WSU General - Education (WSUD)

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

WSUD 101.  Introduction to the University - Education  3 credit hours
Designed especially for first-year students in their first semester at WSU, this course prepares students to succeed in college. Helps students form connections with each other, with faculty, with campus services and with the institution as a whole. It assists students in developing intellectually, emotionally and socially. It provides information and training about: college expectations, academic majors, careers and life planning; study skills and test taking, teaching and learning styles, respecting diversity of thought and culture, critical thinking, leadership, university policies and procedures, managing time and money, health and wellness, and the benefits of engagement in student organizations. Encourages and supports students as they adjust to college life and promotes reflective learning. In addition to other course projects, students create an individualized graduation plan through a collaborative process that involves academic advisers, the course instructor and peer mentors assigned to the course. Students who successfully complete this course have greater academic success and an improved rate of graduation compared to students who do not take this class.

WSUD 102A.  First-Year Seminar: Superheroes Go to School  3 credit hours
*General education introductory course.* Designed for freshmen/first-year students. Includes examinations of common superhero attributes and narratives, specifically in school or educational settings. Content is applied to projects related to personal development, synergetic collaboration, service outreach, and strategic preparation for ongoing learning and growth. *Course includes diversity content.*

WSUD 102B.  First-Year Seminar: Race and Ethnicity in Modern America  3 credit hours
*General education introductory course.* Examines race as a fundamental part of American life and society. Discusses race as a result of how people divide and categorize themselves and others based on physical differences, which then take on nonphysical meanings (intelligence, worth, morality). Students are asked to think and talk about how the concept of race has played a role in their own lives and formative years, as well as to reflect on scholarship on race and current debates/dilemmas. *Course includes diversity content.*