# THE SHARED CURRICULUM

The Shared Curriculum at Illinois Wesleyan University strives to provide a foundation for a liberal education of quality and breadth through a continuously evolving program which fosters intellectual independence, critical thinking, imagination, social awareness, and sensitivity to others. These qualities of mind and character are developed through a coordinated academic and co-curricular program of active learning, problem solving, collaborative inquiry, and community involvement. In this environment, students pursue a course of study which leads to knowledge of the natural universe and the diverse realms of human experience.

The Shared Curriculum includes three components: The General Education Program, Encountering Diversity, and Physical Education. Transfer students who have completed the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Eduction Core Curriculum may use this to fulfill IWU General Eduction requirements but must still complete (or transfer in courses that fulfill) Encountering Diversity and Physical Education requirements.

#### The Shared Curriculum

The shared curriculum includes (1) The General Education Program, (2) Encountering Diversity, and (3) Physical Education.

### The General Education Program

- Gateway Colloquium (1 course unit)
- Analysis of Values (1 course unit)
- The Arts (1 course unit)
- Contemporary Social Institutions (1 course unit)
- Cultural and Historical Change (1 course unit)
- Formal Reasoning (1 course unit)
- Intellectual Traditions (1 course unit)

#### **Encountering Diversity**

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- Literature (1 course unit)
- The Natural Sciences (2 course units)
  - Life Science
  - Physical Science
  - Science Issues
  - Science Lab
- Writing Intensive Course Flag (1 course unit)

More specifically, the Shared Curriculum at Illinois Wesleyan is committed to the following goals:

- To develop students' capacities for critical thinking, intellectual independence, and imagination by creating opportunities for active learning;
- To develop students' knowledge and understanding of the fundamental processes and relationships of nature and culture and their evolution over time;
- To enable students to use formal methods of reasoning in problem solving;
- To heighten students' understanding of the diversity of cultures in our own society and the world;
- To develop students' capacities for expressing and communicating ideas in writing and orally, in English and in another language, and for using writing as a means of discovery and understanding;
- To foster in students the ability to make and assess judgments of value in such areas as ethics, aesthetics, and public policy by encouraging them to frame questions of value, to explore alternative value systems, and to become informed, active citizens in public life;
- To develop in students kinesthetic awareness, personal fitness, and lifelong habits of healthy living;
- To bring the world to campus and students to the world through varied combinations of co-curricular programming, travel and service to the community.

Students are given the opportunity to achieve the goals of the Shared Curriculum through a sequence of courses that fulfill the programs' categories and flags. These requirements are further described on the following pages.

### SHARED CURRICULUM POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

In planning a course of study to complete these category and flag require-

- One of the two required Writing Intensive courses must be completed by the end of the sophomore year.
  - No activity course in Physical Education may be repeated for credit.

For students who desire to submit Seal of Biliteracy, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Cambridge International or other credit by exam, and/or transfer credit to fulfill the requirements of the Shared Curriculum requirements, the following guidelines also apply:

- The Registrar, in consultation with the Associate Dean, shall evaluate students' requests for transfer credit to fulfill Shared Curriculum requirements and flags. Seal of Biliteracy, Advanced Placement exam, International Baccalaureate exam, and Cambridge International exam credits will be processed by the Registrar.

Chemistry Physical Sciences Issues Course

Chinese Language/Culture Second Language Computer Science A Formal Reasoning

Computer Science Principles CS Elective, Formal Reasoning Contemporary Social Institutions Contemporary Social Institutions

English Lang and Comp Writing Intensive Flag

English Lit and Comp Literature

Environmental Science
French Language/Culture
German Language/Culture
Second Language
Second Language

Gov't and Politics-US
Gov't and Politics-Comp.
History, European
History, US
History, World
Human Geography

Contemporary Social Institutions
Contemporary Social Institutions
Cultural and Historical Change
Cultural and Historical Change
Elective Credit Only

Italian Language/Culture Second Language
Japanese Language/Culture Second Language
Latin Second Language
Math-Calculus AB Formal Reasoning
Math-Calculus BC Formal Reasoning

Math-Calculus BC Formal Reasoning
Music Theory Elective Credit Only
Physics 1 Physical Sciences Issues Course

Physics 2 Physical Sciences Issues Course
Physics B Physical Sciences Issues Course
Physics C-Mechanics Physical Sciences Issues Course
Physics C-E&M Physical Sciences Issues Course

Physics C-Edivi Physical Sciences Issues Co Psychology Life Sciences Issues Course Research Elective credit only

Research Elective credit only
Seminar Elective credit only
Spanish Language/Culture Second Language
Spanish Literature Literature

