

UWG Advising 1101

UWG Core Curriculum

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Board of Regents on Academic Advisement

BOR Policy 3.9, Academic Advisement

“Each institution shall have a program for the advisement of its students.

Academic advisement is the primary responsibility of the faculty and should be integrally related to the education process. Effective advisement shall be credited toward retention, tenure, and promotion. It shall be a specific topic of faculty evaluation (BoR Minutes, 1980-81, P. 85).”

<http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section3/C344/>



Who does and Where is Academic Advisement at UWG?

College or Area	Who advises?
College of Education	Professional advisors in the college
School of Nursing	Faculty and professional advisors in the college, with many pre-majors advised in EXCEL Center
Richards College of Business	Professional advisors in the college (faculty for Accounting & Finance, Economics)
College of Arts and Humanities	Faculty in the departments
College of Science and Mathematics	Faculty in the departments
College of Social Sciences	Faculty in the departments, with many pre-majors advised in EXCEL Center
Undeclared (Exploratory) students	Professional advisors in EXCEL Center
Honors College	Professional advisors in the college

How does UWG conduct Academic Advisement?

- Departments vary as to how they advise students
 - Alpha order
 - Appointment only
 - First come, first served
 - Sign-up sheets
 - Walk-ins
 - Workshop advising

What is the Core Curriculum?

- University System of Georgia policy
- University-wide policy
- General education requirements
- Creates the foundation for future learning
- See the Core Curriculum at <http://www.westga.edu/registrar/805.php>

The Core Curriculum at UWG



Area A – Essential Skills Category I - English

- ENGL 1101 – Basic Composition
 - Students must earn a C or higher to pass
 - Students must pass in order to enroll in ENGL 1102
 - Generally required of all
 - Check for AP, CLEP, Transfer, and PSO credit

Area A Category I

- ENGL 1102
 - Students must earn a C or higher to pass
 - Prerequisite to many classes in AREA C

Regents Exam no longer required; objective satisfied by completing UWG Core Area A Section I requirements

Area A – Essential Skills Category 2 - Math

- Appropriate math class is defined by the student's major
- General advice – Start at the highest level possible or, when in doubt, take either MATH 1001 or 1111
- SAT score of 500 Math best for above MATH 1111

Area A Category 2

Category 2

Choose **ONE** math course from the appropriate group:

Business Majors:

MATH 1111 College Algebra (3)

MATH 1113 Pre-calculus (4)

Prerequisite: Four years of high school math including algebra and trigonometry or consent of department

Pre-Engineering Majors:

MATH 1634 Calculus I (4)

Nursing Majors:

MATH 1001 Quantitative Skills and Reasoning (3)

MATH 1111 College Algebra (3)

MATH 1113 Pre-calculus (4)

Science, Science Education, Math, Math Education, Computer Science Majors:

MATH 1113 Pre-calculus (4)

Prerequisite: Four years of high school math including algebra and trigonometry or consent of department

All Other Majors:

MATH 1001 Quantitative Skills and Reasoning (3)

MATH 1111 College Algebra (3) Recommended for Education Majors

MATH 1113 Pre-calculus (4)

Prerequisite: Four years of high school math including algebra and trigonometry or consent of department

Area A: BOR Policy

- The BOR has new policy (2.4.4) relating to completion of BOTH Area A1 and A2. New Freshman must complete all requirements before these hours are reached:
 - FR Fall 2010: 60 hours
 - FR Fall 2011: 45 hours
 - FR Fall 2012 and beyond: 30 hours
- If they do not meet this, **MUST** enroll in next course necessary to make progress towards completion in every semester in which they are enrolled

http://www.usg.edu/academic_affairs_handbook/section2/C738

AREA B – Oral Communication and Institutional Priorities

Communications & Technology

- Science majors take 4 credit hours for Area B
- Non science majors take 5 credit hours
- Can choose any combination as long as ONE is from Category I

Not all classes listed in AREA B are taught regularly

Area B - Category I

Choose One

- ART 2000 – combination of public speaking and art appreciation recommended for Art majors
- Most students take COMM 1110 or ENGL/THEA 2050 (either required for Business and Education)
- PHIL 2020 – Critical Thinking is recommended for Pre-Nursing majors
- Some courses taught infrequently (ENGL 2000)

Area B – Institutional Priorities

Category 2

- XIDS 1004 offered occasionally (is all a science major needs to take – 4 hrs)
- Many courses in B2 are taught online (ANTH 1100, BUSA 1900, CS 1020, LIBR 1101)
- 1001 & 1002 level Foreign Languages in both Sections 1 & 2 – need C to advance

Area B Category 2

- XIDS = interdisciplinary. Special topics courses can be developed by faculty from any department. Usually an in depth look at a particular subject:

Example: What do you really know about *computers? physical universe? leadership?* etc.

