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 basis of programming throughout the year that introduces students to WSU’s leading researchers and to the various but interconnected ways in which different disciplines approach similar problems.

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/

First-Year Success Seminar – The First-Year Success Seminar (UNIV 104) is a two-credit, small interactive course in which students explore values, set academic and personal goals, and pursue them through reflective writing, core texts, and other course activities. The seminar provides instruction in skills necessary for college success and encourages critical thinking about the connections between the self and others, classroom learning, and the larger world. Students are introduced to integrative learning strategies as well as to the opportunities and resources available within the university community that will allow them to excel in the first year. 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 acknowledging 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. Navigating a large university can seem overwhelming at first; this seminar helps veterans settle into their new role as students.

Accessing Information for Research – With sophomore standing and above, students may enroll in UNIV 300, a one-credit course intended to assist them in exploring skills, strategies, and resources available for conducting academic research. Transfer students who may not be familiar with the resources of the research library are also encouraged to enroll. Contact: Undergraduate Services, Terrell Library, 509-335-8614.

Community Engaged Learning – Students in academic courses across the curriculum are provided 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 an education abroad experience, which includes studying and learning abroad on a WSU Faculty-led program with WSU faculty and other Cougs, taking courses at foreign universities, doing an internship, or conducting service or research internationally. Over 800 students each year 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 participating in the Global Case Competition to enhance their experiences at home and abroad. The Global Learning Department within the Office of International Programs advises all WSU students on all of these opportunities. Contact: Global Learning, ip.globalleadership@wsu.edu, 509-335-6204, https://ip.wsu.edu/.

Writing Center:

• Free individual peer tutoring for writing – Writing Center tutors assist students with writing for all University courses. Free, drop-in tutoring is available in the WSU Writing Center, Smith Center for Undergraduate Education (CUE), Room 303. To check on open hours go to https://firstyear.wsu.edu/

Undergraduate Certificates
The following are the official certificates offered at Washington State University. The department offering the certificate is noted. Certificates that are offered exclusively at the regional campuses are noted. Not all certificates listed are offered at every WSU campus. Students with questions about degree programs should consult with a representative at the specific campus for additional information.

An officially recorded undergraduate certificate is a document issued by WSU, displaying the WSU seal and president’s signature. Certificates are issued to students who have completed a course of study that meets the guidelines and has been approved by the Faculty Senate. To have the undergraduate certificate recorded on the official transcript, the student must be certified in the program and complete the online graduation application. Application fees and deadlines may be found on the academic calendar, at https://registrar.wsu.edu/academic-calendar/

Certificate Requirements – A certificate requires a minimum of 15 credit hours with the exact number specified by the department offering the certificate. The maximum number of transfer credit hours that may apply towards a particular WSU certificate is ¼ of the total number of credit hours required for the certificate. The number of credit hours that may be taken for a Pass/Fail (or S/F) grade is ¼ of the total number of credit hours required for the certificate. The minimum GPA to earn a certificate is a 2.0.

Certificate
Department
Adolescence
Human Development
American Indian Studies
General Studies
Arabic Language
Languages, Cultures, and Race
Business Behavior Research
Business
Core Competencies in Spanish
Languages, Cultures, and Race
Language and Culture
Human Development
Early Childhood Education
Asia Program
East Asian Studies for Business Majors
Asia Program
East Asian Studies for Engineering
English Language Learners
and Architecture Majors
Family Studies
Editing and Publishing
Game Studies and Design
Gerontology
Global Competencies
Global Leadership
Human Services Case Management
Human Development
and Administration
Languages, Cultures, and Race
Italian Language
Languages, Cultures, and Race
Korean Language
Educational Leadership, Sport
Leadership in Coaching
Studies, and Educational/
Molecular Biosciences
Counseling Psychology
Organic Agriculture
Molecular Biosciences
Professional Sales
CAHNRS
Professional Science and Technology
Business (Vancouver)
Writing
English
Professional Writing
Biological Sciences
Quantitative Biology
Systems, and Entrepreneurship
Sustainable Organizational Leadership
English
Teaching English as a Foreign Language
Writing Center:
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Environment
Hospitality Business Management
English
Sociology
Biological Sciences

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Learning Assistance

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 tutorial appointments, 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 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.

Other Learning Assistance Programs

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) 335-7324, Lighty Building, Room 203, https://trioss.wsu.edu. For students interested in teaching, visit the ATLAS program: (509) 335-4768; Education Addition Building 321, provost.wsu.edu/atlas/, TRI-CITIES: (509) 372-7122, East Building, Room 203, triostudentsupport@tricity.wsu.edu, https://tricities.wsu.edu/trio/.

The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) – The mission of the College Assistance Migrant Program is to provide outreach, academic, and financial assistance to effectively transition students from migrant and seasonal farmworker backgrounds to successfully complete the first academic year at Washington State University and to continue in postsecondary education. Due to continual mobility, CAMP students are faced with academic inconsistencies throughout their primary education. CAMP is specifically designed to identify, recruit, and monitor the academic achievement and retention of migrant students. The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) is a federally funded program. For more information, visit us at Lighty Building Room 260, https://camp.wsu.edu, or call 509-335-7649.

Washington Achievers Scholars/Governor’s Scholars /Passport to College Programs – Washington Achievers Scholars and Governor’s Scholars are low-income and often first generation students who receive a scholarship from the College Success Foundation. Passport to College students are emancipated foster youth who receive support from the College Success Foundation. Achievers, Governor’s, and Passport scholars are supported on campus with faculty/staff mentors, academic success workshops, counseling, tutoring, advising, referral services and social events. Contact the College Mentor Coordinator in the Academic Success and Career Center, Lightly 180, https://ascc.wsu.edu/academic-services/college-success-scholars/, 509-335-8065.