Statistics Elective Credit Only

### IB CORRESPONDENCE CHART

#### **International Baccalaureate**

Examinations Approved IWU Credit HL Language A: literature Second Language

HL Language A: language and

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HL Information technology in

a global society Elective Credit Only Intellectual Traditions **HL Philosophy HL Psychology** Life Sciences Issues HL Social and cultural anthropology Elective Credit Only Life Sciences Issues **HL Biology HL Chemistry** Physical Sciences Issues **HL Computer Science** Formal Reasoning HL Design technology Elective Credit Only Physical Science Issues **HL Physics HL Further mathematics** Formal Reasoning HL Mathematics Formal Reasoning

**HL Dance** The Arts HL Film The Arts HL Music The Arts HL Theatre The Arts **HL Visual arts** The Arts

#### CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENCE CHART

**Cambridge International Examinations** (only A-Level Exams are accepted)

Approved for IWU Credit

Accounting Elective Credit Only Afrikaans Second Language **Elective Credit Only** Applied Information and

Communication Technology

Arabic Second Language

Art and Design The Arts

Life Science Issues Biology **Business** Elective Credit Only Chemistry Physical Science Issues Chinese Second Language

**Classical Studies** Cultural and Historical Change

Computer Science Formal Reasoning Computing Elective Credit Only

Design and Technology The Arts **Design and Textiles** The Arts

Divinity Elective Credit Only English - Language Elective Credit Only

English - Literature Literature

Food Studies Elective Credit Only French Second Language Geography Elective Credit Only Second Language German Global Perspectives and Research Elective Credit Only Hindi Second Language Hinduism **Elective Credit Only** 

History Elective Credit Only Information Technology Elective Credit Only Islamic Studies Elective Credit Only LawElective Credit OnlyMarathiSecond LanguageMarine ScienceLife Science IssuesMathematicsFormal ReasoningMathematics – FurtherFormal ReasoningMedia StudiesElective Credit Only

Music The Arts

Physical Education Elective Credit Only
Physical Science Physics Physical Science Issues
Portuguese Second Language
Psychology Life Science Issues

Sociology Contemporary Social Institutions

Spanish Second Language
Tamil Second Language
Telugu Second Language
Thinking Skills Elective Credit Only
Travel and Tourism Elective Credit Only
Urdu – Pakistan only Second Language
Urdu Second Language

### Shared Curriculum Requirements

Degree	GW	AV	AR*	CSI	CHC	FR	IT	LI T	Nat Sci	W***	G	U	LA**	PE
BA & BS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 course units (LSI †& PSL)	<b>;</b>				

- \*Students interested in fulfilling Shared Curriculum requirements in "The Arts" through participation in ensembles and/or applied music lessons may choose from among the following four options:
- A. Four semesters of piano lessons (MUS 100) OR one semester of Beginning Class Piano for Non-Music Majors (MUS 101) plus two semesters of applied piano (MUS 100).
- B. Four semester of applied voice (MUS 100) OR two semesters of applied voice (MUS 100) with concurrent enrollment in either University Choir (MUS 26) or Collegiate Choir (MUS 23).
- C. Four semesters of classical guitar lessons (MUS 100) OR two semesters of applied classical guitar (MUS 100) with concurrent enrollment in Guitar Ensemble (MUS 37).
- D. Two semesters of one of the following ensembles—Orchestra (MUS 21), Wind Ensemble (MUS 22), Symphonic Winds (MUS 24), Jazz Ensemble (MUS 34), or Jazz Lab Band (MUS 35) with concurrent enrollment in the appropriate applied instrumental lessons (MUS 100).

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develop students' skills in the cohveCourses focus on writing as a process in tions and structures of presenting which students produce informal writing, knowledge in written academic and dra s, revisions, and nal papers, and public discourse, and on strategies faculty read dras, give extensive written e ective revision: comments on student writing, and return comments and formal papers before col lecting the next formal paper assignment. Students produce about pages of writ ing during the term, including at least formal essays of varying lengths. Informal writing — journals, exercises, dra s, re sponses to reading or study questions comprises the rest of the pages produced.

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engage students in learning activitieSourses provide active learning obpor that prepare them for academic life tunities that encourage students-to ana lyze, synthesize, make inferences argue logically, and think independently.

e bulk of the course grade is derived from student writing. Since the primary focus of the course is writing, the length and number of reading assignments should be limited accordingly.

