US - University Studies

US 101US. First Year Seminar. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) F,S
PREREQUISITE: First year students (less than 30 credits) only. This multi-disciplinary course, presented in seminar format, draws from the disciplines of psychology, sociology, history, and philosophy and encourages students to explore issues critical to their academic goals and objectives. The course emphasizes verbal communication, critical thinking, intellectual development, and academic choices. Fulfills university seminar requirement of the core curriculum. This course cannot be repeated.

US 102. Career Connections. 1 Credit. (1 Sem) On Demand
Course is designed to assist students in the selection of a major in accordance with their interests and abilities.

US 103. Learning Strategies. 1 Credit. (1 Rct) F,S
Co-Requisite: US 101US for the specified sections only. In this course, students will “learn how to learn” and develop critical thinking skills to solve problems. Study skills for effective reading, note taking, and test preparation are covered, as well as time management, organization, preventing procrastination, improving motivation, and reducing anxiety. Awareness and effective use of campus resources are also emphasized. The overarching purpose is to help students apply this information to their college coursework and be more effective and engaged students.

US 121US. ED, SOC, Issues, Digital Age. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) F,S,Su
PREREQUISITE: Successful completion of at least 12 credits, including WRIT 101W or its equivalent. This multi-disciplinary course, delivered in an online seminar format, draws from psychology, sociology, history, and philosophy and asks students to consider the role of education in their lives and the social responsibilities of educated, engaged individuals living in the digital age. The course emphasizes critical thinking, communication and support of ideas, and intellectual development. US 121US fulfills the university seminar requirement of the core curriculum. This course cannot be repeated.

US 135. Veteran Academic Strategies. 1 Credit. (1 Lec) F,S
Study skills for student veterans that targets developing and applying the academic strategies necessary for persistence and degree completion. Topics include utilizing campus resources, continuing federal educational benefits, and generalizing skills to new academic situations.

US 140. Intro to Law and Legal Prof. 1 Credit. (1 Lec) F
Introduction to the study of law and an overview of the legal profession, including civil law, criminal prosecution, defense and the judiciary. Students will evaluate their interest in pursuing a legal education and career in law.

US 191. Special Topics. 1 Credit. (1 Sem) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: Course prerequisites as determined for each offering. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand.

US 210. Education, World of Work, and You. 3 Credits. (1 Lec) F,S
PREREQUISITE: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor. Provide students who are unsure of a major/career path, or those who want to make the most of their undergraduate education, with knowledge and skills to prepare themselves for the “world of work”.

US 290R. Undergraduate Research. 1-6 Credits. (1-6 Ind; max unlimited) F,S
Directed undergraduate research which may culminate in a written work or other creative project. Course will address responsible conduct of research. May be repeated.

US 291. Special Topics. 1-3 Credits. (1 Rct) On Demand
Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand.

US 292. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits. (1 Ind; 6 cr max) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor and approval of the Director of University Studies. Directed study on an individual basis.

US 490R. Undergraduate Research. 1-6 Credits. (1-6 Ind; 12 cr max) F,S,Su
Max 12 cr. Directed undergraduate research/creative activity which may culminate in a research paper, journal article, or undergraduate thesis. Course will address responsible conduct of research. May be repeated.

US 491. Special Topics. 1-3 Credits. (1-3 Lec; 3 cr max) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: Course prerequisites as determined for each offering. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand.

US 492. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits. (1 Ind; 6 cr max) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: Junior standing, consent of instructor, and approval of the Director of University Studies. Directed study on an individual basis.

US 494. AdvoCat Seminar. 1 Credit. (1 Sem; max unlimited) F,S
PREREQUISITE: Sophomore standing and consent of instructor. As student ambassadors on campus, AdvoCats are trained to market the programs and activities at MSU to prospective students and their families.

US 498. Internship. 1-12 Credits. (1-12 Ind; 12 cr max) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: Junior standing, consent of instructor, and approval of the Director of University Studies. An individual assignment arranged with an agency, business, or other organization to provide guided experience in the field.