

# WHEATON'S CONNECTIONS GUIDE

*A reference guide to understand, review, and record Connections*

## WHAT ARE THEY?

Wheaton's unique Connections program provides an exciting way to explore different areas of knowledge and different approaches to problems. Wheaton students must take either **one 3-course Connection or two 2-course Connections**. Courses are connected across any two of six academic areas: creative arts, humanities, history, math and computer science, natural sciences, and social sciences.

## WHERE ARE THEY?

**Approved Connections:** A list is available from a couple of sites. The most direct route to view Connections either as a list or with descriptions is from the **Catalog** quick link off the Wheaton homepage.

Connections are designated by number and title.

For example, **CONX20024 – Modern China: Tradition and Contemporary Politics**, represents the Connection that links **HIST 365, Modern China** and **POLS 223, Contemporary Chinese Politics**.

**Student-Initiated Connections:** Students are also invited to discover their own linked courses, and to approach the faculty and propose a Connection. Students are encouraged to think about possible connections early on, though many will prefer to fulfill this requirement in their sophomore year.

## HOW DO WE TRACK THEM?

**Approved Connections:** Once you select a Connection that you plan to work on, we urge you to inform the Office of the Registrar. By reporting your Connection, (you are not obligated to complete it; you may certainly change your mind) your selection will be reflected on your degree audit. In this way, you and your advisor have the ability to track your progress toward degree completion.

**Student-Initiated Connections:** Or you may decide to create your own Connection. If this is your choice, be sure to complete the proposal form in a timely manner. You must not have completed all of the courses for the Connection at the time of the proposal.

Both the Connection Declaration and the Student-Initiated Connection form are available in the Office of the Registrar and on our web page.

*If you have any questions regarding Connections, please contact the Office of the Registrar for assistance.*