### Analysis of Values (AV; 1 course unit)

### Category Description:

Courses in this category critically examine one or more normative value issuearising in social, political, professional, religious, artistic, or other contexts. Normative value issues concern questions of what ought to be the case, and are thus distinguished from empirical and/or descriptive issues, which concern questions of what is, was, or will be the case. Courses in this category engage students in the rational examination of normative value issues and expose them to alternative theories and positions concerning such issues. Students are thereby challenged to think systematically about these issues and to refine and defend their views of them.

I	Category Goals	Course Criteria		
	In keeping with the overall goals of the Shared Curriculum program, in particular the goals of developing stude capacities for critical thinking,-intellectual independence, communicating in writing and orally, and fostering the abilities to make and assess judgments.	ndo achieve these goals, o erings at the or -level in this category incorporate htts'e following criteria in a balance-appinate to the course. In addition, courties category at the - or -level have a signi cant research component and notes by the students in analysis and argumutes in a name of a more sophisticated level that normally found in lower-level courses	ero ses e in ent	а
l	category seek to.	normally lourid in lower-level courses		

develop students' ability to recog and understand normative value issues;	niz Courses consider normative valicular sues as their central focus. e is or issues should be clearly idented. Whereas the study of descritive and/or empirical information may be an important component of courses in this category, such information should relate to the normative value issue(s) under consideration.	sue i- ip-
and evaluate contrasting theories	nd. Courses expose students to cors ing theories pertaining to normal uesyalue issues as these are prese primary or secondary source reings. Courses engage students critical assessment of these the and/or the practical application of these theories to particular normalive value issues.	tive nted in ad- in the ories of
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Category Goals	Course Criteria
In keeping with the overall goals of the Shared Curriculum program, in particular the goals of o ering of portunities for active learning and	<b>)</b>

institutions arises, operates, inter	Courses examine the evolution catene or more contemporary social es institutions to the present time an analyze the current structure and functions of the institution(s) studied and its (their) relationship with other institutions in its (their) own or another culture.	l nd d d- h
. illuminate the ways and means through which societal and indi- vidual values are re ected in con porary social institutions;	Courses engage students in discing underlying values—including temthose of key institutional founders or leaders, as well as those clarger groups or societies—that embodied in the structure and futioning of the institution(s) studies.	of are inc-
individuals' values, beliefs, and b	bw Students participate in assignme e- and activities that require them to po-consider and re ect upon how the own and/or others' attitudes, con tions, and actions are in uenced, consciously or unconsciously, by institution(s) studied.	o eir vic-
	es Courses provide opportunities ctlyfor students to observe the acture	al

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### Cultural and Historical Change (CHC; 1 course unit)

### Category Description

Courses in this category investigate the formation, persistence, and change of human-constructed institutions, emphasizing significant transformations in human social existence, and allowing historical personalities to speak to us across time and space. Each class emphasizes the complex interactions of social and historical context, acknowledging that we cannot understand the present without the past.

Formal Reasoning (FR; 1 course unit)

Category Description

Category Goals	Course Criteria
theShared Curriculum program, in particular the goals of enabling stu to use formal methods of reasoning	
. familiarize students with one or r formal systems;	nor©ourses focus on examining and carefully de ning the concepts employed in one or more formal systems and instructing students in the rules used in one or more of these systems.
	maCourses instruct students in the use ng,of formal systems to identify, analyze and solve problems. Courses stress critical thinking and reasoning skills and not solely mechanical skills. Courses assist students in writing clear solutions to problems.
. provide a real-world context for t use of formal reasoning;	ne Courses include exercises in which students use formal reasoning systems to try to solve problems encountered in the real world.
. convey an appreciation of forma systems.	Courses include an appreciation of the beauty, symmetry and elegance formal systems.

### Intellectual Traditions (IT; 1 course unit)

### Category Description

Courses in this category explore major ideas that have significantly shaped culture and the course of events. Courses may focus on an individual figure, a broader intellectual movement, or a crucial concept or topic. Emphasis is placed on critical interpretation, analysis, and evaluation of ideas articulated in primary printed texts and, where appropriate, in works of art, architecture, and music.

Category Goals	Course Criteria
the Shared Curriculum program, in particular the goals of developin students' capacities for critical thir ing, intellectual independence, an imagination, their understanding cultural relationships, their capacities for expressing and communic ing ideas, and their abilities to ma judgments and assess value, all ir context of active learning, courses the "Literature" category seek to:	r -level have a signi cant research component involving critical or other secatondary material, and involve an advanced devel of complexity in the material studied that the interpretive questions raised.
	nd@ourses examine the style (for turexample: diction, sentence structure, imagery, rhythm) and structure (for example: plot, sequence of mages and ideas, metrics and rhyme) characteristic of literary texts and the relation of one literary text to another.
	readthemselves and on the literary texts readthemselves and on the practices-of intel lect and imagination in the reader that make for active engagement with these texts. Such practices might include close study of signi cant passages, reading aloud or memorization to appreciate sounds, encouragement of visualizing, enacting of passages or texts.
. enable students to connect the literature they read to the cultura and social contexts in which it w written or which it portrays;	. Courses present literary texts in terms of some larger cultural frame-
. develop students' ability to interpliterary texts.	ret Courses actively involve students in interpretation of texts, encouraging thoughtful judgments which the students express and defend in written essay assignments and orally in class discussion.

