

WESTERN WATERSHED GENERAL EDUCATION (WWGE)

WWGE 101. Headwaters Studies in Sustainability. (2 Credits)

An introduction to the Western campus community and the transformative potential of the Western Watershed liberal arts education. Students will develop their academic and professional skills through experiences such as discussions, service projects, workshops, or local field excursions. They will also develop life skills with academic and professional coursework. This course satisfies the Braided Stream requirement for Sustainability and focuses on human relationships with the natural environment and more-than-human life over time. Transfer students may meet this requirement with a similar course from another university or by completing an additional Further Inquiry course.

WWGE 102. Headwaters Studies in Global Knowledge. (2 Credits)

An introduction to the Western campus community and the transformative potential of the Western Watershed liberal arts education. Students will develop their academic and professional skills through experiences such as discussions, service projects, workshops, or local field excursions. They will also develop life skills with academic and professional coursework. This course satisfies the Braided Stream requirement for Global Knowledge and focuses on global systems that make up our shared, interconnected, and complex world. Transfer students may meet this requirement with a similar course from another university or by completing an additional Further Inquiry course.

WWGE 103. Headwaters Studies in Power and Justice. (2 Credits)

An introduction to the Western campus community and the transformative potential of the Western Watershed liberal arts education. Students will develop their academic and professional skills through experiences such as discussions, service projects, workshops, or local field excursions. They will also develop life skills with academic and professional coursework. This course satisfies the Braided Stream requirement for Power and Justice. The course focuses on how power, citizenship, class, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, and/or sexuality influence perceptions, agency, and opportunity. Transfer students may meet this requirement with a similar course from another university or by completing an additional Further Inquiry course.

WWGE 104. Headwaters Studies in Local Knowledge. (2 Credits)

An introduction to the Western campus community and the transformative potential of the Western Watershed liberal arts education. Students will develop their academic and professional skills through experiences such as discussions, service projects, workshops, or local field excursions. They will also develop life skills with academic and professional coursework. This course satisfies the Braided Stream requirement for Local Knowledge. The course uses place-based principles to focus on our shared community and environment. Expect to participate in service-learning or out of classroom activities. Transfer students may meet this requirement with a similar course from another university or by completing an additional Further Inquiry course.

WWGE 133. The Good Life. (3 Credits)

A transdisciplinary course that includes philosophy, history, recreation, exercise science, sociology and psychology to analyze what makes a “good life” and provides ideas on how to live it. We begin with ancient philosophy to see how they viewed the good life, analyze how that vibes with modern psychology, connect to healthy behaviors and nature immersion, consider the role of ethics in our lives, and include the idea of community as an essential part of a good life. Students use readings, podcasts, and videos to learn different aspects of the Good Life, and report on the implementation of these ideas in their lives.

WWGE 150. Mountaineer Momentum: Strategies for College Success. (3 Credits)

This course helps students get on track and move forward with confidence. In this course, students develop real-world tools to manage time, study smarter, and stay motivated, without feeling overwhelmed. Through hands-on activities, guest speakers, guided reflection, and dedicated work time, students build habits that actually work for you. They will learn how to balance academics with life, boost their confidence, and use campus resources to their advantage. Prerequisites: freshman or sophomore standing; or instructor permission.

WWGE 197. Special Topics. (1-6 Credits)

WWGE 297. Special Topics. (1-6 Credits)

WWGE 301. Delta: Studies in Sustainability. (1 Credit)

A culminating junior-seminar for the Western liberal arts education. Students will utilize their expertise in their areas of study to participate in an interdisciplinary project that addresses timely critical issues. This course will address topics in Sustainability and satisfy a Braided Stream requirement in the same area. Prerequisite: Students must be of junior standing to register for the Delta seminar.

WWGE 302. Delta: Studies in Global Knowledge. (1 Credit)

A culminating junior-seminar for the Western liberal arts education. Students will utilize their expertise in their areas of study to participate in an interdisciplinary project that addresses timely critical issues. This course will address topics in Global Knowledge and satisfy a Braided Stream requirement in the same area. Prerequisite: Students must be of junior standing to register for the Delta seminar.

WWGE 303. Delta: Studies in Power and Justice. (1 Credit)

A culminating junior-seminar for the Western liberal arts education. Students will utilize their expertise in their areas of study to participate in an interdisciplinary project that addresses timely critical issues. This course will address topics in Power and Justice and satisfy a Braided Stream requirement in the same area. Prerequisite: Students must be of junior standing to register for the Delta seminar.

WWGE 304. Delta: Studies in Local Knowledge. (1 Credit)

A culminating junior-seminar for the Western liberal arts education. Students will utilize their expertise in their areas of study to participate in an interdisciplinary project that addresses timely critical issues. This course will address topics in Local Knowledge and satisfy a Braided Stream requirement in the same area. Prerequisite: Students must be of junior standing to register for the Delta seminar.