LEARNING ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Several departments at Washington State University work closely together to offer support to students as they develop their research and writing abilities—key components of a WSU education. From the first year to the senior year, students may take advantage of all or part of these learning enrichment courses and services, which include:

Common Reading Program – WSU’s Common Reading Program uses a common text each year to create a shared campus experience and to highlight WSU’s research and resources, especially for first-year students. The book is frequently used in courses. It is also the springboard for events throughout the year that introduce students to WSU’s leading researchers and to the various but interconnected ways in which different disciplines approach similar problems. Contact https://commonreading.wsu.edu.

First-Year Focus Living-Learning Communities – First-Year Focus is a residential living/learning community program in which first-semester students living in the same residence hall are co-enrolled in a UCORE course. Students form classroom connections, instant study groups, and social networks. First-Year Focus eases the transition to college life by creating a solid academic focus enhanced by additional interaction with faculty and residence hall peers. Contact: First-Year Programs, CUE 503, 509-335-5488, https://firstyear.wsu.edu/.

Seminar in Focused Exploration – University 304 (UNIV 304) is a transition seminar serving upper-division students and transfer students. This seminar is designed to assist students with narrowing down and choosing a good fit major, based on personal passions, purpose, values, strengths and interests. The seminar also supports students with information about their chosen major, what they can do with it, and potential career opportunities. Contact: Academic Success and Career Center, Lighty 180, 509-335-6000.

Veterans Transition Seminar – (specified section of UNIV 304) is designed to assist veterans with their transition from the military to a major research university. This course helps veterans navigate a large university, settle into their new role as students, and learn about WSU resources.

Accessing Information for Research – This one-credit course is intended to assist students in exploring skills, strategies, and resources available for conducting academic research. Transfer students who may not be familiar with the print and online resources of WSU Libraries are also encouraged to enroll. Contact: Undergraduate Services, Terrell Library, 509-335-8950.

Community Engaged Learning – Students in academic courses across the curriculum with opportunities to learn through engagement in community-based service. Service learning experiences and projects done in collaboration with community partners inform classroom learning, enhance civic awareness, promote personal growth, and foster skill development. Contact: Center for Civic Engagement, 509-335-7708, cce@wsu.edu, https://cce.wsu.edu.

Global Learning – Students from all academic majors are encouraged to incorporate global experiences into their academic programs of study. One way to do this is through a study abroad experience, which includes studying and learning abroad on a WSU Faculty-led program with WSU faculty and other Cougs, taking courses at a university outside the US, doing an internship, or conducting service or research internationally. Each year, over 800 students take advantage of the opportunity to engage in academic, career-related, and culturally enriching experiences abroad. Students may also become Global Cougs by earning a Global Leadership Certificate or by completing the Global Culturally Enriching Experience (GCEE) form. Each year, over 800 students take advantage of these opportunities to improve their writing skills. These courses are student-centered group tutorials, facilitated by Writing Center tutors. Contact: WSU Writing Center, Smith Center for Undergraduate Education (CUE), Room 303, 509-335-1323.

Advanced Writing Tutorial – WRIT 302 can be taken concurrently with an M course or upper-division writing-intensive course in the student’s major. This advanced course employs a small-group, student-centered approach focusing on students’ discipline-specific needs. Additionally, WRIT 205 “Sentences and Paragraphs” can be taken concurrently with an M course or upper-division writing-intensive course. This course also employs a small-group, student-centered approach but focuses on issues of academic English grammar and sentence structure. Contact: WSU Writing Center, Smith Center for Undergraduate Education (CUE), Room 303, 509-335-1323.

Learning Assistance Programs

The Academic Success and Career Center (ASCC) provides learning assistance programs for all WSU students.

Wellbeing Workshops – Wellbeing Workshops are scheduled throughout each semester and are open to all WSU students. These workshops focus on academic topics such as tips for test-taking, note-taking, and learning skills. Other topics include stress and time management, how to choose a major, and how to prepare for an academic advising appointment. Students may benefit from the more in-depth look at tips and strategies covered in these workshops. There are also on-line tools designed to get students organized and ready for academic challenges. Students can browse through the Wellbeing Workshops at https://ascc.wsu.edu to become familiar with the variety of workshops available.

Tutoring – Tutoring should be sought anytime a student wants to check their understanding of course concepts/lessons or when additional help is needed. The goal of tutoring is to provide students with assistance that enables them to develop academic mastery and independence. During tutoring, students can get help with homework, help with understanding concepts necessary to pass a course, and useful study techniques. Tutoring helps students master course information by providing alternate explanations, techniques, and examples. Tutors are not a substitute for attending class. Students who have taken advantage of tutoring have found that their grades improved. Tutoring should be in addition to the help that is available from professors and teaching assistants’ office hours.

