



Southwestern Michigan College

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Western Michigan University - University Studies Curriculum Guide

What is this degree and who is it for?

- ❖ This is a degree completion program for non-traditional students. It integrates prior course work completed into a 4-year degree.
- ❖ This is a highly individualized program that allows students the opportunity for input into the design of their own program without 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 although hybrid courses are also available. No matter where you are in the country or the world you can complete your WMU degree.
- ❖ 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	* Human Form and Function (a biology course)
*Holistic Health	* Career Exploration and Self Evaluation
*Global Citizenship	* Employability Skills

- ❖ Once again, it is very important to check with the **WMU UNVS advisors** to determine what courses at your community college meet these requirements, and how to proceed with this program.
- ❖ As with all WMU bachelor's degrees UNVS students must:
 - Complete a minimum of 122 credits
 - 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 Essential Studies \(WES\) transfer guide](#) that provides a list of WES category courses that may be taken at SMC.
- ❖ Please contact the advisors listed below for questions about WES requirements, as well as any other information you need regarding this WMU major.

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