LAS Interdisciplinary (LASI)

Courses numbered 100 to 299 = lower-division; 300 to 499 = upper-division; 500 to 799 = undergraduate/graduate.

LASI 100. Pass Program 2 credit hours
PASS, Personal and Academic Success Seminar, studies the university as a resource for personal development and the development of an individual master plan for study and self-development in the university. Created specifically for the first-time WSU student-athlete, the course assists students in developing and refining personal and academic success skills. Also provides opportunities for one-on-one interaction with other students as well as WSU faculty and staff. Course is required for NCAA student-athletes new to campus.

LASI 100A. Returning Adults 1 credit hour
A special class for adults who have been out of school one year or more. Helps adults learn more about themselves and about Wichita State University. Covers career information, interest testing and interpretation, educational planning and other activities. Graded Cr/NCr.

LASI 101. Introduction to the University 1-3 credit hours
Designed especially for first-year students. A gateway to WSU faculty, staff and resources and a toolkit for academic success at WSU. Students learn skills in critical thinking, university-level reading, studying, test taking, and library research. They gain insight into issues of teaching and learning styles, diversity of thought and culture, personal finances, health, and the benefits of engagement in student organizations. Students learn to use online and printed resources as tools to find important information about academic policies and procedures, and WSU campus resources such as advising, counseling services, and career exploration. Students learn to use the WSU computer system for tasks such as enrollment, dropping and adding courses, and checking financial aid status. Students also learn to value and to participate in a collaborative advising process where students and advisers share responsibilities, and they begin to establish long- and short-term academic goals, leading to a realistic individual plan for graduation. Students who actively participate in this course have a proven record of academic success and an improved graduation rate. Offered in a variety of formats, including online. Students earn a letter grade in this course.

LASI 102. Career Exploration 2 credit hours
Involves students in the career/life, educational planning and decision-making process based on career development theories. Uses various assessments and exercises to explore values, interests and skills as they relate to career choice. Students research occupations and gain knowledge of labor market trends. Course content assists in exploration of college major and career path choice or change. Addresses current workplace issues. Graded Cr/NCr.

LASI 170. Introduction to Library Research 1 credit hour
Students learn to locate and retrieve information in both print and electronic formats, including the Internet, and learn to distinguish between scholarly research and nonscholarly publications. Students learn how to develop and carry out research strategies on any topic.

LASI 190. Inquiry in Liberal Arts and Sciences 3 credit hours
Introduces the liberal arts and sciences as the foundation of the university education. Team taught by faculty from the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. Topics of general interest from various disciplinary perspectives and ways of knowing. Students gain insights which may guide them towards majors, areas of concentration and their own pursuit of understanding.

LASI 201. Introduction to Great Plains Studies 3 credit hours
For students pursuing the certificate in Great Plains Studies. Acquaints students with the Great Plains region-its physical characteristics and historical and contemporary issues which concern scholars and residents of the region. Students read and discuss texts focusing on the Great Plains from various disciplinary perspectives. Prerequisite: admission to Great Plains Studies certificate program or instructor's consent.

LASI 281. Cooperative Education 1-4 credit hours
Provides employment opportunities or approves current employment, when appropriate, to integrate academic theory with planned professional experience. Individualized programs must be formulated in consultation with, and approved by, appropriate faculty sponsors. May be repeated. Graded Cr/NCr.

LASI 281A. Cooperative Education 1-4 credit hours
Introduces the student to professional practice by working in industry in an academically-related job and provides a planned professional experience designed to complement and enhance the student's academic program. Individualized programs must be formulated in consultation with, and approved by, appropriate faculty sponsors and cooperative education coordinators. Intended for students who will be working full time on their co-op assignment and need not be enrolled in any other course. Graded Cr/NCr unless student has received permission before enrolling for course to be used as an elective. May be repeated.

LASI 300. Global Issues 3 credit hours
General education advanced issues and perspectives course. Taught by faculty from many colleges and disciplines. Emphasizes challenges in the global village. May include peace and war, energy, social equality, the arts and technology, poetry and power, cultural differences, genetics, economic strategies, the environment, and health and education. May be applied to any of the disciplines of the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. Course includes diversity content.

LASI 350. Workshop 1-3 credit hours
Meets identified needs of specific audiences.

LASI 390. LAS: Issues & Perspectives 3 credit hours
Offers an opportunity to consider personal, intellectual, and social issues and perspectives engaging in interdisciplinary strategies employed by a team of collaborating faculty from the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Prerequisites: completion of basic skills courses and at least three introductory courses from fine arts, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and natural sciences included in the general education program. This issues and perspectives course can be applied to any of the disciplines of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.

LASI 398. Travel Seminar 1-4 credit hours
An interdisciplinary travel seminar which allows a student traveling abroad to gain credit for the study of culture, art, literature, architecture; and political, social, scientific and economic conditions while visiting historic places of interest. Students may enroll under the direction of a faculty member in any department in Fairmount College.

LASI 398A. Travel Seminar - Russia 1-4 credit hours
An interdisciplinary travel seminar which allows a student traveling abroad to gain credit for the study of culture, art, literature, architecture; and political, social, scientific and economic conditions while visiting historic places of interest. Students may enroll under the direction of a faculty member in any department in Fairmount College.

LASI 479. International Student Exchange 3-18 credit hours
The International Student Exchange Program encourages undergraduate students to attend a university outside the U.S. while retaining full-time student status and paying regular tuition at WSU. A student who wishes
to enter this program must apply. Application forms may be obtained from the WSU Office of International Education; next, the student meets with his or her assigned program adviser to request academic and course equivalent approval to attend the proposed university. Upon approval from the student's WSU program, application may be completed. The enrollment designation above documents the status and the tuition payment of the student enrolled in ISEP for the duration of the residence at the collaborating university. At the end of the exchange semester, all coursework from the selected university is transferred to WSU. At that time, the transfer course(s) replace the LASI hours of enrollment with only the International Student Exchange Program designation remaining on the transcript. Repeatable for two enrollment periods or a maximum of 30 credit hours.

LASI 480. National Student Exchange 1-18 credit hours
The National Student Exchange program encourages students to attend another university for a semester while retaining full-time student status and paying regular tuition at WSU. All coursework from the selected university is transferred to Wichita State at the end of the exchange semester. At that time, the transfer course replaces the WSU hours, with only the National Student Exchange designation remaining on the transcript. This enrollment designation documents the full-time status and the tuition payment of the student enrolled in the NSE program for the duration of the residence at the collaborating university. Repeatable for credit one time.

LASI 481. Cooperative Education 1-4 credit hours
Provides employment opportunities or approves current employment, when appropriate, to integrate academic theory with planned professional experience. Individualized programs must be formulated in consultation with, and approved by, appropriate faculty sponsors. May be repeated. Graded Cr/NCr.

LASI 481A. Cooperative Education 1-4 credit hours
Introduces the student to professional practice by working in industry in an academically-related job and provides a planned professional experience designed to complement and enhance the student's academic program. Individualized programs must be formulated in consultation with, and approved by, appropriate faculty sponsors and cooperative education coordinators. Intended for students who will be working full time on their co-op assignment and need not be enrolled in any other course. Graded Cr/NCr unless student has received permission before enrolling for course to be used as an elective. May be repeated. Prerequisites: junior standing and approval by the appropriate faculty sponsor.

LASI 481I. Noncredit Internship 0 credit hours
Complements and enhances the student's academic program by providing an opportunity to apply and acquire knowledge in a workplace environment as an intern. Prerequisite: departmental consent.

LASI 481N. Internship 1-4 credit hours
Complements and enhances the student's academic program by providing an opportunity to apply and acquire knowledge in a workplace environment as an intern. Graded Cr/NCr. Prerequisite: departmental consent.

LASI 501. Great Plains Experience 1-3 credit hours
Offered during fall and spring semesters as a 1-hour field experience and in the summer session as a 3-hour field experience. For students in the Great Plains Studies certificate program. Visit museums, archaeological and archeological sites, nature preserves, and other places of significance in Great Plains Studies. Prerequisite: LASI 201 or 800 or instructor's consent.

LASI 510. Great Plains Seminar 3 credit hours
For students completing the Great Plains Studies certificate program. Focuses on contemporary issues and critical contexts for research.