Area C – Humanities & Fine Arts

- Assorted courses in the Fine Arts, English, Foreign Languages, Philosophy, & Mass Communications
- Completing through ENGL 1102 is a requirement for many of the choices

Area C – Category I

Choose One

- **ENGL 2060** (Creative Writing) and **FILM 2080** (Art of Film) show up as requiring ENGL 1101 in Banner, but some new freshmen have them as part of learning communities
- **XIDS 2100** – Arts and Ideas (interdisciplinary)
 - Prerequisite: Complete ENGL 1102
 - Special topics courses which vary from semester to semester
 - Usually a combination of literature & fine arts
 - EX: The Thirties and the Theatre
 - The Philosophy of World Art
 - German History through Film
 - Can be used in C1 or C2, counted only once

Area C – Humanities and Fine Arts

Category 2

- Select a course of interest
- Many require completion of ENGL 1102 as prerequisite
- Foreign Language
 - If a student had more than two years of a foreign language in high school, the student should start at the 1002 level.
 - When in doubt, ask student to contact department; online assessment now available
 - Must have C to go to next level

Area D – Mathematics, Science & Quantitative Technology

Requirements for this area depend upon a student's major.

- Option I – Non Science Majors
- Option II – Science Majors
 - Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Environmental Science, Geography, Geosciences, Math, Physics, Science/Math Secondary Education
- Option III – Nursing Majors

Area D

Option I: Non Science Majors

- Need: 3 courses from 2 categories (at least 2 from Category 1)
- **3 + 1** class with corresponding laboratory
(course with **4** is class with lab included)
- Do not *need* a course from Category 2 unless education or business major
- All three classes cannot be from same department. Two max.

Area D Category 2

- A lower level of math than earned in Area A will not count in this section
- MATH 1413 is required for business majors
- Some sciences appropriate only for sciences majors (Principles level) despite availability in non-science section of core

Area D

Option II: Science Majors

- A lab science sequence as defined by the major
- Most science majors are required to complete more than one sequence of lab sciences
- Some core level lab sciences have math pre- or co-requisites

Area D Science Majors

- Must take 3rd class in Section 2
- Biology Major should not take 1107 & 1108, instead CHEM 1211K & 1212K and then BIOL 2107 & 2108
- Almost all science majors require a calculus class, which can fit into Category 2.

Area D

Option III: Pre-Nursing

- Category I – Must take one of the following science sequences:
 - CHEM 1151 and 1152
 - BIOL 1107 and 1108
 - CHEM 1211K and 1212K
 - PHYS 1111 and PHYS 1112
- Section 2 – Must take **MATH 2063**
- Pre-nursing students must apply & be accepted into Nursing program; very competitive

Area E – Social Sciences

- World History – select one based on interest
 - (Numbers are not sequential; date based)
- US History – select one based on interest
 - (Numbers are not sequential; date based)
- American Government – state requirement
- Social Science Elective – select one based on interest

Core Area F – Lower Division Major Requirements

- Part of core specific to major
- Classes appropriate to the major
- Foreign language can be included in F when required, also included in Areas B & C
- End of Area F = 60 credit hours
 - Half of most degree programs

Miscellaneous Notes

- Be sure to remind students to register in Banweb on their registration day
- Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA to enroll in ECON 2105 and 2106 or any of the Area F business courses
- Students must earn a C or higher in BIOL 1107 to enroll in BIOL 1108
- Specific workshop sections may be required for Biology and Chemistry courses
- Students must earn a C or higher at each level of the foreign language sequences in order to move on to the next level

UWG Extended Degree Program

- **UWG Online** – Departments can offer Core courses in Areas A-F as Partial or Total Distance Learning (Section D or N)
<http://uwgonline.westga.edu/>
- **USG eCore** – eCore offers Core courses in Areas A-E that are fully online (Section G) <http://ecore.usg.edu> & <http://ecore.westga.edu>
- **UWG Newnan Center** – Newnan Center offers Core courses in Areas A-E, Core F Business, and courses for BSN students accepted to the Newnan part-time program (Sections 91-99)
<http://www.westga.edu/newnan/>
- **UWG Douglasville** – MBA courses at the Georgia Highlands facility.

Advising Resources

- Advising Center 678-839-5342
<http://www.westga.edu/advising>
- Registrar's Office 678-839-6438
<http://www.westga.edu/registrar/>
- Financial Aid 678-839-6421
<http://www.westga.edu/finaid/>

PAAA

- Professional Association of Academic Advisors
- Began @ UWG in 2007
- Great resource for all UWG academic advising information
- Listserv with up-to-date information
- <http://www.westga.edu/advising/4852.php>