### The Natural Sciences (LSI, LSL, PSI, PSL; 2 course units)

### Category Description

Courses in this category help students develop the capacity for scientific literacy in preparation for responsible citizenship. Through laboratory and other learning experiences, students explore the methods by which scientists discover and formulate laws or principles that describe the behavior of nature in both living and non-living realms. Students also examine how scientific thinking applies to

. to understand that writing is a process that includes revision;	o Instructors must provide students with feedback on their dra s and with opportunities to revise their texts.  Courses should assign words or pages of writing, including both low stakes assignments (i.e., informal writing or writing-to-learn activities, journals, reading responses, exercises) and high stakes assignments (i.e., polished and revised writing that might include formal essays, research papers, or other genres signi cant to the discipline or to course objectives).
	on Courses should give students instruc- lineion and practice in anticipating and responding to the needs of an audience and in responding to the conventions of a discipline.
. to use writing as a tool for inven- and discovery	tionCourses should encourage learning through writing using methods such as directed free-writing, reading journals, summaries or syntheses of readings, class listservs, etc.
. to nd, evaluate, and ethically us information from sources, if appropriate to the course objectives.	e . Courses should give students p- instruction and practice in acquiring information literacy skills within a discipline, if appropriate to the course objectives.

### **ENCOUNTERING DIVERSITY**

### Encountering Global Diversity (G; 1 course unit)

(Flag designation attached to approved General Education, major, minor, or elective courses, except Gateway Colloquium and courses in the Second Language category—1 required)

### Flag Description

Courses given this designation prepare students for responsible citizenship in a global community. Students examine the experience and values of one or more contemporary societies outside the United States. Within the framework of individual courses, students are introduced to global diversity through an examination of at least one other society's experience and view of itself and the world. This may be accomplished through an explicit comparison between the U.S. and other societies, encounters between other societies, or through an extensive study of one individual society.

The Global Diversity Flag may also be achieved by successful completion of a semester enrolled in an approved IWU, or an IWU-affiliated, study-abroad program, provided the following requirements are met:

- 1. The student must gain approval of the Registrar, in consultation with the Associate Dean of Curricular and Faculty Development prior to leaving for the semester abroad.
- The overall academic experience must be in keeping with the Flag goals and criteria.

Note: This exception does not include May Term courses unless a specific course carries a Global Diversity Flag.

### Encountering U.S. Diversity (U, 1 required)

(Flag designation attached to approved General Education, major, minor, or elective courses, except Gateway Colloquium and courses in Second Language category—1 required)

### Flag Description

Courses given this designation introduce students to the ways in which diversity — as influenced by ethnic, racial, class, gender, religious, and/or sexual characteristics — has shaped and continues to shape identity and experience in

the U.S. Within the framework of individual courses, students are encouraged to develop an awareness of social differences and a sensitivity to others. Furthermore, in the process of recognizing, analyzing, understanding, and perhaps even reconciling various ways of viewing and experiencing the world, students are encouraged to acknowledge the intersections of diversity in their own lives.

### Second Language (LA; 0-3 course units, as needed, to ensure proficiency at the third-semester level)

### Category Description

Courses in this category develop a student's ability to communicate effectively in a second language by promoting cultural understanding, intercultural communication skills, and global citizenship. By making comparisons and connections to their immediate cultural practices and perspectives, students of a second language will deepen the knowledge and appreciation of their own native language. Modern language courses will emphasize basic conversational skills necessary for survival in the target language-culture environment.

and will learn to translate texts from the original and analyze them critically.					

Students of classical languages will be introduced to a variety of literary styles

In place of the courses listed above, students can satisfy this requirement by an equivalent score on an IWU Placement Exam or AP language exam. Entering international students whose native language is not English are exempt from the second language requirement under any one of the following circumstances:

- 1) They were required to take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) for admission.
- 2) They provide a transcript from a secondary school where the primary language of instruction was not English.
- 3) They provide a transcript or other form of written certification that documents satisfactory completion of more than four years of study in one language other than English.

