions to the General Education Committee for review of requirements that have changed substantially for students who may be returning to graduate decades after they started.

As of mid-January, Susan has individually contacted over 325 total students in the past year to discuss a plan to complete their degree. Of those students, 93 students have graduated and 15 additional students are pending graduation or have a plan in place to graduate in Winter 2021.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Science
Students are limited to 16 credit hours for each open-ended course
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application for Degree on file
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major Requirements
Click here for how to change curricula instructions.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Requirements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Graduation Requirements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upper Division

2021-22 FYS schedule finalized!

Thanks to the very hard work of First Year Seminar Coordinator (and incoming General Education Director), Dr. Shaun Huston, the 2021-22 First Year Seminar schedule has just been released to Division Chairs and instructors. Taking what we’ve learned from registration trends in FYS topic sections over the past two years, Shaun has coordinated a schedule that emphasizes Fall enrollment ensure all new first year students can find a welcoming place in a First Year Seminar, while still allowing flexibility for students to complete the requirement through the academic year.

Fall 2021:

29 topic sections, 13 in FYS 107 and 16 in FYS 207

Winter 2022:

13 topic sections, 6 in FYS 107 and 7 in FYS 207

Spring 2022:

11 topic sections, 7 in FYS 107 and 4 in FYS 207

Placement and Proficiency in Foundations requirements

Two of our Foundations requirements, Writing and Mathematics, allow students to complete the requirement via proficiency. Be aware that there are some stipulations for how students engage in these options.

Foundations: Mathematics. ALEKS score

- Students can complete their Foundations: Mathematics requirement with a score of 61 or higher when the test is administered in a timed and proctored environment.
- Students must first complete the ALEKS exam online and score above 61 before requesting to complete the test in a timed and proctored environment.
- Learn more at <https://wou.edu/math/aleks/aleks-gen-ed/>

Foundations: Writing. Writing Challenge Exam.

- Students can complete the Writing Challenge Exam to demonstrate WR 121 (with a score of 3) and WR 122 (with a score of 5) proficiency.
- Students who have withdrawn from or failed either WR 121 or WR 122 cannot try to challenge the class.
- Students who placed into WR 122 using standardized test scores to place into WR 122 are also not eligible to challenge WR 122.
- Learn more at wou.edu/english/first-year-writing/writing-challenge-exam/



SPRING ADVISING UPDATES

Don't forget that advisors and students can use the attribute search feature in the real time schedule and in the schedule planner tool to find all of the options for General Education coursework this Spring. Attributes are available both for pre- and post- 2019 General Education requirements.

The Spring FYS catalog is now available at www.wou.edu/gened/fys. Students who began as first-year students in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 catalog years do need to complete this requirement!

For LACC completers, pending changes to the Health and Physical Education schedule mean that students will have to adjust to complete the requirement. PE 131 is no longer available and this Summer is the last term PE activity courses will be available at WOU:

- Students without PE 131 can complete their requirement with four PE activity credits.
- Students can also take an approved Health Promotion course to complete the requirement. This option will remain available to students after this Spring.
- Students can dual enroll at Chemeketa to complete PE 131 and PE activity courses, but should pay close attention to ensure that they meet the academic residency requirement – 45 of the last 60 credits taken at WOU.

