

## **Recommended University Studies Program\*** (32 minimum credits)

### **Foundations** (17 hours minimum – one course from each category)

*Students will display effective oral and written communication.*

*Students will demonstrate the ability to interpret, express, and define questions of natural phenomena by using the scientific method.*

*Students will demonstrate use of mathematical reasoning to define and interpret questions and to build and express informed conclusions.*

- Oral Communication
- Written Communication
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Scientific Inquiry and Methodologies (must include lab)
- One additional course to fulfill the BA/BS Degree Requirements  
(BS: a natural science or mathematics/statistics course; BA: a foreign language course\*\*)

### **The Human Experience** (15 hours – one course from each category)

*Students will display a rich understanding of the process, meaning and value of creativity and creative expression.*

*Students will demonstrate critical thinking in application of ethical and enduring questions.*

*Students will demonstrate an understanding of the complexities of diverging perspectives, both current and historical.*

*Students will demonstrate understanding of the interconnectedness of human behavior and the human experience.*

*Students will demonstrate an understanding of the importance of participating as well-informed citizens in a diverse and global society.*

- Literary and Philosophical Perspectives  
(Humanities, Literature, Philosophy)
- Historical Perspectives  
(World Civilizations, World History)
- Creative Perspectives  
(Art, Creative Writing, Music, Theatre)
- Social and Behavioral Perspectives  
(Social/Behavioral Sciences)
- Culture and Diverse Perspectives and Responsible Citizenship  
(Courses from a variety of disciplines. Courses must address Culture/Diversity **and** Responsible Citizenship)

### **Additional Bachelor's Degree Requirements**

- Experiential Education Activity
- Technology Intensive course (currently required)
- Writing Intensive course (currently required)

## **Proposed new University Studies Mission Statement:**

The Murray State University Studies curriculum prepares students to participate as critical thinkers, effective communicators, and discerning citizens within their academic programs and communities. Emphasizing diversity, global awareness, and intellectual curiosity, the University Studies curriculum complements our academic programs and fosters scholarship and understanding of the rich human experience.

### **\* Limitations:**

- University Studies courses may not “narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession.” (SACS-COC)
- No more than 8 credit hours can be used to satisfy requirements for both University Studies and the major/area (“double dipping”).
- University Studies courses must explicitly and directly meet the category’s Learning Outcomes.
- All University Studies classes must be published on Canvas (or current LMS).
- All University Studies classes must provide Learning Outcome assessment artifacts via Canvas (or current LMS).

\*\*The BA requires a minimum of one foreign language course. Disciplines are encouraged, but not required to include additional foreign language coursework as part of the major/area degree requirements.