

ADVISER UPDATE

From Advising and New Student Initiatives

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NEW MAJORS AND MINORS

The Liberal Studies Comprehensive Major (LSCM) and accompanying Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) Degree will be implemented in fall 2009. The LSCM provides an alternative to traditional majors by allowing a student to design an interdisciplinary major around a theme of the student's choosing in consultation with her/his adviser. Each student's program will include three required liberal studies seminars (9 credits total: LS 201, Introductory Liberal Studies Seminar, 3 GE-V credits; LS 301, Liberal Studies Research Seminar, 3 credits; LS 480, Liberal Studies Capstone Seminar, 3 credits) and three theme- or discipline-based concentrations (minimum 17 credits each, 51 credits total). The overall theme for the major and the three concentrations will be approved by the Liberal Studies Committee. Prior to declaring the major, students must complete LS 201 and meet with an adviser.

Initial offerings of the required courses are scheduled as follows: LS 201—winterim 2010 (on-line) and spring 2010 (on-campus); LS 301—fall 2010 (on-line and on-campus sections); LS 480—spring 2011. Interested students should be referred to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office for advising information.

The Materials Science major will also be implemented in fall 2009. This interdisciplinary major, which is the study of "condensed matter" and how that understanding can be applied to fabricating devices and structures of utility, will have emphases in Physics of Materials, Chemistry of Materials, Geomaterials, Nanoscience, Applied Materials, Biomaterials as well as a Liberal Arts emphasis. A number of courses with the MSCI prefix are being developed; see below for MSCI 100.

Middle East Studies is a new interdisciplinary minor that requires 8 credits of Arabic, Turkish, Persian or Modern Hebrew, plus 16 credits from Religion, History, Geography or Political Science courses. Interested students should be referred to Kate Lang in the Department of History.

The College of Business has two new minors, primarily designed for students with Business majors.

- **Information Systems Audit & Control** is a minor designed for accounting majors interested in IS issues and IS majors interested in accounting issues. It will expose students to an integrated curriculum covering accounting and information technical issues.
- **The Entrepreneurship minor** is a 43 credit minor also designed for Business students, but open to anyone meeting College of Business admission requirements.

CHANGES IN COURSES

ARABIC 101 and 201 will be offered via distance learning (video conferencing plus other technologies) through the UW System Collaborative Language Program. The courses are actually numbered FLG 101 and FLG 201.

BIOL 110 now has a prerequisite of Math 109 or concurrent enrollment or placement into a higher math course.

BIOL 111 now requires a C or higher in Biology 110 (in addition to Chem 103 or 115 or concurrent enrollment).

BIOL 211 now requires a C or higher in Biology 111.

BSAD 305, Legal and Regulatory Environment, will only be offered on-line during the fall and spring semesters. There will be a \$300 special course fee.

CHEM 115 will now only be offered in the fall semester.

ECON 103 and 104: The balance in offerings between these two courses has shifted so there is about a 50-50 split in both the fall and spring offerings. It is important for students to understand that Econ 103 is NOT a prerequisite for 104--- they really can be taken in either order.

GEOL 122, The Future of Global Energy, 3 crs., GE IID: This course was offered in the spring as IDIS 152. A non-lab course, it is an examination of traditional and alternative energy sources with respect to supply, recovery, distribution, environmental impact and sustainability and the relationship between energy and social, economic and public policy issues and local, regional and global politics.

KINS 196, Wellness Concepts, will not be offered during the fall or spring semesters for the foreseeable future. Students can take Kins186 and fulfill both the wellness theory and wellness activity requirements.

MSCI 100, Introduction to Nanoscience and Materials, had previously been offered as a 300 level course (MSCI 310). This 3 credit course can be used to meet the lab requirement for Arts and Sciences and Education. It has a prerequisite of high school chemistry and physics. This course establishes a foundation in materials science and nanoscience, and how these fields are related to modern materials, environmental issues, energy production, medicine and health, computing, communications, and ethical issues.

PHIL 120, Moral Problems in Contemporary Life, no longer carries Foreign Culture credit. Remember: Course attributes such as foreign culture are attached to the term the student takes the course, not the *Catalogue* year of the student.

Spanish has changed some prerequisites, adding more sequencing to its majors and minors. Spanish 301 is now the prerequisite for Spanish 325; Spanish 302 is now the prerequisite for Spanish 352, 355, 356, 363 and 367.

LAPTOP REQUIREMENT FOR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS MAJORS AND MINORS

Beginning in the fall 2009 certain College of Business courses will require a student to have a laptop with the Windows Vista Business operating system available to bring to class as requested. These courses include **IS 240, Introduction to Information Systems**, which is required for all Business majors and minors as well as Health Care Administration majors and Chemistry/Business majors. The minimum requirements for the laptop can be found at: http://www.uwec.edu/cob/technology/computing_recommendations.htm

NOTE: Students who own a Macintosh computer can adapt it for use in these courses. Newer model Macintosh computers (those with the Leopard operating system) can install Windows on their machine. The computer will partition the hard drive and allow the computer to be used as either a MAC or a PC. Students can buy Windows Vista through the Wisconsin Integrated Software Catalog <http://wiscsoftware.wisc.edu/wisc/> for \$74.

CHANGES IN THE WAY TRANSFER WORK IS DISPLAYED

Because of changes necessary as a result of the PeopleSoft conversion, the way transfer work is displayed on MyBlugold, the degree audit and on the transcript has changed significantly (you may have already noticed this).

There are basically two important differences:

- Course identifiers used to denote the type of transfer credit awarded when a specific UWEC course equivalent does not exist are now 900-series numbers. The second number –if it is between 1 and 5-- indicates the G.E. category. (i.e. 930 is G.E. III).
- Due to space constraints, the disciplinary indication has been removed from the “course title,” so you will need to look at the course prefix itself to see whether a course titled “Elective GE IV” has been given elective or departmental credit. An example of the change is:

Before	Current
ART 000Y ART ELEC GE4 (LD)	ART 940L LD GE ELECTIVE
ELEC 000Y ELECTIVE GE4 (LD)	ELEC 940L LD GE 4
ELEC 000N ELECTIVE (LD)	ELEC 907L LD ELECTIVE

In other words, all the same information is there, but it may not be as immediately apparent, if you are accustomed to scanning the title only. So, please note that you will need to make a point of looking at the course prefix to determine differences between general elective and departmental elective credits. And do not be alarmed by the appearance of 900-level “courses!”

The G.E. lists as well as other information helpful for registration are available on-line at: <http://www.uwec.edu/advising/Students/TipsforRegistering.htm>