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**STATE UNIVERSITY**

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## Liberal Studies

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# Meet Your Advisor!

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CLS ADVISING



# Advisor Availability Fall 2025

CLS Advising Center

Monday-Friday

8:00 AM-5:00 PM

By appointment, schedule via NavMSU

Drop-in hours: 9:00-11:00 AM, 2:00-4:00 PM



# Academic Advisors

- Our goal is to assist with...
  - Developing your academic goals
  - Understanding curricula and policies
  - Academic planning
  - Building connections with student support resources
    - Clubs, tutoring, faculty, department opportunities



# Student Responsibilities

**What do you need to be aware of as the student?**

# Student Responsibilities

- DegreeWorks and MyInfo
  - Familiarize yourself with your DegreeWorks and MyInfo accounts to understand your progress toward graduation.
- Deadlines
  - Understand important deadlines for each semester – last day to drop/add classes, refund schedule, withdrawal schedule.
- Registration and Advising
  - To register for classes each semester, you'll need to meet with your assigned academic advisor to choose classes and receive your registration pin.
- Speak up
  - If anything is confusing or does not sound right, please make sure to ask. We are always here to help and answer questions.

# Things to Consider

## Scholarships

- If you have a scholarship, be sure to understand the requirements. Most scholarships require students to attempt 30 credits per year.

## Timeline

- 15 credits per semester is ideal for students to graduate on a 4-year timeline.
- Do not exceed 5 classes this Fall. If you feel that 5 classes is too much, come speak with an advisor.





# Advisor Responsibilities

**What are my responsibilities as an academic advisor?**





# Advisor Responsibilities

"Academic advising at MSU is a collaborative process between students, faculty, and professional advisors designed to empower students to discover who they are as learners, where their academic interests lie, and how their University experience will shape their lives."

Engage in the advising process.

Be knowledgeable about academic policies, procedures, and deadlines.

Facilitate student understanding of policies and major requirements

Maintain student confidentiality.

Hold advising hours by drop-in or appointment, assist with registration, and follow up on appointments.

# Liberal Studies Program

- Majors
  - Environmental Science
  - Global and Multicultural Studies
  - Quaternity
  - Quaternity Online
- Minors
  - Sustainability Studies and Environmental Stewardship
  - Global Health
  - Global Studies





# Core Requirements

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CORE 2.0</b>
Check your Major Block for requirements that also fulfill CORE 2.0 requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> University Seminar (US)
<input type="checkbox"/> College Writing (W)
<input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative Reasoning (Q)
<input type="checkbox"/> Diversity (D)
<input type="checkbox"/> Contemp Issues & Inquiry Nat Sci or Permitted Subs
Choose either (one CS and one IN) or (any two Permitted Substitutions)
<input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Science (CS) & Natural Science (IN)
<input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Issues in Science (CS)
<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry to Natural Science (IN)
<input type="checkbox"/> Permitted Substitutions for (CS) & (IN)
<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry to Arts - Non-Music Majors (IA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry to Arts (IA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry to Arts - Music (IA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry to Humanities (IH)
<input type="checkbox"/> Inquiry to Social Science (IS)
<input type="checkbox"/> Research Core (R, RN, RA, RS, RH)

CORE cannot be shared with the major!

\*exceptions for environmental studies and capstone

## Essential Elements of a Montana State University Education

# The MSU Core

The MSU Core Curriculum integrates education in communication, thinking and problem solving, and local and global citizenship with knowledge and experiences in the natural, social and mathematical sciences, the arts, and the humanities. The MSU Core Qualities deepen the experience of the MSU undergraduate education, enhance health and well-being, enrich disciplinary pursuits, and establish MSU's graduates as lifelong learners and engaged citizens.

## MSU Core Qualities

**MSU graduates are effective communicators** who use written, spoken and visual communication to create meaning, build relationships, foster understanding and persuade.

**MSU graduates are thinkers and problem solvers** who reason using relevant evidence gathered through scholarly, disciplinary and interdisciplinary methods.

**MSU graduates are local and global citizens** who demonstrate effective strategies to listen and respond to others.

The MSU Core Curriculum is a series of ten Perspectives courses that expose students to the diversity of knowledge and methods that provide a foundation for life-long learning and integrate the teaching of all three of the MSU Core Qualities through course content.

## Where can I find answers to my questions about the MSU Core Curriculum?

- Visit [www.montana.edu/msu-core/index.html](http://www.montana.edu/msu-core/index.html)
- See your academic advisor
- Contact Advising Commons at [www.montana.edu/advising](http://www.montana.edu/advising)  
130 Gaines Hall  
406-994-3532  
[advising@montana.edu](mailto:advising@montana.edu)



## Core Perspectives

- University Seminar (US)
- Written Communication (W)
- Quantitative Reasoning (Q)
- Diversity (D)
- Contemporary Issues in Science (CS)
- Research and Creative Experience (R)
- Inquiry Arts (IA)
- Inquiry Humanities (IH)
- Inquiry Social Science (IS)
- Inquiry Natural Science (IN)

# Integrative Studies - Quaternity

- 15 Credits for each area, 6 of which must be upper division

<input type="checkbox"/> INTEGRATIVE STUDIES	
These courses cannot overlap with CORE.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts	Art history, creative writing, Film, music, photography, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Humanities	American Studies, history, philosophy, religious studies, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Science	Biology, earth sciences, community health, nutrition, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Science	Political science, psychology, Sociology, Business, etc.

LS 350: Lit Review  
LS 499R: Capstone



# Major Requirements: Environmental Studies

- (59 Credits )

<input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION COURSES		
GPHY 121D cannot overlap with CORE; an additional Diversity Core course must be taken.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Principles of Biological Diversity	✓ BIOB170IN	} 17 Cr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Earth System Sciences	✓ EARTH101IN	
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Geography	GPHY121D	
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to Statistics	✓ STAT216Q	
<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy & Environmental Ethics	PHL322 or HSTA470	
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Capstone		
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Science Electives	21 Cr.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy Electives	21 Cr.	

LS 350: Lit Review  
LS499R: Capstone

# Global & Multicultural Studies

- (50 Credits)

<input type="checkbox"/> Modern Language	3 classes (9-11 Cr) of any of these languages
<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	
<input type="checkbox"/> French	
<input type="checkbox"/> German	
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	
<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	

GH 100: Intro to World Cultures  
GH 327: Translating Global Cinema  
LS 350: Lit Review  
LS499R: Capstone

<input type="checkbox"/> Global & Multicultural Electives	27 cr
<input type="checkbox"/> AREA STUDIES	
Area of Study is strongly recommended to correspond with chosen foreign language	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asia	12 cr of any of these areas each
<input type="checkbox"/> Europe	
<input type="checkbox"/> Latin America	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Studies	
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Studies	



# Environmental Studies Recommended Schedule

Class	Credits
US Core (LS101US) <b>OR</b> W Core	3
BIOB170IN	4
GPHY121D	3
IH core (choose one from the Blue sheet)	3
CS, IS, or IA Core (choose one from the Blue sheet)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

# Global and Multicultural Studies

Class	Credits
US Core (LS101US) <b>OR</b> W Core	3
Foreign Language (placement)	3
GH 100IH	3
IS Core (Choose one from the blue sheet)	3
IN, CS, <b>OR</b> IA Core (Choose one from the blue sheet)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>



# Quaternity

Class	Credits
US core (LS101US) OR W Core	3
Foreign Language (placement)	3
IS Core (Choose one from the blue sheet)	3
IN OR CS Core (Choose one from the blue sheet)	3
D OR IA Core (Choose one from the blue sheet)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

# Questions?

