Pathways to Signature Work in General Education: University Studies Program (USP) at UW Oshkosh

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The University Studies Program (41 credits)

**Explore:** *Breadth and Opportunity*
General education requirements in lab science, math, humanities, social sciences, and fine/performing arts

**Quest I:** *First-Year Experience*
Small, paired classes, Peer Mentors, introduction to college life and expectations, help finding resources

**Quest II:** *Problem-Solving*
Paired classes, ethical dilemmas via case studies (*revision coming in 2016!*)

**Quest III:** *Community Experience*
Significant engagement with Community Partners and Alumni Mentors

**Connect:** *Synthesis*
Advanced composition, USP’s “capstone”

**Capstone:** *Integrative Learning/Synthesis*
Departments control content (*in development in 2016!*)


**ABOVE:** Art 236: Experience Mapping (Oshkosh Senior Center)

**RIGHT:** Anthropology 225: Celebrating Culture Through the Arts (Oshkosh Area School District; Lighted Schoolhouse)
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Interdisciplinary Studies 224: Conflict & Memorial (UW Oshkosh Veterans Center)

Business 275: Marketing & Sustainability (Growing Oshkosh)
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Has the best job ever.

Elem Ed 202: Culture & Community Change in Costa Rica
Yet again. Poor, poor Mike.
Faculty Time and Energy
Creating these opportunities for students is rewarding, but labor- and time-intensive for all involved

Motivating Students
Make the pitch for liberal education and integrative learning every session

Investing in Non-Majors
It’s worth making the effort and time for students you might never have in class again, but it’s heartbreaking, too

ePortfolio: Blah.
We have an ePortfolio option, but not all faculty use it and it has competition from other (better) options out there

Complaints? Yeah.
Creating these opportunities is sometimes thankless and students don’t “get it” until it’s over and they’re gone; creates assessment challenges, too
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