

**Western Carolina University**  
**MASTER LIBERAL STUDIES CHECK-SHEET**  
**(Courses are 3 credit hours unless noted otherwise.)**

**THE CORE (21 HOURS)**

**C1. Writing, 6 hours**

ENGL 101 Writing and Rhetoric (Freshman Year)  
ENGL 202 Writing and Critical Inquiry (Sophomore Year)

**C2. Mathematics, 3 hours**

MATH 101 Mathematical Concepts  
MATH 130 Precalculus I\*\*  
MATH 170 Applied Statistics  
(MATH 146, MATH 153, MATH 221, and MATH 270 also meet this requirement provided student's major requires any of them.)

\*\*MATH 130 has a co-requisite requirement of MATH 100 Precalculus I Support.

**C3. Oral Communication, 3 hours**

COMM 201 Foundations of Communication

**C4. Wellness, 3 hours**

HEAL 111 Stress Management for Health & Wellness  
HEAL 123 Health & Wellness  
HSCC 101 Nutrition, Fitness & Wellness

**C5. Physical & Biological Sciences, 6 hours**

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Other 100-200 level science courses from AST, BIOL, CHEM, ENVH, GEOL, NRM and PHYS (with the exceptions of ENVH 200, ENVH 210, NRM 213, NRM 240, and courses numbered from 190-199) meet this requirement.

AST 102 Introductory Observational Astronomy  
AST 103 The Solar System  
AST 104 Cosmic Evolution  
BIOL 102 Human Genetics  
BIOL 103 Environmental Biology  
BIOL 104 Human Biology  
BIOL 105 Biology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
CHEM 101 Chemistry in Society  
ENVH 130 Environmental Health Science: Systems & Solutions  
ESI 140 Oceanography  
GEOL 140 Investigations in Environmental Geology  
GEOL 141 Earth History & Prehistoric Life  
GEOL 145 Climate Change and Water Resources  
GEOL 151 Earth: Geology, Resources, Hazards, and Environment  
GEOL 250 Earth Materials  
NRM 140 Natural Resource Conservation & Management  
PHYS 105 Contemporary Physics

**THE FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR (3 HOURS)**

- a. Students transferring in 0-15 credit hours are required to take this course in their first year.
- b. Students transferring in 15.1 – 29.9 credit hours are eligible to take a FYS course, but it is not required.
- c. Students with 30 or more credit hours are not eligible to take FYS courses.
- d. When a student is not required to take a FYS course, it is considered waived. The student does not have to make up the hours in the Liberal Studies program, but they will still need to graduate with the same number of hours required by the program of the major (total hours for the degree are not reduced).
- e. A FYS course cannot be repeated, and it is therefore not possible to replace a grade received in a FYS course.
- f. Grading for all FYS courses is A, B, C, I (“Incomplete”), or U (“Unsatisfactory”).
- g. Students receiving a “U” grade must make up the unearned credits from the FYS course by taking another course in the Liberal Studies Program.
- h. Transition courses such as LEAD, COUN, USI 101 & 130 are *not* considered First-Year Seminar courses.

ACCT 195 Introduction to Fraud Examination  
ANTH 190 Anthropology, Hoaxes, and Pseudoscience  
BA 195 Movers and Shakers: Exp. Leaders & Experiential Leadership  
BIOL 190 Discoveries in Biology  
BIOL 192 Plants and Society  
BIOL 194 Biotechnology: Methods, Applications & Implications  
CHEM 190 Chemistry in Industry  
CHEM 191 Issues in Environmental Chemistry  
CHEM 193 Chemistry in the Arts

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CIS 195 The Information Society at Work  
CJ 190 Controversies in Criminal Justice  
CM 190 Green Building & Sustainability  
COMM 190 Media Literacy in the Age of Social Media  
COMM 199 Leadership Communication  
CS 191 How Does Software Work?  
EDCI 191 Teachers, Schools, and Society  
ENGL 190 Freshman Seminar in Literature  
ENGL 191 Freshman Seminar in Creative Writing  
ENGR 190 Technology Systems  
ENGR 199 Engineering Freshman Seminar (*Engineering majors only*)  
ENT 195 Social Entrepreneurship  
ENVH 190 From Black Death to Bioterrorism -The Public Health Solution  
FPA 190 Freshman Seminar: Fine and Performing Arts  
FIN 195 You and Your Money  
GEOL 191 Geology, Landscapes, & the Human Psyche  
HIST 190 Freshman Seminar  
HSCC 191 Does Inequality Make You Sick?  
HSCC 192 Intro to Health Professions  
JPN 190 An Introduction to Japanese Popular Culture  
LAW 195 Contemporary Legal Issues  
MATH 192 Fractals: The Geometry of Nature  
MATH 193 Cryptography: The Science of Secrets  
MKT 195 Trends in Marketing  
MUS 190 First-Year Seminar  
MUS 191 Integral Arts  
ND 190 Personal Nutrition  
PAR 190 Freedom, Culture, & Utopia  
PAR 193 Cults & Covens: Investigating New Religious Movements  
PSC 190 Freshman Seminar in Political Science  
PSY 190 Freshman Seminar  
RTH 190 Disability as Diversity  
SM 195 Sports Talk  
SOC 195 Sociology of Black America  
USI 190 Research and Critical Inquiry

**THE PERSPECTIVES (18 HOURS)**

**NOTE: Courses used to meet Liberal Studies requirements (with the exception of Upper Level Perspective) may be used simultaneously to meet other requirements, including requirements in the major.**

**UPPER LEVEL PERSPECTIVE (ULP) (300-400 level)**

**One of the perspectives categories must be met with an upper-level perspective course that is outside of the discipline of the major. ULPs are bolded. Students should not enroll in courses numbered above their class rank without permission of the department offering the course.**

**P1. Social Sciences, 6 hours (2 courses)**

*Courses must be taken in two different disciplines*

ANTH 110 Introduction to Archaeology  
ANTH 115 Introduction to Biological Anthropology  
**ANTH 432** Bioanthropology of Race  
ASI 250 Introduction to Appalachian Studies  
BA 133 Introduction to Business  
ECON 231 Introductory Microeconomics & Social Issues  
ECON 232 Introductory Macroeconomics & Social Issues  
**ENGR 435** Technology and Society  
ENVH 200 Introduction to Public Health  
**ENVH 300** Occupational Health  
FIN 210 Managing your Money for Financial Success  
**FIN 350** So You Want To Be A Millionaire  
LAW 105 Introduction to Law  
**LAW 406** Media Law  
**MKT 409** Negotiations/Relationship Marketing  
**PRM 323** Leisure & The Pursuit of Happiness  
PSC 101 American Government & Politics  
**PSC 323** The Nonprofit Sector  
PSY 150 General Psychology  
**PSY 320** Developmental Psychology: Childhood  
**PSY 331** Human Sexuality  
**RTH 300** Health & Healing: The Spirit-Mind-Body Connection  
SOC 103 Human Society  
SOC 235 Social Problems  
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**SOC 414** Race and Ethnicity  
SOCW 251 Social Issues, Policy, & Programs  
**SOCW 354** Human Behavior & the Social Environment  
**SOCW 402** Diversity in Contemporary Society

**P2. Category Has Changed to Core 5 (Physical & Biological Sciences)**

**P3. History, 3 hours**

HIST 107 World Cultures in Historical Perspective  
HIST 131 North American History to 1865  
HIST 132 US History Since 1865  
HIST 210 African History to 1880  
HIST 211 African History Since 1880  
HIST 212 Colonial Latin America  
HIST 213 Modern Latin America  
HIST 218 Modern Asia  
HIST 220 Ancient Empires: 3000BCE-CE300  
HIST 221 The Birth of Europe: 312-1517  
HIST 222 European History Since 1517  
HIST 233 US Legal History  
HIST 234 Immigration and Ethnicity in US History  
HIST 235 History of American Sports  
HIST 236 Native American Lives  
HIST 237 African American History  
HIST 238 History of American Pop Culture: Music, Movies, & Media  
HIST 239 American Women's History  
HIST 240 History of Hip-Hop  
HIST 250 Urban History: Cities and Suburbs in the US  
**HIST 303** The African Diaspora  
**HIST 308** Explorations in Regional History (Region varies)  
**HIST 311** Ancient Greece & Rome  
**HIST 315** Renaissance and Reformation  
**HIST 317** History of 20th Century International Relations  
**HIST 330** Modern Germany  
**HIST 335** History of Capitalism  
**HIST 337** History of Slavery  
**HIST 341** North Carolina History  
**HIST 351** History of American Education  
**MATH 301** History of the Scientific Revolution

**P4. Humanities, 3 hours**

CS 210 Internet Security and Ethics  
**ECON 344** Ethics of Capitalism  
ENGL 203 The Literature of Rebellion, Revolution, and Resistance  
ENGL 205 Latin American and Caribbean Literature in Translation  
ENGL 206 Literature and the Environment  
ENGL 207 Popular Literature & Culture  
ENGL 208 LGBTQ+ Literature  
ENGL 209 Past Times: Literature & History  
ENGL 210 Contemporary African American Literature  
**ENGL 333** Introduction to Shakespeare  
**ENGL 350** The Renaissance  
**ENGL 351** The Beats, Radicals, & Avant-Garde Literature  
**ENGL 352** The Journey in Literature  
**ENGL 353** Stories Retold  
**ENGL 367** Appalachian Literature  
**ENGL 368** Film Genres  
**ENGL 390** The Bible as Literature  
GBS 200 Introduction to Black Studies  
HIST 271 Religion in America  
HIST 281 Transformations in European Religious History  
LAW 201 Individual Rights  
**LAW 306** Women & The Law  
**LAW 412** Business Ethics & Corporate Responsibility  
PAR 101 Western Philosophical Traditions  
PAR 102 Western Moral Traditions  
PAR 121 Religious Ethics: Global Faiths & Moral Problems  
PAR 146 Judaism, Christianity & Islam  
PAR 201 Philosophy of Sex & Love  
PAR 250 Origins of Early Christianity  
**PAR 304** Ancient Greek and Roman Thought  
**PAR 306** Early Modern Philosophy: From Copernicus to Kant

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**PAR 307** Existentialism and Beyond  
**PAR 309** Philosophy in & of Film  
**PAR 310** Philosophy of Art  
**PAR 312** Philosophy of Religion  
**PAR 313** Philosophy of Law  
**PAR 315** Philosophy of Mind  
**PAR 317** Feminist Thought  
**PAR 319** Philosophy of Race  
**PAR 320** Classics  
**PAR 330** Wilderness: Ethics and Aesthetics in the American Landscape  
**PAR 332** Biomedical Ethics: Healthcare & Social Justice  
**PAR 333** Environmental and Animal Ethics  
**PAR 365** Medieval Thought: Faith & Reason from Empire to Enlightenment  
**PAR 366** Science, Religion & Knowledge  
**PRM 365** Nature Rx  
**SM 340** Sport Ethics

**P5. Fine & Performing Arts, 3 hours**

ART 104 Introduction to the Visual Arts  
DA 259 Dance Appreciation  
FPA 101 Experiencing the Arts  
**FTP 340** Filmmakers on Filmmaking  
IDES 250 Introduction to Interior Design  
MUS 101 Music Appreciation  
MUS 102 Music in American Culture  
MUS 103 Women & Popular Music  
**MUS 300** Country Music: A Cultural & Stylistic History  
**MUS 302** History of Rock Music  
**MUS 304** Jazz Appreciation  
THEA 104 The Theatre Experience

**P6. World Cultures, 3 hours**

Satisfied if student passes Modern Foreign Language (MFL) 101, 102, 140, 231, 232, 240, or 301. Only three credit hours earned in MFL apply to P6 category.

ANTH 120 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
**BA 304** Business Communications in a Multicultural Environment  
CHER 101 Experiencing Cherokee & Cherokee-Speaking World  
CHIN 101 Modern Chinese: Language & Culture I  
**CM 365** Construction and Culture  
**COMM 415** Intercultural Communication  
**EDCI 305** Global Educational Systems  
**ENGL 363** Globalization & Global Literatures  
**ENGL 366** Literature and Immigration  
**ENGR 365** Global Engineering & Technology  
ENVH 210 Introduction to Global Health  
FREN 101 Beginning French I  
GEOG 103 Cultural Geography  
GEOG 140 Introduction to Geography  
**GEOG 440** Explorations in Regional Geography  
GER 101 Beginning German I  
HSCC 205 Women's Health  
**HSCC 420** Cultural Diversity for Health Care Practitioners  
HT 238 Travel and Tourism  
JPN 101 Beginning Japanese I  
LATX 220 Introduction to U.S. Latinx Studies  
**MKT 407** Global Consumer Culture  
**MUS 303** The World of Music  
**ND 310** Food, Nutrition & Culture  
PAR 145 Religions of Asia  
PAR 251 Islam, Past and Present  
PAR 260 Religion, Gender, Sexuality  
**PAR 323** Mysticism  
**PAR 342** What is Religion?  
**PAR 353** Religion in Film  
**PAR 354** Suffering: Religion, Literature & the Moral Imagination  
**PAR 356** Buddhism  
**PAR 357** Hinduism  
**PAR 367** Native American Religions  
**PRM 322** International Adventure Travel & Global Citizenship  
PSC 169 World Order & Disorder: Exploring Global Politics  
**SM 350** Global Sport and Culture  
SOC 160 Chinese Culture and Society  
SPAN 101 Beginning Spanish I