

UNIVERSITY COURSES

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. An example is library research (UNI 401). Additional UNI courses, with descriptions, are published in the course schedule each semester. You should be aware that credit earned in some UNI courses does not count toward degree requirements.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

UNI 307 Directed Study Skills (2 Hrs.)

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. Credits earned in this course may not be applied toward degree requirements. **Contact:** Center for Teaching and Learning at (217) 206-6503. Information can also be requested at ctl@uis.edu.

UNI 311 Focused Reading (2 Hrs.)

Presentation and practice of concentration and retention techniques to support study in upper-division, content-area courses. Emphasis is on increasing literal, critical, and aesthetic comprehension as well as learning to manage reading assignments, adapt to variations in presentation of print information, and vary speed and comprehension to meet specific needs. Credits earned in this course may not be applied toward degree requirements. **Contact:** Center for Teaching and Learning at (217) 206-6503. Information can also be requested at ctl@uis.edu.

UNI 401 Library Research Methods (2 Hrs.)

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 Global Experience Seminar (4 to 12 Hrs.)

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.

UNI 480 Global Experience Program (6 to 18 Hrs.)

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.

UNI 490 Writing/Speaking for International Students (4 Hrs.)

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.

