

## **Worcester State University Bachelor of Science or Arts in Liberal Studies Teach-Out Plan**

### **For Becker College Undergraduate Integrated Studies and Undeclared Students**

#### **CURRENT BECKER COLLEGE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS**

The Integrated Studies Bachelor of Science degree at Becker College has two options. The first combines 12 credits each from

- Arts and Humanities
- Sciences
- Business/Math/Design
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

The second combines any two minors. For both options, there are two required courses, INTG 1001: Fundamentals of Integrated Studies and INTG 4900 Senior Seminar, and students also have the option of completing an INTG 3900 Internship.

Worcester State University's Liberal Studies program is similar. It requires a core minor that must be completed at WSU plus a second minor, a concentration, or a cluster of courses that, when combined with the core minor, form a cohesive major. Minors at WSU range from 18 to 24 credits, with 18 being the most prevalent. There are two required courses, LS 190: Introduction to Liberal Studies and LS 490: Liberal Studies Capstone. There is also LS 410: Liberal Studies Internship. In LS 190, students learn about interdisciplinary study and develop their unique major based on the Liberal Studies requirements and their interests. In LS 490, students bring together all of the work they have done in their major and develop a culminating project based on it. Both courses have significant components specific to WSU. Liberal Studies requires 39 credits across the two areas, with at least 9 credits at the 300 or 400 level (not including LS 490). The BA or BS is determined according to the program of the core minor. Except for students coming with 105 Becker credits, incoming students may choose their WSU minor from every available minor at WSU.

INTG 3900 should transfer in as LS 410. However, because the INTG 1001 and 4900 courses are specific to Becker College's Integrated Studies program and LS 190 and 490 are specific to WSU's Liberal Studies program, the Becker College courses are not equivalent. Students coming from Becker will need to take LS 190 when beginning at WSU and LS 490 when completing their Liberal Studies major. At the same time, INTG 1001 and 4900 are valuable courses that support the overall Liberal Studies approach, and so these courses will count as part of the second Liberal Studies area and thereby reduce the credit load in that area.

Because a Becker student in either option would need to use courses from Becker for Area 2, the same plan would apply for both Option 1 and Option 2 students. In addition, because of the flexibility of Area 2 at WSU, it is very likely that some if not all of the Area 2 requirement could be satisfied with courses transferred from Becker College. This holds as well for undeclared students: typically, at least for incoming first-semester juniors and seniors, it will be possible to determine a subset of Becker courses that could be part of a cohesive WSU Liberal Studies major course of study, while for incoming first-semester sophomores without courses that could contribute to Area 2, a slight adjustment to Plan 1 will still allow completion of most or all of both areas in three years at WSU. The expected number of transfer credits into Area 2 is given for each plan.

Please note the following:

1. Each student develops a unique Liberal Studies major in close consultation with the LS 190 instructor and LS advisor(s). Because of this uniqueness, the plans below can be adjusted to fit the precise needs of each student.
2. Minors range from six to eight courses, while Area 2 is more variable. Typically, a minimum of five courses would be required in Area 2, the average being six. It is possible that, with a large enough WSU Minor and some four-credit courses, as few as four courses would comprise Area 2.
3. Students could come to WSU with slightly more or less than the credits indicated for each year. Generally, the given plans can still be followed because of the flexibility each allows regarding the total number of credits in a given semester. For instance, a student coming in with 33 credits might choose to take only four 3-credit courses their first semester, while one coming in with 27 credits might choose to take 1 extra credit per semester for the Spring of 2022, Fall of 2022, and Spring of 2023.
4. Some students choose to do more than 39 credits for the LS major; these courses would replace LASC or Open Elective courses.
5. The three 300-400 level courses required have been listed with the WSU minor, because Area 2 is less likely to include a sequence of courses that would include prerequisites for 300-400 level courses; however, one or more required 300-400 level course could be in Area 2 rather than the WSU Minor.

*Plan 1: Student enters WSU with 15 Becker credits (second-semester first-year). Becker courses can be transferred into Area 2 of the WSU LS major. This will include INTG 1001 and assumes these 3 credits transferred into Area 2. A course in brackets indicates that it will be optional if the credit count from the other courses in a semester is approximately 15 or more.*

**Fall 2021 – Worcester State University**

LS 190	3 credits
WSU Minor Course 1	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 2	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective]	3-4 credits]

**Spring 2022 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 2	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 3	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective]	3-4 credits]

**Fall 2022 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 3	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 4	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective]	3-4 credits]

**Spring 2023 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 4 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 5, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Fall 2023 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 5 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 6 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 6, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Spring 2024 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 7, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 8, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 7, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 8, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Fall 2024 – Worcester State University**

LS 490 or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Becker College Total Credits:****15****Worcester State University Total Credits:****105****Total Degree Credits****120**

*Plan 2: Student enters WSU with 30 Becker credits (first-semester sophomore). Becker courses can be transferred into Area 2 of the WSU LS major. This will include INTG 1001 and assumes 6 credits transferred into Area 2. A course in brackets indicates that it will be optional if the credit count from the other courses in a semester is approximately 15 or more.*

**Fall 2021 – Worcester State University**

LS 190	3 credits
WSU Minor Course 1	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 3	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Spring 2022 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 2	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 4	3-4 credits

LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Fall 2022 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 3	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 4 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 5, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Spring 2023 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 5 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 6 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 6, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Fall 2023 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 7, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 8, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 7, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 8, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Spring 2024 – Worcester State University**

LS 490 or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

<b>Becker College Total Credits:</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Worcester State University Total Credits:</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Total Degree Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

*Plan 3: Student enters WSU with 45 Becker credits (second-semester sophomore). Becker courses can be transferred into Area 2 of the WSU LS major. This will include INTG 1001 and assumes 9 credits transferred into Area 2. A course in brackets indicates that it will be optional if the credit count from the other courses in a semester is approximately 15 or more.*

**Fall 2021 – Worcester State University**

LS 190	3 credits
WSU Minor Course 1	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 4	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Spring 2022 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 2	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 3	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 5, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Fall 2022 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 4 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 5 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 6, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Spring 2023 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 6 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 7, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 7, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 8, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Fall 2023 – Worcester State University**

LS 490 or Open Elective	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 8, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

<b>Becker College Total Credits:</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Worcester State University Total Credits:</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Total Degree Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

*Plan 4: Student enters WSU with 60 Becker credits (first-semester junior). Becker courses can be transferred into Area 2 of the WSU LS major. This will include INTG 1001 and assumes 12 credits transferred into Area 2. A course in brackets indicates that it will be optional if the credit count from the other courses in a semester is approximately 15 or more.*

**Fall 2021 – Worcester State University**

LS 190	3 credits
WSU Minor Course 1	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 2	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 4 or 5, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Spring 2022 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 3	3-4 credits
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WSU Minor Course 4 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 5 or 6, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 6 or 7, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Fall 2022 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 5 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 6 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 7 or 8, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 8, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Spring 2023 – Worcester State University**

LS 490 or Open Elective	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 7, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 8, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

<b>Becker College Total Credits:</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Worcester State University Total Credits:</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total Degree Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

*Plan 5: Student enters WSU with 75 Becker credits (first-semester junior). Becker courses can be transferred into Area 2 of the WSU LS major. This will include INTG 1001 and assumes 15 credits transferred into Area 2. A course in brackets indicates that it will be optional if the credit count from the other courses in a semester is approximately 15 or more.*

**Fall 2021 – Worcester State University**

LS 190	3 credits
WSU Minor Course 1	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 2	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 3	3-4 credits
[LASC course or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Spring 2022 – Worcester State University**

WSU Minor Course 4 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 5 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 6 (300-400 level)	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 5 or 6, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[Area 2 Course 6 or 7, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

**Fall 2022 – Worcester State University**

LS 490	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 7, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 8, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
Area 2 Course 6, 7, or 8, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits

[Area 2 Course 7 or 8, LASC course or Open Elective 3-4 credits]

<b>Becker College Total Credits:</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Worcester State University Total Credits:</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Degree Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

*Plan 6: Student enters WSU with 90 Becker credits (first-semester senior). Becker courses can be transferred into Area 2 of the WSU LS major. This will include INTG 1001 and possibly INTG 4900, and assumes 18 credits transferred into Area 2.*

**Fall 2021 – Worcester State University**

LS 190	3 credits*
WSU Minor Course 1	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 2	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 3	3-4 credits
[WSU Minor Course 4 (300-400 level) or Area 2 Course 7	3-4 credits]

\*WSU will run a Summer 2 LS 190 for any students who wish to take LS 190 then. Such students would then be able to take both WSU Minor Course 4 and Area 2 Course 7 if necessary, or a LASC course or Open Elective. This would be especially helpful if the student was going to need to take more than 15 credits in the fall or spring semester.

**Spring 2022 – Worcester State University**

LS 490	3 credits
WSU Minor Course 4 or 5 (300-400 level) or Area 2 Course 7 or 8	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 5 or 6 (300-400 level) or Area 2 Course 7 or 8	3-4 credits
WSU Minor Course 6 (300-400 level) or 7, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits
[WSU Minor Course 7 or 8, LASC course, or Open Elective	3-4 credits]

<b>Becker College Total Credits:</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Worcester State University Total Credits:</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total Degree Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

*Plan 7: Student enters WSU with 105 Becker credits (second-semester senior). Becker courses can be transferred into Area 2 of the WSU LS major. This will include INTG 1001 and possibly INTG 4900, and assumes 18 or more credits transferred into Area 2, and Area 2 will have to be satisfied through transfer credits. In order to complete the Liberal Studies degree at WSU, two things will be necessary. First, the incoming student will have to take LS 190 during the summer, as indicated. Second, WSU will have to agree to grant a special exception to the requirement that all courses of the core minor must be taken at WSU and allow two courses toward a minor to transfer in. There will still be one of two restrictions: (1) the student will need to choose a minor requiring only six total courses or (2) for one with seven required courses be willing to take six rather than five courses for the Fall of 2021.*

**Summer 2 2021 – Worcester State University**

LS 190	3 credits
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**Fall 2021 – Worcester State University**

LS 490

3 credits

WSU Minor Course 3

3-4 credits

WSU Minor Course 4 (300-400 level)

3-4 credits

WSU Minor Course 5 (300-400 level)

3-4 credits

WSU Minor Course 6 (300-400 level)

3-4 credits

[WSU Minor Course 7

3-4 credits]

**Becker College Total Credits:**

**105**

**Worcester State University Total Credits:**

**15**

**Total Degree Credits**

**120**