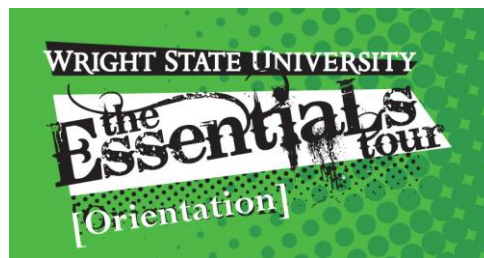


Understanding Academics at Your Lake Campus

Academic Year

Wright State University is on the quarter system. The academic year is divided into three, ten-week quarters: fall (September-November), winter (January-March), and spring (April-June). WSU also has a summer quarter with five sessions: one 10-week session, two 5-week sessions, and three 2-week sessions.



Class Time

The credit hour is based on 50-minutes of class time/instruction each week of the quarter. Laboratory courses usually require considerably more time for each quarter of credit.

1 credit hour class	50 minutes per week of class time
2 credit hour class	100 minutes per week of class time
3 credit hour class	150 minutes per week of class time
4 credit hour class	200 minutes per week of class time
5 credit hour class	250 minutes per week of class time

Study/Preparation Time

A general rule: for every one hour you spend in class, you should plan on at least two hours for preparation and study (research, writing papers, reading textbooks, group work, completing projects, etc.).

Attendance Policy

Professors/instructors set the attendance policy for the courses they teach. Attendance in some courses may not be required; however, please note that you are responsible for all material that is indicated on the course syllabus, discussed in class, or assigned during a class session.

Full-time or Part-time Student

A student who is taking 12 or more credit hours of academic coursework is considered to be a full-time student.

A student who is taking 1 through 11.5 hours of academic coursework is considered to be a part-time student.

Undergraduate Course Load

The minimum full-time course load of an undergraduate student is 12 credit hours per quarter, with the average between 14 and 17 credit hours. A student must receive approval from the Dean to take more than 20 credit hours per quarter.

Student Classification

Undergraduate students are classified by the total number of credit hours they have earned at WSU, plus any transfer credits that have been accepted by the university. Status is not determined by the number of years completed at WSU.

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First Year (freshman)	0 – 44.9 credit hours
Sophomore	45 – 89.9 credit hours
Junior	90 – 134.9 credit hours
Senior	135 credit hours or more

Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS)

DARS is an automated process for tracking your progress toward completing an academic program. The system was developed to help students, faculty, advisors, and administrators understand what requirements are needed in order to graduate.

DARS indicates what a student has done, is doing, and needs to do to fulfill degree requirements. DARS also indicates what specific courses a student needs to take both in general education and in the core courses for a specific major.

DARS considers course work at your current institution, transfer courses, and courses in progress when producing an audit report, providing timely information on your progress toward meeting degree requirements.

Grading, GPA, & Academic Standing

Academic achievement is indicated by the following letter grades and points used in calculating grade point averages:

Letter Grade	Quality	Points per credit hour
A	Highest	4
B	Second	3
C	Third	2
D	Lowest	1
F	Failed	0
X	Course not completed, student did not officially withdraw	0

Your **grade point average** (GPA) is obtained by dividing the points you have earned by the total number of hours you have attempted.

If your cumulative (overall) grade point average is 2.0 or higher and you have not been on academic probation for more than two consecutive quarters, you are considered to be in good **academic standing**.

If your cumulative (overall) grade point average drops below a 2.0, the university registrar will place you on **academic probation**. Students who are on probation must have an academic advisor's written approval

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before registering for classes. The academic advisor must also approve, in writing, any courses a student tries to drop or add.

To **graduate with honors**, bachelor degree-seeking students must complete a minimum of 90 credit hours and have an academic cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or higher, based on a 4.0 point scale.

Summa Cum Laude	3.800 – 4.000
Magna Cum Laude	3.600 – 3.799
Cum Laude	3.400 – 3.599

Students who attain high grade point averages during a quarter are placed on the **Dean's List**. To be named to the list students must have at least a 3.5 grade point average for the quarter; completed at least 12 hours of course credit in which they received letter grades of A, B, or C; and cannot have received a grade of D, F, X, I, U, M, or N. The categories for the Dean's List are:

3.9 – 4.00 Highest Honors

3.7 – 3.89 High Honors

3.5 – 3.69 Honors

Associate degree students with Honors are recognized at graduation.

The faculty and staff of the Lake Campus believe that the majority of students will complete assignments and examinations in an honest and mature manner. **It is expected that students will not participate in or condone cheating, plagiarism, or any other form of academic dishonesty.**