

# University Courses

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In addition to regular disciplinary courses, UIS offers a variety of university (UNI) courses. UNI courses provide specialized knowledge and skills in academic areas that augment the established components of the UIS curriculum, e.g., UNI 301 ECCE: Speakers Series .

## Courses

### UNI 101. College for First Year Students. 3 Hours.

This course develops academic skills to promote college success and life-long learning skills. Topics include planning, managing time, critical reading, note-taking, self-advocacy, and self-responsibility. Students complete a work that involves research and reflection. Course Information: This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Freshman Seminar.

### UNI 103. Academic Success Workshop. 1-3 Hours.

This course is designed as a practical means to assist freshman and sophomores who are on probation raise their grade point averages and return to good academic standing. Using the content of their current semester courses, students in UNI 103 acquire learning strategies, study habits, and management skills that lead to academic success. The abilities developed in UNI 103 continue to support academic performance in future classes. Course Information: Grade option available. For probationary freshman and sophomores with GPA less than 2.0.

### UNI 105. South Africa, Apartheid's Legacy. 3 Hours.

Using lecture, a variety of readings and media formats from diverse and relevant disciplines, this course will explore one of the foremost legacies of apartheid: distinct and often artificially created groups of citizens who for many generations have had very inequitable opportunities. Students will simultaneously be initiated in locating, using, and evaluating the information resources available to develop their own understanding of South Africa. Course Information: This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the areas of Comparative Societies Social Sciences.

### UNI 106. Diversity and the College Experience. 3 Hours.

This course is designed to promote understanding and appreciation of diversity; demonstrate how experiencing diversity can strengthen one's learning and supply specific strategies for making the most of diversity in college and beyond. Course Information: This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Freshman Seminar and Social and Behavioral Science.

### UNI 107. Transfer Athlete Workshop. 1 Hour.

This class is an elective course that is highly recommended for transfer athletes and is designed to assist students achieve their academic goals. Students learn about the University, its resources, and skills and techniques to help them succeed in college, as well as, NCAA and graduation requirements.

### UNI 205. ECCE: Academic and Career Development. 3 Hours.

This course is designed to build knowledge and skills relative to career development and exploration. Course Information: This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of Engagement Experience.

### UNI 215. Forensics Participation. 1,2 Hour.

Participation in oral interpretation, public address, and/or parliamentary debate. Students will participate in group practices, coaching sessions, and tournament competitions. Course Information: This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Visual, Creative, and Performing Arts.

### UNI 301. ECCE: Speakers Series. 1 Hour.

The Speakers Series offers students the opportunity to participate in discussions with influential speakers whose lectures compliment the Engaged Citizenship Common Experience curriculum. May be repeated up to a maximum of 2 hours. Course Information: Students are required to attend at least four official Speakers Series events with documented attendance and participation in the lectures and a reflection on the content through online discussion forums and an integrative reflective essay. This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of Speakers Series.

### UNI 307. Directed Study Skills. 2 Hours.

Presentation and practice of directed study techniques to support upper-division, content-area courses. Emphasis is on selection of study technique based on content material, course presentation style and format, textbook and related resources, and method of assessment (essay, short answer, etc.). Students will develop a personal study skill assessment identifying their preferred study style, skill strengths and weaknesses, time management style, and test preference. Course Information: Contact Center for Teaching and Learning at (217) 206-6503. Information can also be requested at [ctl@uis.edu](mailto:ctl@uis.edu). Credit/No Credit grading only.

### UNI 312. Scholarships & Awards Workshop. 1 Hour.

The course is intended to help high-performing students clarify their educational and career goals, evaluate their abilities, engage in activities that enhance their abilities and guide them in achieving their goals. Toward these ends, the course will prepare student to be competitive applicants for major scholarships during their undergraduate and graduate study. Though diverse in purposes and selection criteria, scholarships seek applicants with clear goals, self-understanding and a record that demonstrates these attributes.

### UNI 369. Writing/Speaking for International Students. 4-6 Hours.

This course provides practice in writing and speaking standard academic English. It is limited to students whose native language is not English. International students who do not pass the English proficiency examination are required to enroll in this course during their first term at UIS. Credits earned in this course may not be applied toward degree requirements. Permission of instructor is required. Contact: Center for Teaching and Learning at (217) 206-6503. Information can also be requested at [ctl@uis.edu](mailto:ctl@uis.edu). Course Information: Credit/No Credit grading only.

### UNI 399. Tutorial. 1-12 Hours.

Intended to supplement, not supplant, regular course offerings. Students interested in a tutorial must secure the consent of the faculty member concerned before registration and submit any required documentation to him or her.

**UNI 401. Library Research Methods. 3 Hours.**

In this introduction to the library research process, students learn how to use the print and electronic tools that provide access to information. Students learn how to plan an effective research strategy and find books, journal articles, data, Internet resources, and other sources of information related to typical academic assignments. The course is especially recommended for students unfamiliar with the research process at a large, computerized academic library. Contact: Dean's Office, Library Instructional Services, at (217) 206-6597.

**UNI 460. ECCE: Global Experience Seminar. 3-12 Hours.**

Periodically, UIS will offer study abroad seminars organized by UIS faculty and staff through the Global Experience Program. Seminars will be approved by the Global Experience Committee. Seminars will vary in content, location, and length. Contact: International Affairs Office at (217) 206-6678. Information can also be requested at isa@uis.edu. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours. This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the areas of Global Awareness or Engagement Experience.

**UNI 470. ECCE: Global Experience Exchange. 4-18 Hours.**

Students selected as exchange students with UIS affiliates will register for UNI 470 for the number of credits they anticipate earning through study at the host institution. Course Information: Prerequisite: Approval of the Global Experience Committee. This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the areas of Global Awareness or Engagement Experience.

**UNI 480. ECCE: Global Experience Program. 4-18 Hours.**

UIS provides its students with the option to study abroad at another institution through the Global Experience Program. Students who have been approved to study abroad by the Global Experience Committee will register for UNI 480 for the semester(s) they will be off-campus. Credit hours will vary and will be dependent on the number of credits taken abroad. Contact: International Affairs Office at (217) 206-6678. Information can also be requested at isa@uis.edu. Course Information: Credit/No Credit grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 18 hours. This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the areas of Global Awareness or Engagement Experience.

**UNI 490. ECCE: Global Experience Exchange ISEP. 4-16 Hours.**

Students selected as International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) students will register for UNI 490 for the number of credits determined appropriate by the International Program Office. Course Information: This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of Global Awareness or ECCE Elective.

**UNI 499. Tutorial. 1-12 Hours.**

Intended to supplement, not supplant, regular course offerings. Students interested in a tutorial must secure the consent of the faculty member concerned before registration and submit any required documentation to him or her. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours.