

Understanding the Checksheet Fall 2009 and Later

The following list is a complement to the General Checksheet and outlines each requirement for a Whitman degree. The final page is a typical course sequence, which is meant to serve as a general guide for the timing of courses.

I. Analytical & Quantitative Skills

MAT 183: Elements of Modern Mathematics. A course in finite math and the mathematics of finance. Prereq: algebra competency.

MAT 284: Business Calculus. Calculus with application to business and economics. Either MAT 285 or MAT 295 is an acceptable substitute. Prereq: MAT 183.

MAS 261: Introductory Statistics for Management. Basic statistics and data analysis with applications to management. MAT 221 is an acceptable substitute for students who transfer from another school or college at SU. Prereq: MAT 183.

MAS 362: Decision Tools for Management. Second course in statistics including mathematical models for management data. Prereq: MAT 183, MAT 284, MAS 261. (This course cannot be taken at another college or university.)

MIS 325: Introduction to Information Systems for Managers. Use of information systems and e-business technologies. IST 195 is an acceptable substitute for students who transfer from another school or college at SU.

Science Electives. Any course in AST, BIO, CHE, EAR/GOL, PHY, SCI, STS. Additionally, ANT 131, CSD 212, GEO 155, GEO 315, GEO 316, GEO 326, NEU 211, NSD 225 (not an option for students dually enrolled with Newhouse), PSY 223, PSY 323, and PSY 324.

II: Communications Skills

WRT 105: Studio 1: Practices of Academic Writing. Study and practice of writing with special attention to analysis and argumentation. (Students in the Honors Program may take WRT 109.)

WRT 205: Studio 2: Critical Research and Writing. Study and practice of critical, research-based writing. Prereq: WRT 105. WRT 195 is an acceptable substitute for students who transfer to SU from another college or university. (Students in the Honors Program may take WRT 209.)

WRT 307: Advanced Writing Studio: Professional Writing. Study and practice of diverse professional writing tasks. Other advanced writing studios (WRT 301, 303) may be taken.

CRS 325: Presentational Speaking/IST 444 Information Reporting and Presentation. Preparing and giving formal presentations. (IST 444 is not an option for students dually enrolled in Newhouse.)

III: Environmental Studies

ECN 203: Economic Ideas and Issues. Introductory course in micro and macroeconomics. ECN 109 is an acceptable substitute for students in the Honors Program. NOTE: Students who enroll in Whitman with AP or transfer credit for ECN 101 (Intro Microeconomics) AND ECN 102 (Intro Macroeconomics) may use one course to fulfill ECN 203 and one course to fulfill an Environmental elective. Students who enter with credit for ECN 101 OR 102 will receive Environmental elective credit and take ECN 203.

ECN 300+. Any course in Economics at the 300-level or higher. Students may not take ECN 521. ACC/CPA majors and students planning to take FIN 355 may not take ECN 481.

LPP 255: Introduction to the Legal System. The legal system and public policy issues; impact of the legal environment on management decisions. (It is very difficult to find an equivalent of this course at another college or university.)

Environmental Electives. Any course in GEO, HST, MAX, PAF, or PSC. Additional courses in ECN may be used. Based on content, AAS, JSP, LAS, MES, NAT, QSX, SAS, SOL, and WGS courses may be used. Other courses with appropriate content may be petitioned.

IV: Behavioral Studies

Behavioral Electives. Any course in ANT, PSY, or SOC. Based on content, AAS, JSP, LAS, MES, NAT, QSX, SAS, SOL, and WGS courses may be used. Other courses with appropriate content may be petitioned.

V: Arts and Humanities

Arts and Humanities Electives. Any course in ETS, FIA, LIN, LIT, PHI, or REL. Any foreign language course. Based on content, AAS, JSP, LAS, MES, NAT, QSX, SAS, SOL, and WGS courses may be used. Other courses with appropriate content may be petitioned.

VI: Management Core

SOM 122: Perspectives of Business and Management. Introductory course in business and management for students enrolled in Whitman as freshmen. (Students who enter Whitman or SU after fall of the freshman year take an additional free elective in place of SOM 122).

ACC 151: Introduction to Financial Accounting. Financial accounting concepts with an emphasis on interpretation of financial statements.

ACC 252: Introduction to Managerial Accounting. Introduction to the role of accounting information systems in management decisions. Prereq: ACC 151.

SHR 247: Introduction to Strategic Management. The role of a firm's leadership structure in the strategic management process.

SOM 354: Managing in a Global Setting. Issues surrounding global business and its impact on management decisions.

SHR 355: Strategic Human Resource Management. Human resources as a source of competitive advantage and financial performance.

FIN 256: Corporation Finance, MAR 255: Principles of Marketing, and SCM 265: Introduction to Supply Chain Management. Introductory courses in Finance, Marketing, and Supply Chain Management. They are taken as an integrated core and must be taken together. (Typically, these courses cannot be taken at another college or university.) Prereq: ACC 252 and MAS 261.

EEE 457: Strategic and Entrepreneurial Management. Capstone course of the management core, focusing on the skills required to create quality plans for original new venture concepts. (This course cannot be taken at another college or university.)

VII: Major

Major Courses. Typically, twelve credits of upper-level coursework in a single area. Course options and requirements should be discussed with an adviser. (A maximum of three credits may be transferred from another college or university into major or management elective requirements.)

Management Electives. Typically, six credits of upper-level management coursework to complement major courses. Course options and requirements should be discussed with an adviser. (A maximum of three credits may be transferred from another college or university into major or management elective requirements.)

For additional information about major requirements, visit the Majors section of the Whitman Undergraduate Blackboard site or the Undergraduate Course Catalog.

VIII: Free Electives

Typically, nine to twelve credits of coursework that does not fit elsewhere on the checksheet. A maximum of three credits of management coursework (six for those who have not taken SOM 122) may be used here. Beginning with courses taken fall 2006, a maximum of three (total) credits of physical education, dance, health, and music ensemble may be used here.

Additional Requirements for Degree

Community Service. An experience at a public or non-profit agency. It is designed to cultivate the skills and commitment necessary for a lifetime of effective participation in the community. This requirement may be completed through a service-learning WRT course, PAF 110, independent study with a faculty member, a learning agreement in the Undergraduate Office, or another acceptable method approved by the Director of the Community Service and Internship Program. Typically completed by the end of the sophomore year.

Internship. An experience consisting of substantive and supervised work that complements a student's academic program. This requirement may be completed through a course that requires an internship, an internship through SUIP or SU Abroad, independent study with a faculty member, a learning agreement in the Undergraduate Office, or another acceptable method approved by the Director of the Community Service and Internship Program. Must have junior standing.

Global Diversity. Students must have some form of global experience. Most often, this is completed through the selection of two courses from the Global Diversity List, available in the Whitman Undergrad Office or whitman.syr.edu/current/undergrad/electives.asp. (These courses may be used to fulfill other degree requirements.) Additionally, a study abroad experience will fulfill the requirement.

Whitman School of Management Typical Undergraduate Course Sequence

This list is a general guideline for course planning and is not a substitute for academic advising.

Freshman Year

- SOM 122 (*fall; freshmen only*)
- MAT 183
- MAT 284
- ACC 151
- ECN 203
- WRT 105
- Science
- Science
- Environmental/Behavioral/Arts & Humanities
- Environmental/Behavioral/Arts & Humanities

Sophomore Year

- ACC 252 (*prereq: ACC 151*)
- MAS 261 (*prereq: MAT 183*)
- LPP 255
- SHR 247
- CRS 325/IST 444
- WRT 205 (*spring*)
- Environmental/Behavioral/Arts & Humanities
- INTEGRATED CORE (*prereq: ACC 252 & MAS 261*)
 - FIN 256
 - MAR 255
 - SCM 265

NOTE: ACC-Professional, EEE, and RMT majors may begin taking major courses sophomore year and delay FIN 256/MAR 255/SCM 265 until fall junior year.

Junior/Senior Year

- MAS 362 (*prereq: MAS 261; pre- or co-requisite for FIN 455 and MAR 356*)
- MIS 325
- SHR 355
- SOM 354
- ECN 300+
- WRT 307
- Major Course
- Major Course
- Major Course
- Major Course
- Management Elective
- Management Elective/2nd Major Course
- Free Elective/2nd Major Course
- Free Elective/2nd Major Course
- Free Elective/2nd Major Course
- Environmental/Behavioral/Arts & Humanities
- Environmental/Behavioral/Arts & Humanities
- Environmental/Behavioral/Arts & Humanities
- Environmental/Behavioral/Arts & Humanities
- EEE 457 (*senior year only*)