

Academic Tracks with Significant/Early Requirements

The following academic tracks have requirements that often must begin during a student's first year at Wesleyan. This listing is intended to help students plan for the academic programs that interest them.

For a list of majors that have General Education requirements, [click here](#).

For the full list of admission requirements to every Wesleyan major, [click here](#).

Health Professions

While a major in the sciences is not a prerequisite for attending medical school, most graduate and professional schools in health-related fields require coursework in the following areas:

- One year of biology with laboratory
- One year of physics with laboratory
- Two years of chemistry with laboratory (one year of introductory or general chemistry, one year of organic chemistry, and one semester of biochemistry)
- One year of English (courses designated ENGL, COL or Literature-in-Translation)
- One year of mathematics, including statistics

Art Studio

At the time of application for major status, a student is expected to have completed:

- Drawing (ARST131)
- One art history course
- At least one second level course in anticipated area of concentration
- Minimum academic average of B and department average of B+

The prospective major must consult with an art studio faculty member (in the proposed area of study) who is willing to serve as advisor. Some faculty may expect the student to have completed outstanding work in a second-level course within a particular medium before agreeing to support a major applicant.

College of East Asian Studies

Prospective CEAS majors are urged to start their language courses early in their Wesleyan careers. This will leave more time for study abroad and for more meaningful work in the concentration of the student's choice. Students apply for admission during the spring of their first year at Wesleyan.

- Apply for admission to CEAS during the spring of first year at Wesleyan
- Majoring in CEAS requires seven courses (three core, plus four in a concentration), plus language, plus study abroad, and includes a senior capstone project

College of Letters

Students interested in COL need to apply for admission to the program during the spring of their first year at Wesleyan, and must have evidence of the required level of competence in the student's target language.

- Apply for admission to COL in March of first year at Wesleyan
- Must show a level of competence in the target language in order to take one of following courses at the latest during the fall of the sophomore year: French 215, Hebrew 202, Italian 111 (preferably 221), German 211 or 214, Russian 202, Spanish 112, Latin 202, or Greek 202

College of Social Studies

Students interested in CSS apply for admission to the program toward the beginning of the spring of their first year at Wesleyan, and should have completed a required amount of work in economics.

- Apply for admission to CSS towards the beginning of the spring of first year
- Must complete ECON 101 or ECON 110 with a grade of C- or higher (or a score of 4 or 5 on the AP exams in both micro- and macroeconomics, or a score of 5 or higher on the IB exam in economics) – strongly recommended to have completed this before entering the college
- Completion of the University's general education expectations at both Stages I and II is also required of CSS majors, although majors have until the end of the junior year to complete Stage I expectations

Film Studies

The requirements for admission include:

- Minimum overall academic average of B (85.0),
- The successful completion by the middle of the sophomore year of two designated entry-level courses with a grade of B+ or better.

Entry to the major is possible only after completion of these two courses and application to the film major. To apply, students must meet with the department chair by the first semester of sophomore year and place their names on the list of potential majors.

Global Engagement Minor

Students interested in the Global Engagement Minor (or GEM) are asked to apply during their frosh spring semester. They are required to enroll in CGST 205, Introduction to Global Engagement, offered only in their upcoming sophomore fall semester. The course is only offered in the fall and limited to sophomores so students can apply what they learn to the remaining minor requirements. These requirements are:

- Off campus cultural immersion (details can be found on GEM webpages)
- Global coursework (four courses addressing at least three world regions)
- Intermediate level mastery of a second language (English counts)
- CGST 305, Global Engagement Capstone Seminar

The half credit senior seminar is only offered during their senior spring semester.

Government

To be admitted as a major, your academic history must show that you have:

- Completed at least one government course with a grade of B- or better
- General Education Report must confirm that you have already—by the end of third semester—formally completed Stage I of the Gen Ed Expectations.

Psychology

Psychology does not admit students to the major beyond the end of the sophomore year (or the first week of the junior year for junior transfer students). At the time of application, a student must have completed (or be enrolled in courses that will complete) the following:

1. Stage 1 General Education expectations, and
2. Earned a B or better in each of two Psychology courses taken at Wesleyan.

The latter courses may come from all courses that originate in the Psychology Department, all courses crosslisted with Psychology that count toward a breadth requirement for the major, and all courses (including those not cross-listed) that count towards the statistics requirement for the major. Transfer students may use courses from their previous institution to meet these requirements. At the time of application to the major, each student must also present his or her plan for satisfying the cultural immersion requirement.

Students desiring admission to the major (except junior transfer students) are expected to apply (submit declaration paperwork) in the spring of the sophomore year. Those who are still completing requirements that term will be admitted once the requirements are completed (by the first week of the junior year).

Psychology (Class of 2019 and After)

Psychology does not admit students to the major beyond the end of the sophomore year (or the first week of the junior year for junior transfer students). At the time of application, a student must have completed (or be enrolled in courses that will complete) the following:

1. Stage 1 General Education expectations
2. Introductory Psychology, Research Methods, and Statistics course requirements for the major, and
3. Earned a B or better in each of two Psychology courses taken at Wesleyan.

The latter courses may come from all courses that originate in the Psychology Department, all courses crosslisted with Psychology that count toward a breadth requirement for the major, and all courses (including those not cross-listed) that count towards the statistics requirement for the major; they can be the same courses used to fulfill the second requirement above. Transfer students may use courses from their previous institution to meet these requirements.

Students desiring admission to the major (except junior transfer students) are expected to apply (submit declaration paperwork) in the spring of the sophomore year. Those who are still completing requirements will be admitted once the requirements are completed (by the first week of the junior year).

Romance Languages & Literatures (French, Italian, and Spanish)

Prospective Romance Languages & Literatures majors (French Studies, Hispanic Literatures & Cultures, Italian Studies, and Romance Studies) are urged to start (or continue) their language courses in the fall of their first year. It is possible to start a new language at Wesleyan and complete a major (or double major), but this should be done as early as possible to allow time for study abroad and high-level work in our seminars.

- Students qualify for admission to the major after three (Italian) or five (French and Spanish) semesters of college-level language courses with a grade of B or better
- Students complete the major with 8 (French) or 9 (Italian and Spanish) upper-level courses
- Up to 4 courses taken abroad can be counted toward the major

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Prospective Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies majors are urged to start (or continue) their language courses in the fall of their first year. It is possible to start Russian at Wesleyan and complete a major (or double major, or minor), but this should be done as early as possible to allow time for study abroad and high-level work in a seminar or on a senior honors thesis. Students normally declare the major or minor in the spring of the sophomore year and should consult a faculty member to decide whether to pursue the Language, Literature, and Culture track (three years of Russian language) or the Social Sciences track (two years of Russian language).

Study Abroad

Many study abroad options require prior language study, so students who hope to take advantage of a study abroad opportunity should take that into consideration when planning their studies during their first year at Wesleyan.