



Undergraduate Certificate in Experiential, Interdisciplinary Studies

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College of Arts and Sciences

Watauga Global Community

2013-2014

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Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade	Major GPA	Important Notes
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Semester One: [15-16 Credit Hours]

Course 1: WGC 1103: Investigations Local	6	1.0	3.0	
Course 2	3			
Course 3	3			
Course 4	3			
Course 5	3			

Semester Two: [15-16 Credit Hours]

Course 1: WGC 1104: Investigations Global	6	1.0	3.0	
Course 2	3			
Course 3	3			
Course 4	3			
Course 5	3			

Semester Three : [15-16 Credit Hours]

Course 1: WGC 2100-2199 or WGC 2300-2399 (Tangents)	3	1.0	3.0	
Course 2:	3			
Course 3	3			
Course 4	3			
Course 5	3			

Semester Four: [15-16 Credit Hours]

Course 1: WGC 2100-2199 or WGC 2300-2399 (Tangents)	3	1.0	3.0	
Course 2:	3			
Course 3	3			
Course 4	3			
Course 5	3			

Semester Five: [15-16 Credit Hours]

Course 1: WGC 3100-3199 or WGC 3300-3399 (Junior Seminar) or WGC 3500 (Mentored research project—Independent Study)	3	1.0	3.0	
Course 2:	3			
Course 3:	3			
Course 4	3			
Course 5	3			

Semester Six: [15-16 Credit Hours]



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Course 1	3			
Course 2	3			
Course 3	3			
Course 4	3			
Course 5	3			

Semester Seven: [15-16 Credit Hours]

Course 1	3			
Course 2	3			
Course 3	3			
Course 4	3			
Course 5	3			

Semester Eight: [15-16 Credit Hours]

Course 1	3			
Course 2	3			
Course 3	3			
Course 4	3			
Course 5	3			

General Requirements Summary				
Minimum Total Hours	Gen Ed. Hours	Writing	Minimum	
			Major GPA	Overall GPA
122	44	ENG 1000 and ENG 2001 (WGC 1103 and WGC 2001)	2.0	2.0

General Education Program Model - 44 Semester Hours Total		
Program Categories	Hours	Important Notes – <i>Be sure to check for Gen Ed courses required in your major</i>
First Year Seminar (WGC 1103)	3	Must be taken first semester of freshman year
Wellness Literacy	2	
Quantitative Literacy	4	
First Year Writing (WGC 1103)	3	Must be taken first semester of freshman year
Sophomore Writing (WGC 2001)	3	Can be taken when prerequisites are met
Perspectives:	29	
Aesthetic	6 or 9	



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Historical & Social		6 or 9		
Local to Global (WGC 1104)		6		
Science Inquiry		8		

Additional Notes:

- *Add information about Study Abroad and Summer School opportunities here.*
WGC 3500 (Independent Study—mentored research) can be part of a summer study abroad trip or a semester abroad.
- *Undergraduate Certificate In Experiential, Interdisciplinary Education:*
The above plan leads Watauga students to complete the requirements for the *Undergraduate Certificate In Experiential, Interdisciplinary Education:*

Undergraduate Certificate

In Experiential, Interdisciplinary Education

The Undergraduate Certificate in Experiential, Interdisciplinary Education is available to Appalachian State University students who participate in Watauga Global Community and who graduate with a bachelor’s degree. The certificate requires 21 hours of course work and at least 20 hours of service in the residential community including one capstone experience from III below. Students may combine their certificate requirements with requirements for other programs at Appalachian.

The following criteria must be met with a minimum GPA of 3.00:

- I. Successful completion of WGC 1103 (Investigations: Local) and 1104 (Investigations: Global): 12 semester hours
- II. Successful completion of two courses from Tangents (WGC 21__, 23__) or Junior Seminars (31__, or 33__): 6 semester hours
- III. Successful completion of one of the following for the Capstone Experience for 3 semester hours:

Course options:

- WGC 31__ or 33__ (Junior Seminar) after 18 semester hours of the above
- WGC 353_ (Pedagogy of Investigations: 2 semester hours)—TA in Investigations: Local or Global and accompanying one-hour Peer Leader course, WGC 3__

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- Other appropriate interdisciplinary courses with approval from the program director after 18 hours of the above.

Independent Experiential options:

- Semester abroad, registered for mentored research/independent study/selected topics (WGC 3500/WGC 353_) with WGC faculty and a presentation upon return
- WGC 3500 (3 hour research-oriented independent study) mentored by WGC faculty member, after 18 hours above
- Significant off campus experience enrolled as Independent Study (WGC 3500) or Selected Topics (WGC 353_) with WGC faculty member, or an appropriate course from the Writing in the Field program.

The scope and details of this experience will be determined by collaboration between the student and faculty member. It will require the application of skills acquired in the program, reflect the mission of the program, and follow successful completion of the first 18 hours of Watauga coursework. The course component connects this experience with the academic mission of the program.

The options for this experience include, but are not limited to, a major service project (coordinated with ACT), individual travel and adventure, and the type of work appropriate for a WGC “internship.”

All individual Experiential Options of the Capstone Experience require a public, interdisciplinary narrative presentation at an appropriate time following the experience.

How to Apply for the Individual Experiential Option:

Consult with the Watauga Global Community Program Director to identify the capstone experience prior to completion of 60 semester hours. The Capstone Proposal Form must be submitted by the end of September for a spring experience and by the end of February for a summer or fall experience.

Electronic Portfolio:

Compile all certificate documents into an electronic application portfolio. Submit this portfolio to the WGC Director at the completion of the Capstone experience, with the following documents:

- Research paper and file of presentation for both WGC 1103 and WGC 1104
- Final paper/project for Tangents/Junior Seminars
- Documentation of service (20-hour minimum)
- Reflective essay on the Watauga experience
- The Capstone Proposal Form (if required)



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- The portfolio must be submitted by November 1 for December graduation of the same year; by April 1 for May/August graduation of the same year. This portfolio will be reviewed by the Watauga Global Community Curriculum Committee.