The Peer Tutorial Program is free to all students and provides one-on-one assistance or small group tutoring in a wide range of subjects and undergraduate courses. ASCC tutors are trained to meet the requirements of the College Reading and Learning Association’s International Tutor Program Certification. New to the WSU menu of tutoring services is eTutoring.org, an online tutoring resource for popular subjects such as math, accounting, and writing. The tutoring website found at https://ascc.wsu.edu provides an up-to-date list each semester of free, drop-in tutoring services available in ASCC, the Smith Center for Undergraduate Education (CUE), various residence halls, and throughout the university. Contact: Academic Success and Career Center, Lighty 180, 509-335-6000.

TRIO Student Support Services Program (SSS) – TRIO SSS is a federally-funded academic assistance program that assists undergraduate students on the Pullman and Tri-Cities campuses. The TRIO SSS program is designed to provide comprehensive academic support on a one-to-one basis focusing on a student’s personal, academic, and social success. Services include: academic advising, financial literacy and college success workshops, degree and career guidance, free tutoring, mentoring, study skills training, cultural enrichment activities, scholarship opportunities, and referral services. To be eligible, students must be enrolled or accepted to WSU, show academic need, and meet one or a combination of the following criteria: first-generation college student (neither parent has received a baccalaureate degree), meet federal low-income guidelines, and/or have a documented disability. All services are provided at no cost to the participant. Interested students must submit a program application. Contact information: PULLMAN: (509) 335-7924, Lighty Building, Room 260, https://sssp.wsu.edu. For students interested in teaching, visit the
Washington State Opportunity Scholars: All WSU campuses – The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship supports students with a scholarship as well as professional development, skill-building workshops, and industry exposure to help increase the rate at which students enter the workforce. WSOS serves students from low and middle income households working to attain a bachelor's degree in high demand fields including science, technology, engineering, math and healthcare fields. [https://provost.wsu.edu/wsos/]

Crimson Community Grants: All WSU campuses – Crimson Community Grants supports students enduring a financial hardship by providing emergency grant aid between $200-$1000 for educational supplies. We support students through a financial crisis inhibiting their ability to stay academically engaged by providing emergency funding, peer to peer mentoring, post emergency advising, and individualized financial education. [https://provost.wsu.edu/ccg/]

Invest in Cougs: All WSU campuses – Invest in Cougs supports students in persisting in graduation through matched savings, peer mentoring, financial education, and individualized supports to alleviate financial barriers. Students have the opportunity to save $1000 and have their savings matched at 100% to use toward their WSU education. [https://provost.wsu.edu/investincougs]

Cougar Money Matters: All WSU campuses – Cougar Money Matters is an effort to bring together financial resources across all our campuses for all our Cougs. Students have access to a number of online tools that will assist in their financial wellness journey—today and into the future. In partnership with BECU, CMM offers access to financial counseling, resources, and grants and scholarship. One facet of Cougar Money Matters is our CMM Learning Portal. When you sign up for the CMM Learning Platforms, you unlock mini courses to improve your personal finance skills. CMM Learning Portal is customized for students, and offers relevant resources based on individual student need. CMM Learning portal also has many articles, infographics, videos, and tools, all to help a student be successful in their academic and financial journey. [https://cmmportal.wsu.edu]

College Access & Transition Programs – College Access & Transition Programs is at the heart of Washington State University's land-grant mission - expanding educational opportunities to those historically excluded. Our equity-infused approaches begin by developing pathways at the secondary level and implementing high-impact practices to advance a culture of academic excellence and ensure post-secondary, and long-term success. Visit [https://provost.wsu.edu/oae/programs/](https://provost.wsu.edu/oae/programs/) or contact oae.cougs@wsu.edu for more info.

Cougs Rise: Pre-College and Bridge Program: WSU-Pullman – Cougs Rise works with students as they transition to college, providing support to finish high school strong and start their higher education journey successfully. In addition to assisting with the process of going to college (financial aid applications, admission, registration, housing, etc.), Cougs Rise provides transitioning students with a mentor who is a current Coug and had similar experiences along their journey. Visit [https://provost.wsu.edu/cougsrise/](https://provost.wsu.edu/cougsrise/) or email provost.cougsrise@wsu.edu for more info.

Dare to Dream Pre-College Program: Statewide – Dare to Dream provides an introduction to sciences, math, engineering and self-development content to promote an academic identity and confidence in high school students of migrant/ seasonal farm-working backgrounds throughout the state. Participants receive academic credit and the skills gained during the academies help students develop career visions and frame the importance of academic engagement during high school. Additionally, participants are mentored by current WSU students from similar backgrounds, helping them achieve their academic goals. Visit [https://provost.wsu.edu/daretodream/](https://provost.wsu.edu/daretodream/) or email provost.cougsrise@wsu.edu for more info.

College Success Foundation Achievers Program: All WSU Campuses – Participants are high-achieving students from low-income families aspiring to earn a baccalaureate degree. In addition to receiving scholarship support to make college more affordable, students are also provided with holistic advising and programming which includes academic advising, career development, financial-aid planning, individual support, and social activities. Visit [https://provost.wsu.edu/csf/](https://provost.wsu.edu/csf/) or email oae.csf@wsu.edu for more info.