

Undergraduate Research & Scholarship (URS)

Courses

URS A121 Methods of Inquiry 3 Credits

Introduces students to the ways that knowledge is both discovered and generated in multiple disciplines. Covers the tools and study of the different means, materials, methods, nature and ethics of academic inquiry. Teaches skills and techniques in critical thinking, empirical and quantitative analysis, qualitative analysis, investigation, problem solving, learning, and research appropriate to the acquisition of knowledge in varying fields of study. Teaches introductory grant-writing skills.

Prerequisites: WRTG A111 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A1W with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Social Sciences GER.

URS A188 Research & Scholarship Foundations 1 Credit

Prepares students who are exploring Undergraduate Research to be effective mentees. Focuses on the knowledge and issues that facilitate research success and sense of belonging but that are often left implicit in other courses and mentored experiences.

Special Note: This 11-week class begins week 3 of the semester.

Course is ideally taken alongside a lower-division course that qualifies for experiential-research units for Honors in Research. Requires college-level communication skills (i.e. placement into 100-level writing and oral communications classes) but no substantive background. Intended for students who are early in their studies to explore whether and how undergraduate research might fit with their academic and career interests.

URS A388A Developing a Scholarly Identity I 1 Credit

Supports students who are engaged in a formal Undergraduate Research experience. Focuses on the knowledge and issues that facilitate research and research-related career success and sense of belonging but that are often left implicit in other courses and mentored experiences. Emphasis is on navigating the culture of research.

Special Note: Course should be taken alongside engagement in a formal research experience under the mentorship of a UAA faculty member. Students should anticipate identifying their mentor and project when class begins. Students are encouraged to take both URS A388A and URS A388B, but they may be taken independently or out of sequence.

URS A388B Developing a Scholarly Identity II 1 Credit

Supports students who are engaged in a formal Undergraduate Research experience. Focuses on the knowledge and issues that facilitate research and research-related career success and sense of belonging but that are often left implicit in other courses and mentored experiences. Emphasis is on dissemination of research findings.

Special Note: Course should be taken alongside engagement in a formal research experience under the mentorship of a UAA faculty member. Students should anticipate identifying their mentor and project when class begins. Students are encouraged to take both URS A388A and URS A388B, but they may be taken independently or out of sequence.

Prerequisites: WRTG A111 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A1W with a minimum grade of C.