

ADVISER UPDATE

From Advising and New Student Initiatives

Fall, 2009

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN ENGLISH ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Students can no longer receive credit for English 110 through Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams. As a result, many freshmen will need to take English 112, College Writing for Transfer Students, this spring.

- Students who received a 4 or a 5 on the English language and composition exam receive 3 credits of English elective, GE IA.
- Students who received a 4 or a 5 on the English literature and composition exam or a 5 on the IB English exam receive 3 credits of English elective, GE IV.

Both groups must take English 112 to complete their English composition requirement.

Procedures:

- Students have been emailed to remind them that they should take English 112; advisers also have been notified.
- Students will be given clearance from Registration Services to enroll in the course.
- Because this is a manual process, it is certainly possible that we will miss students; if you see a student who you believe should be in English 112, contact the English composition director, Shevaun Watson (watsonse@uwec.edu)

NOTE: Students who received a 3 on either of the English AP exams or a 4 on the IB exam receive elective credit and must take English 110.

CURRICULAR CHANGES

Changes in EAA minors: Beginning with the 2010 *Catalogue*, students in Early Adolescence to Adolescence teaching majors (6-12) do not have to have a certifiable minor. Students in this year's *Catalogue* can file a petition rather than change catalogue years if they want to take advantage of this option. Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence majors (K-9) must still have a certifiable minor.

Changes in the GE IB for B.S. in A&S: The G.E. IB requirement for the B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences has changed. While students still must have competency at the Math 111/112 level, they may now use any G.E. IB course to fulfill that requirement (There are no G.E. Math courses excluded as there had been previously.)

Study abroad/immersion required for Spanish majors and minors: Students under the 2009-2010 *Catalogue* who have a Spanish major or minor must complete at least 6 weeks "language immersion in residence in a country in which the language is spoken" or an alternative immersion experience approved by the Spanish section.

In earlier *Catalogues* only teaching majors/minors were required to fulfill this requirement.

Chem 150 will no longer be offered during the fall semester. Students should plan accordingly.

Liberal Studies Comprehensive Major (LSCM)

The first in the three seminars required for the Liberal Studies comprehensive major, Liberal Studies (LS) 201, Introductory Liberal Studies Seminar, will be offered for the first time in winterim 2010 in an on-line format by Dr. Marc Goulet. In the spring of 2010, Dr. Jack Bushnell will be offering LS 201 in an on campus format.

“This course addresses the basic premises of liberal education and provides an introduction to liberal studies as a habit of mind: a free-ranging, historical exploration of the arts, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences as interrelated, mutually enriching human enterprises. Also included is a brief introduction to various research and creative methodologies used in these fields as a basis for future course work in the major. The course emphasizes reading, studying, and discussing widely across disciplines, with attention to strategies for approaching distinct fields and making connections between them.”

Students interested in pursuing the LSCM will have the opportunity to begin planning their major program of study in the course. Even if students decide not to pursue the major, they still will be able to plan for their academic future. Students will earn GE-V credit for the LS 201 course.

Information about how to declare the Liberal Studies Major can be found on the “Change of Major” website: <http://www.uwec.edu/registrar/ChgofMajor/procedures/libStd.htm>.

If you know of students interested in the major, please encourage them to meet with Associate Dean Michael Weil or Associate Dean Margaret Cassidy so they can be assigned an LSCM adviser and begin to develop their major proposal.

OTHER NEW COURSES

IDIS 152 Interdisciplinary Studies in Natural Sciences , Introduction to Neuroscience, (4 crs., GE IIF, lab science) will be offered for the first time in the spring. It can be used to fulfill the laboratory science requirement in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education and Human Sciences. Co-taught by Professors Daniel Janik (Biology) and David Jewett (Psychology), it will focus on “The brain and how it works including senses, movements, emotions and the malfunctioning brain. Readings in popular publications. Emphasis on understanding how the brain function is central to almost everything in day-to-day life.”

IDIS 154 Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities, Arts and Ideas, (3 crs., GE IVE) will be co-taught by Professors Jeffrey Crowell (Music and Theatre Arts) and Jack Bushnell (English) English. “Under the theme of ‘Imagination and Power,’ the course will examine selected art, literature, and music of the Romantic period, in the context of 19th century philosophies, politics, cultures, and transnational influences.”

IDIS 155 Interdisciplinary Studies Across GE, Religion and Science (3 credits, GE V) Co-taught by Professors Charlene Burns and Brian Woodcock from the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, it “is an exploration of the interaction, both historical and contemporary, between religious perspectives and the modern scientific worldview. Topics include the interaction of religious ideas with the special sciences of cosmology, quantum physics, biology, and cognitive science.”

Civil Rights Pilgrimage can include course credit: This year's Civil Rights pilgrimage taking place during Winterim can include a three credit course, Wmns 222, Women's Introductory Travel Seminar, "Women in the American Civil Rights movement." (GEIII, 3 diversity credits, Service Learning optional) This three-credit travel seminar will introduce students to key women activists and the American civil rights movement in which they were involved. The course will primarily focus on the significant contributions of African American women in the fight for civil rights.

The seminar includes eight days of on-campus instruction, five before the trip and three following it, scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and a ten-day experiential-learning excursion to significant locations where important events linked to women and the civil rights' movement unfolded.

Students can also sign-up just for the trip. For more information, go to the [Dean of Students website](#).

COURSES RESTRICTED TO FRESHMEN

Several courses offered in the spring are reserved for freshmen. These courses of 20 students, funded by differential tuition, will be open to any student with a freshman classification, not just new freshmen. They are Religious Studies 100, sections 401, 402, 403 and 404 and Phil 120, section 401. Students who were new this fall but already have sophomore classification (30 credits) will have to get special permission. Contact Debbie Gough (goughdm@uwec.edu) for clearance.

REGISTRATION WORKSHOPS FOR FRESHMEN

Once again the Office of Advising and New Student Initiatives is offering registration workshops presented by Orientation assistants. Registration for spring semester is far different than the Summer Orientation registration freshmen experienced (where they were given open class lists and sent to a lab with lots of help). Encouraging your freshmen to attend these sessions can make your advising appointments go much more smoothly.

The days and times are available on the [Advising website](#).

Sign-up is required. Have your students call 836-3487 or email orientation@uwec.edu

REGISTRATION TIPS

Just a reminder that the G.E. lists, which are attached, as well as other helpful forms and links are available at: <http://www.uwec.edu/advising/Students/TipsforRegistering.htm>