### SHARED CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS / BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

CATEGORY / FLAG	REQUIREMENT

THE GENERAL EDUCATION
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Cultural and Historical ChTjEMC/6(n)8 (sg) (e u(CSH12 (rC))TJ-0.132 Tw /Span<</ActualText<FEFF0

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS B.F.A. ART CATEGORY / FLAG REQUIREMENT

The General Education

Analysis of Values (AV)
OR Physical Sciences Issues Course (PSI) OR Physical Sciences Lab Course (PSL) Writing Intensive Courses (W)(attribute attached to 1 course which may be in the Shared Curriculum, major, minor, or among elective courses; the second required writing course will be satisfied in the major)
Encountering Diversity
Encountering Global Diversity (G)(flag attached to 1 course in the Shared Curriculum, or to major, minor or elective courses)  Encountering U. S. Diversity (U)(flag attached to 1 course in the Shared Curriculum, or to major, minor, or elective courses)
Second Language (LA) (0-2 course units as needed to ensure second-semester proficiency)
Physical Education Physical Education (PE)(4Y courses or 2X courses)

# BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS B.F.A. MUSIC THEATRE CATEGORY / FLAG

Contemporary Social Institutions (CSI) ..... (1 course unit) Cultural and Historical Change (CHC) ...... (1 course unit)

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Contemporary Social Institutions (CSI)	
Cultural and Historical Change (CHC)	
Formal Reasoning (FR)	(0 course unit)
Intellectual Traditions (IT)	
Literature (LIT)	(1 course unit)
The Natural Sciences	
	the options below)
	Life Sciences Issues Course (LSI)
	OR
	Life Sciences Lab Course (LSL)
	OR
	Physical Sciences Issues Course
	(PŠI)
	OR
	Physical Sciences Lab Course (PSL)
Writing Intensive (W)	(attribute attached to 1 course
<u> </u>	which may be in the Shared
	Curriculum, major, minor, or
	among elective courses; the second
	required writing course will be
	satisfied in the major)
<b>Encountering Diversity</b>	
Encountering Global Diversity (G)	(flag attached to 1 course in the
Encountering Global Diversity (a)	Shared Curriculum, or to major,
	minor, or elective courses)
Encountering U. S. Diversity (U)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Physical Education (PE)	PE)an <b>j</b> acPhering Global D9. (0)9163.1188The Gd <b>[</b> E)()Tjn(

Contemporary Social Institutions (CSI) Cultural and Historical Change (CHC) Formal Reasoning (FR) Intellectual Traditions (IT) Literature (LIT) The Natural Sciences	(1 course unit)(0 course unit)(1 course unit)(1 course unit)(1 course unit, which fulfills one of the options below)
	Life Sciences Issues Course (LSI) OR
	Life Sciences Lab Course (LSL) OR
	Physical Sciences Issues Course (PSI) OR
	Physical Sciences Lab Course (PSL)
Life Science Area: Biology Health Psychology Physical Science Area: Chemistry Geology Physics Writing Intensive Courses (W)	
Withing Intensive Courses (W)	which may be in the Shared Curriculum, major or minor, or among elective courses; the second required writing course will be satisfied in the major)
<b>Encountering Diversity</b>	
Encountering Global Diversity (G)	(flag attached to 1 course in the Shared Curriculum, or to major, minor, or elective courses)
Encountering U.S. Diversity (U)	(flag attached to 1 course in the Shared Curriculum, or to major, minor, or elective courses)
Second Language (LA)	(0 course unit)
Physical Education	
Physical Education (PE)	(4Y or 2X courses, 1 course must designated fitness)

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING CATEGORY / FLAG REQUIREMENT

The General Education
Gateway Colloquium (GW)(1 course unit)
Analysis of Values (AV)(1 course unit)
The Arts (AR)(1 course unit)
Contemporary Social Institutions (CSI) (1 course unit) Met through N214
Cultural and Historical Change (CHC)(1 course unit)
Formal Reasoning (FR)(1 course unit)
Intellectual Traditions (IT) (1 course unit)
Literature (LIT)(1 course unit)
The Natural Sciences
(LSI or LSL; PSI or PSL)
<b>Encountering Diversity</b>
Encountering Global Diversity (G) (flag attached to 1 course in the Shared Curriculum, or to major, minor, or elective courses)  Encountering U.S. Diversity (U) (flag attached to 1 course in the
Encountering U. S. Diversity (U)(flag attached to 1 course in the Shared Curriculum, or to major, minor, or elective courses)
Second Language (LA)(0 course unit)
Physical Education Physical Education (PE)(4Y courses or 2X courses) (1 must be a designated fitness course).